Rozaria Memorial Trust Hosts 2nd Edition Girls Soccer Tournament

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The 2nd Edition of the Rozaria Memorial Trust Girls Soccer Tournament will take place on the 20th - 21st July 2019 at Magaya Secondary School in Magaya Village, Murewa. The two-day tournament will run under the theme, “Fostering social and economic wellbeing of girls through sport”.

Rozaria Memorial Trust (RMT) is proudly hosting the 2nd Edition Girls Soccer Tournament, with 16 teams from Murewa, Mutoko, Shamva and Harare the drive behind the tournament is to promote girls participation in sport, build leadership skills and promote life skills for girls and young women.

RMT conducts advocacy work, having reached out to 2 000 young women and girls over the past 10 years at regional and international platforms such as the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), African Union (GIMAC), Girls’ Summit and the SADC People’s Summit. The Trust also reaches out to young women through girls’ clubs, both in-school and out of school. Our girls receive leadership skills and are taught to be assertive, 15 young girls from the clubs have obtained scholarships through attending multiple fora, regionally and international.

Girls and young women living in marginalised communities hardly have opportunities to participate in sport because there are too many barriers to overcome in order to play. As a result, many girls are less likely to reap the benefits that come with playing soccer such as perseverance, teamwork and improved decision making skills. Through the Rozaria Girls Soccer tournament, girls have an opportunity to pursue soccer as career option and participation of girls in sport helps demystify the notion that soccer is only for boys. Research has shown that, girls who play sports do better in school, learn teamwork and goal-setting skills, improves fitness and mental wellbeing.

Playing sports builds self-confidence. Girls involved in athletics feel better about themselves, both physically and socially. It helps to build confidence when you see your skills improving and your goals becoming reality. Other esteem-boosting benefits of sports participation include getting in shape, maintaining a healthy weight, and making new friends.
Our Guest of Honour will be Chief Mangwende. The event will include representatives of Murewa Rural District Council, Government line-ministries, Traditional leadership, community members and young women and girls from the community.

**About Rozaria Memorial Trust**

Rozaria Memorial Trust (RMT) is a non-profit making organisation that supports innovative initiatives that promote education, health and entrepreneurship for girls and young women living in rural communities. RMT is headquarted in Murewa with community activities in Mashonaland East and Mashonaland Central provinces, while engaging in advocacy and policy influencing work at national, regional and global levels. The organisation was established in 2007, in memory of the late Mbuya Rozaria Marumisa-Dizha (1923 – 2006)

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