SPORTS OUTREACH INSTITUTE NATIONAL CHESS DAY EVENT

At Sports Outreach we recruit, train, equip and deploy committed Christian leaders in the effective use of sports ministry, for the purposes of sharing the Gospel and alleviating human suffering.

WHEN: Saturday October 8th 2022
TIME: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Registration opens at 9:30 AM
REGISTRATION FEE: FREE! (Registering is required to be part of this event)
LOCATION: Washington Education Zone
ADDRESS: Miles Hall, 8401 Good Luck Road, Lanham, MD, 20706
SPECIAL GUEST: Director of Sports Outreach of Africa, Robert Katende

Join our Chess Advisory Board on National Chess Day as we learn, practice, and compete through the game of chess. With a session of learning and practicing, plus a simul in the morning, and lunch (will be provided) and tournament in the afternoon. There will be an award ceremony and book signing by Robert Katende, author of A Knight Without A Castle in the afternoon.

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Robert Katende:







The inspiring story of Robert Katende, the man behind the success of Uganadan chess champion Phiona Mutesi, begins in a small town in Kiboga District where his teenage mother had to place her son in the care of his grandmother. Uprooted by the Ugandan Bus War insurgency of those years, Robert and his grandmother eventually made it to Kampala.

Later, living in the slums of Nakulabye, he was taken in by two different aunties. Against all odds, he made it to Kyambogo University where he pursued a degree in civil engineering. It was there that he started volunteering with Sports Outreach and two years later, in 2002, he began working for that organization full time.

Having played for Miracle Football Club, Top TV F.C. and Sports Outreach Ambassadors (SOA) F.C. under Coach Aloysius Kyazze, Robert's ability to help young people with their soccer skills came easily. He also worked with Divine Waters Ministry in partnership with Sports Outreach to drill wells in Gulu. His exemplary and innovative leadership in 15 years of service have seen him as Project Coordinator in Katwe, Sports Outreach Director, Kampala and Nairobi, and more recently Sports Outreach Director for Africa. He introduced and developed chess programs in the slums of Kampala, Nairobi and in the internally displaced people's campus (IDP) in Gulu, Northern Uganda, an area severely affected by Kony's Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Katende helped the young program participants attain the skills needed to become a credit to their communities.

The impact of the chess ministry program has now hit the international scene with the Walt Disney Pictures movie, Queen of Katwe, which depicts the life of Phiona Mutesi and her rise from the slums to become a chess champion. Robert Katende worked on the movie as a consultant, helping in particular with the chess scenes.