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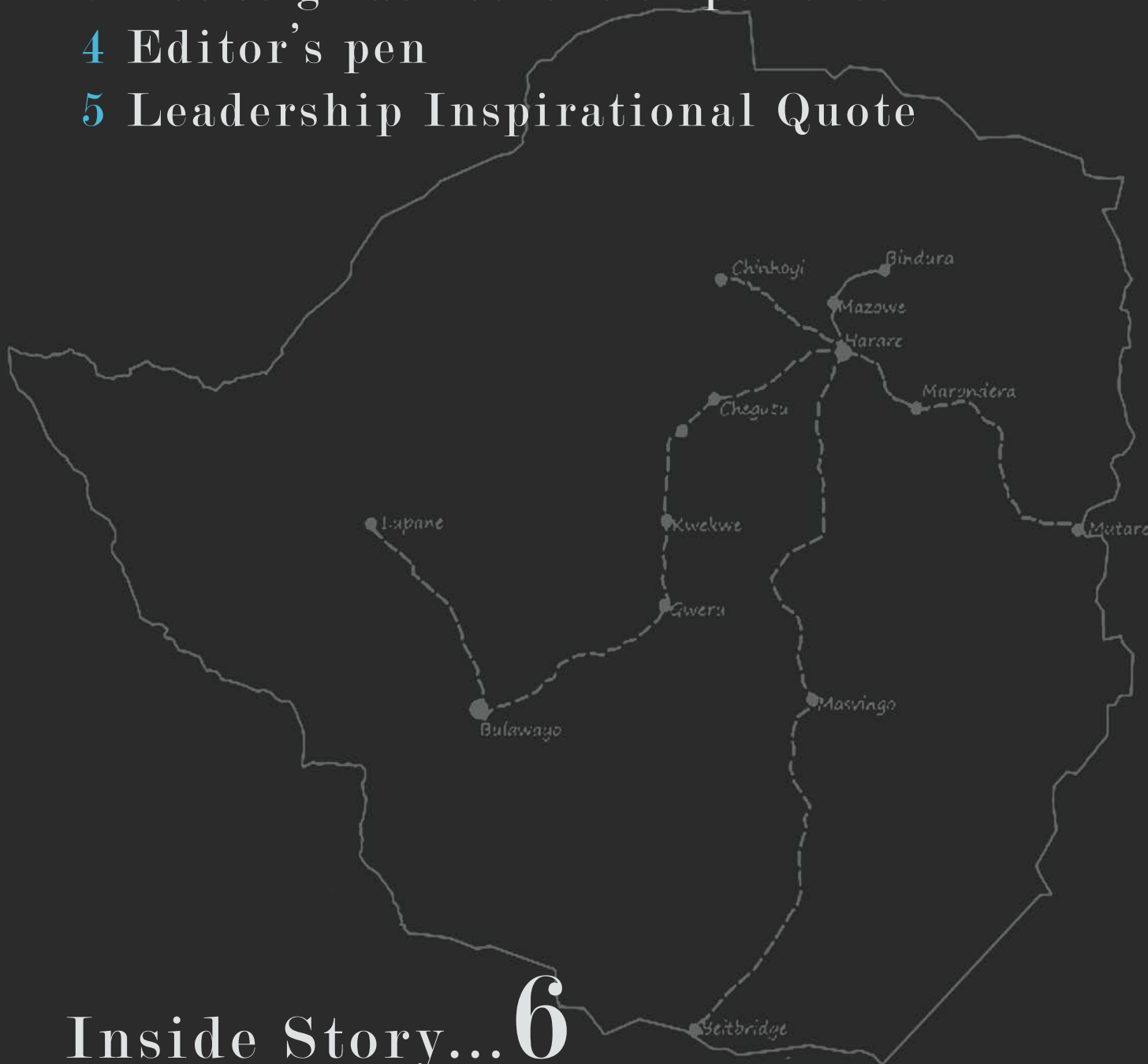
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remarkable story of Pamela G.Ntini of how she turned disability into inability. A narrated true story of a SAI Art student

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EMPOWERING THE MARGINALISED

Not Stigmatized but empowered

BY TINASHE W MUBEREKWA

As you open this first edition of **INSIDE4Real**, you are to notice that it speaks more on people with disabilities (PWDs), Orphans and the less privileged across the globe. The book is the voice of PWDs and OVCs. **INSIDE4Real** is an abbreviation for *"I am not stigmatized in disability but empowered for resilient effective active living"*. It appears both as a book and a Community program. The call to empower and promote the recognition of people with disabilities (PWDs), less privileged and orphans is the major objective of Smile Action International, a voluntary charity based organization in Zimbabwe operating internationally as it strives to eradicate discrimination and stigmatization in all sectors of the society.

INSIDE4Real emphasize the call made by King David as recorded in Psalm 82:3-4 "Defend the weak and the fatherless, uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy, deliver them from the hand of the wicked" As you read through, you are to understand more on challenges they face daily and solutions to live resilient, effective and active life. This is manageable by improving their life styles and skills through creation of sustainable projects and community programs which boost their health life.

The magazine inside pages are full of real stories, SAI summarized reports, services it offers to the nation, surveys, inspirational poems, devotional reading, SDGs for partnership goals and adverts to keep SAI Community connected in eradicating stigmatization and discrimination on people with disabilities across the globe. The team of professional volunteers who produced this magazine is committed to bring a sustainable living in all communities prayerfully. This magazine is to change lives of many citizens as it brings positive development on people with disabilities by total involving them into full participation in all projects and programs for free.

Pay attention to this first edition's story of Pamela Ntini's Unique Hands. Ponder your deep commitments as you read and empower many marginalized ones across all global regions. Also find a time to learn more on SAI mission, vision and theme **Empowering The Marginalized**

especially during this difficult time of Covid 19 epidemic which has affected the whole world.

Prayerfully together we can be the voice for the marginalized. God is in control of this world from first day of creation. In Him we trust. Amen!



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EDITOR'S PEN

BY SIBUSISIWE NYONI

While for a fact, disability is not inability

There is a popular saying that is easy to say than live, that disability is not inability. While for a fact, disability is not inability. Such a desired status does not self-achieve, if it did then issues of disability would not be Central in the building of a just and disability sensitive society.

The desire to achieve a disability sensitive society has been with men for a very long time, but similarly such issues have remained at the core of social inequalities especially in developing nations.

While various strategies have and continue to be implemented, the all needed initiative is one that harnesses all positive energy in this all important mammoth task. The Smile Action International (SAI) initiative represents the centre for a coordinated initiative in moving to achieve a disability sensitive society.

In adopting a coordinated and all-encompassing approach, the SAI initiative accepts that there is much to learn from the positives and negatives of the past, that a more formidable strategy is one that must always be stemming from a process that involves and priorities the feelings and views of the disabled community.

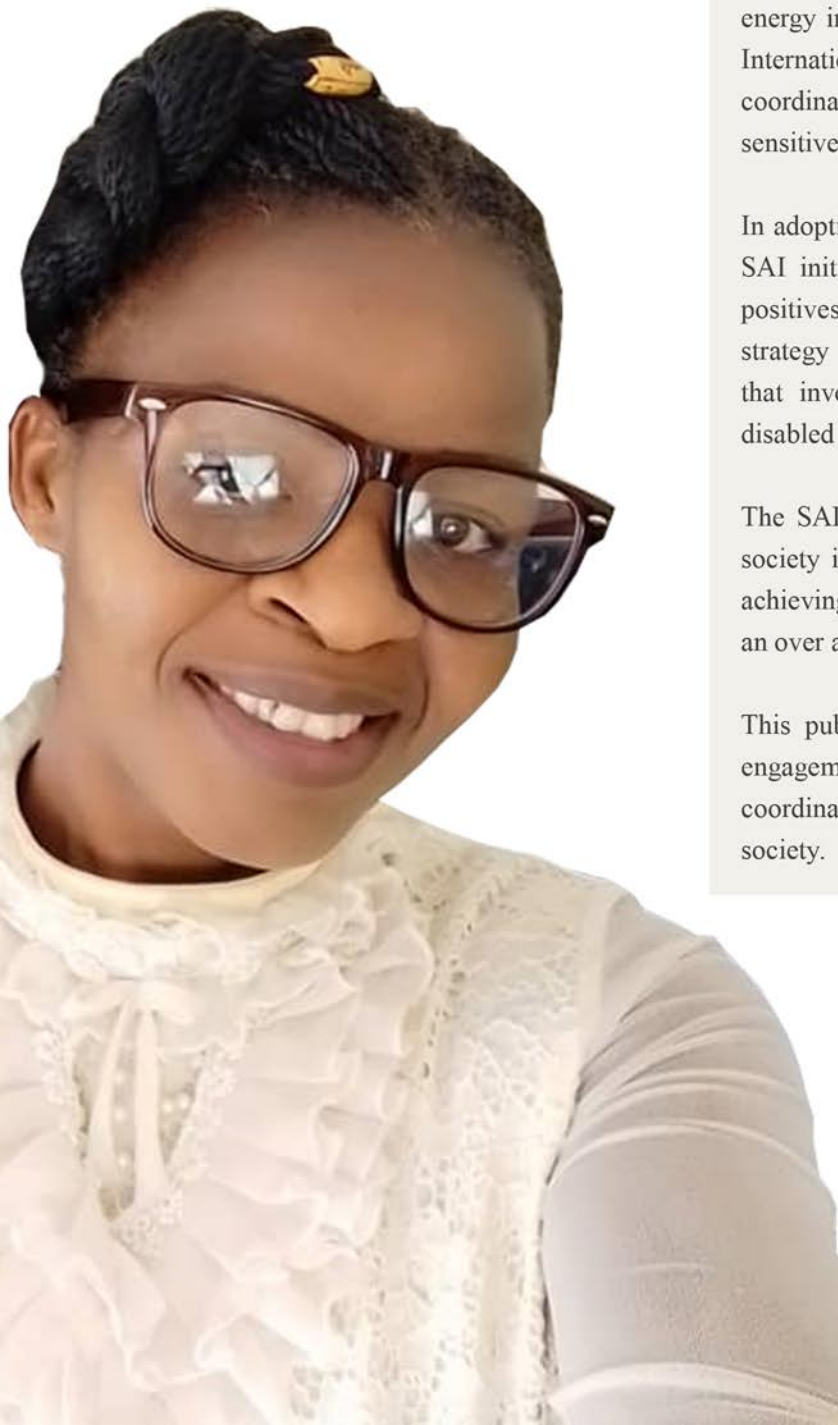
The SAI initiative accepts that government, NGOs and civil society in the broad sense are partners in this sacred task. In achieving a coordinated approach the SAI initiative will give an over attentive ear to these partners.

This publication is inaugural for SAI and through it as an engagement platform, we hope to champion conversation and coordination of thought in achieving a disability sensitive society.

Sibusisiwe Nyoni is SAI's Zimbabwe News Editor. To learn more about SAI follow us on facebook and Twitter.

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Leadership Inspirational Quote

BY TATENDA MAMINA

Smile Action International Operations Director



Partnership goals as we uplift the marginalized communities. To all leaders out there do not be scared of this pandemic, rather be a solution. Despite your ability or disability refrain from fearing something that make you shake to a solution in this time of crisis.

Fear never goes away it comes to stay, and when afraid all you do will be in vain even in your personal life. Believe that you are a leader and the world needs people like you to make it a better place.

Empowering the marginalized

Let us remain united in the fight against Covid 19. Let us bear in mind the marginalized communities. It is our collective responsibility to empower the marginalized be it PWDs, Orphans, vulnerable children, adolescent girls and young women in remote areas.

Let us stand with hope and faith that God will protect us. Acknowledgments go to our heroes on the Frontline for the commitment they have rendered towards this pandemic. "We salute you". We remember also those we have lost to the pandemic.

SAI will remain focused to find ways and create sustainable solutions during this time of a global crisis which has brought socioeconomic crisis. We will work with our partners and stakeholders in advancing SDG 17



Unique Hands

NARRATED BY TINASHE W MUBEREKWA

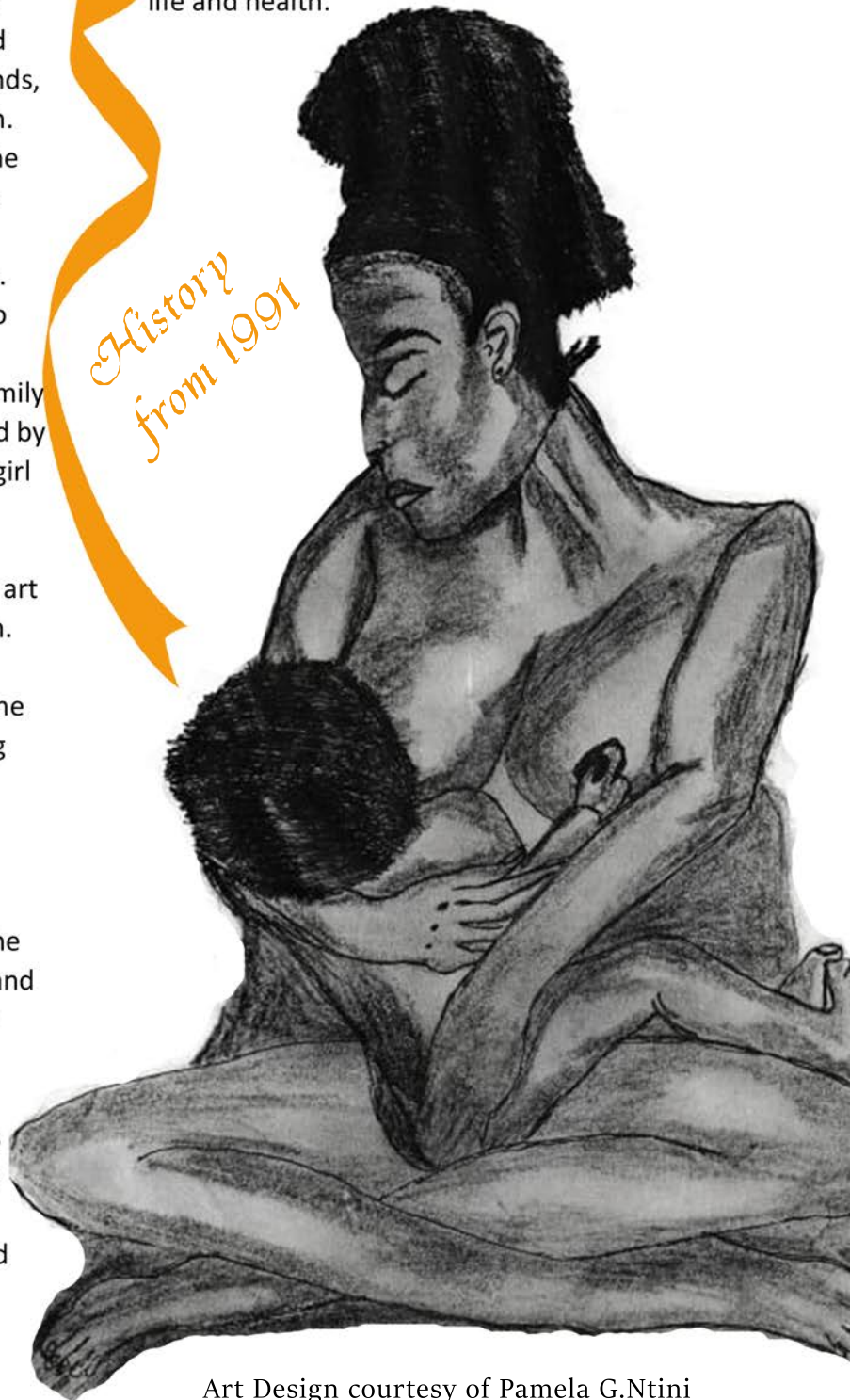
Certain names have found a prominent place in the history of the beginning of INSIDE4Real program in Zimbabwe. Gugu became popular in 1991 at King George VI Rehabilitation Centre in Bulawayo. Born with a disability called cerebral palsy which is congenital disorder of movement, muscle tone or posture, who could have thought that one day her hands, could be able to hold a paint brush. Her family never gave up raising the artist despite all the hardships she went through to adjust to new learning environment in Bulawayo. Spending childhood life not able to hold even a spoon to feed herself never melted the love from the family rather it encouraged them to stand by her and fight hard to develop the girl child.

The artist used to see other junior art students drawing and envied them. This grew a positive mind which pushed her extra to develop fast the art skills from 1991 to 2003 at King George VI, a rehabilitation centre which caters for children with disabilities.

Art work became a reality when she got a distinction certificate in Art and design course from St Pius Church College in 2007-2008. Pamela Gugulethu Ntini has designed numerous African creative designs including SAI community dialogue image picture of a mother breastfeeding a child with care and love. Participating in art national workshop and online awareness programs. The SAI Community

dialogue titled “**Simbakuyamwe**” was developed by SAI in conjunction with MubNet team in December 2019 to support community activities in empowering girl child, women, people with disabilities and orphans through community dialogues involving social life and health.

History from 1991



Art Design courtesy of Pamela G.Ntini



Inclusion is key

Cerebral palsy is a non-progressive loss of control over a motor function. It is non-contagious and is not curable either through medication or physiotherapy. I am also spastic. This condition is characterized by stiffness of muscles with reluctant restrictions of movement.

I did my primary and secondary education at King George VI Memorial School in Bulawayo. However, I could not complete my O' level due to epilepsy. Despite my disability i never give up. I have a passion for disability issues and I teach about them. I believe that disability does not mean inability. I want to make a difference with my disability. I am not concerned about my disability but am concerned about my abilities. I want to educate the nation and the world at large. I see myself as an advocate and ambassador for people with disabilities.

Yours your leader, advocate
ambassador Nigel Panashe Tahwa



Real Stories

Picture of PAMELA G. NTINI



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While she continues to work on art designs daily, the artist is calling for total support towards people with disabilities across the globe because disability is not inability. Artwork has played a major role in the life of the artist. Gugu believes that unity towards purpose in developing the community with disabled ones is key to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and nation at large from grassroots level using the bottom up approach. Inclusion is key and empowering the marginalized is the call to eradicate discrimination and stigmatization in all sectors of the society especially during this Covid 19 epidemic.

2nd Story of NIGEL P. TAHWA

My name is Nigel Panashe Tahwa, born on the 20th of June 1997 in Marondera. Currently, I stay in Gweru. I was born with a condition called cerebral palsy it affects a child depending on the part or parts of the brain that have been impaired. In my case the motor control and speech were affected.

