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Miss Zambia US donates to SOS

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Estelle Chisha (white shirt) poses for pictures with staff and children of SOS Childrens Villlage after the donation on Thursday.

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MISS Zambia USA 2012 Estelle Chisha, who is currently in the country, on Thursday donated an assortment of goods that included books, pencils, mathematical sets, school bags and pens to SOS Children's Village Lusaka, which helps families care for their children and also provides quality alternative care for children.

SOS Children's Village Lusaka opened in 2000, is located about six kilometres outside the city centre on the Great North Road and has what is called the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School comprising 21 classrooms for up to 720 pupils, while about 240 students can attend the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School with its eight classrooms.

Estelle, a nursing student at Jefferson State Community College in Alabama, was by press time expected to make some visitations and donations to the University Teaching Hospital (UTH) in Lusaka.

The 24-year-old is using her trip to Zambia to visit family and also attend to some of the programmes that the Miss Zambia USA embraces as a pageant.

The Miss Zambia USA prides itself in honouring Zambian ladies based in the USA, promoting their cultural heritage and working on projects focusing on healthcare such as raising awareness on HIV/AIDS by encouraging people to get tested and seek medical care if positive.

Their main aim of the pageant, of which past winners include Mutinta Suuya Parker (2009), Amanda Sibeso Wamunyima (2010) and Janet Chongo (2011), though is to provide medical supplies equipment for hospitals, clinics and other facilities.

For one to qualify to contest for the Miss Zambia USA, they must have atleast one Zambian parent or both born here, should be aged between 20 and 30 and resident in the United States for not less than six months and be able to travel both locally in the states and abroad.

This is only one of the many beauty pageants run by Zambians outside the country with the others being Miss Zambia South Africa, Miss Zambia UK and Miss Malaika South Africa UK, among others.

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