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Dear Sirs,

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Hospital Director at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, I would like to express our sincerely gratitude to your Organization (Kitchen Table Charities Trust) for the support, motivation and hope that you are giving to many families with children with mobility challenges in Malawi.

Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, being the biggest referral hospital in Malawi, has a number of children who are very much in need of assistive devices especially wheelchairs, corner/home chairs as well as orthotic devices. There are many reasons why children are referred for these assistive devices .Many children are referred after being diagnosed with cerebral palsy, spina bifida and hydrocephalus just to mention a few. The reasons for the provision of these devices are to provide stability to the trunk, facilitate sitting, correct postural deformities such as scoliosis and also for mobility.

Initially, we were only depending on our partner, Motivation Charitable Trust who provided us with materials for local production and this was occasional and not enough to meet the demand and currently they are no longer supporting us. We thank God with your coming in through **Friends of Sick Children in Malawi** that we are managing to treat our children on the ever increasing number on our waiting list. Cases with complicated conditions which need immediate attention get them accordingly.

Your coming in has changed the quality of lives of many children and their families in our country through the provision of appropriate wheelchairs, corner/home chairs as well as orthotic devices. Most children come from rural areas and used not to attend school but now many are able to go to school. They were spending most of their time lying on the mats unsupported, developing pressure sores and contractures but this is no longer the case nowadays. Most parents spent their times home taking care of their children as it was hard for them to leave them alone but now they are engaging themselves in small scale businesses to support their families while their children are at school. Some children could go to school but were not able to enjoy break periods with their colleagues outside classrooms due to lack of mobility aids but now with the assistance of wheelchairs they are able to play and enjoy during break periods with their colleagues. At home they are able to socialise with friends leaving their parents busy doing their household chores and businesses.

Children with poor head and trunk control are now able to attain head and trunk stability through the provision of appropriate wheelchairs and corner/home chairs. Those who delayed to attain some developmental milestones like sitting are now able to sit in upright positions. Those with spinal contractures e.g scoliosis, are now free from them and those at risk are not developing them.

All this is possible because of your assistance. To serve you with a practical picture as to how your organization is helping to transform the lives of many children and their families. Attached is a follow up case of one of the beneficiaries.

Most sincerely,

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