



Short Story Competition

The Chaeli Campaign is calling for entries for their annual Short Story Competition (**closing date Monday 31 March 2012**). The top stories will be published in a compilation of short stories, and the winners in each language category will receive cash prizes

The Chaeli Campaign is a registered non-profit organization (NPO) and is the only NPO in South Africa founded by children who are active members of the management committee.

The Chaeli Campaign began in 2004 when Chaeli Mycroft, her sister Erin and their friends the Terry sisters (Tarryn, Justine and Chelsea) decided to raise money for a motorised wheelchair for Chaeli. Chaeli is cerebral palsied and has a degenerative neuropathy. A motorised wheelchair would help her get around by herself. They managed to raise R20 000 in just seven weeks. The Campaign grew to provide assistive devices to help other differently-abled children be more independent.

The Chaeli Campaign is now active in seven provinces in South Africa and runs six different programmes: assistive devices, therapies, inclusive education, advocacy, vocation & rehabilitation training and youth leadership. The main objective of The Chaeli Campaign is to mobilise the minds and bodies of differently-abled children, with a key focus on inclusion.

To be eligible for prizes and publication, entries must follow the brief (attached) and preferably be typed. Neatly handwritten entries will also be accepted. The entry form must accompany the story and be completed in full. Handwritten/typed copies of the entry form will be accepted. Entries can be written in English, Xhosa or Afrikaans. Entries should be between 1200 and 1500 words.

Prizes in each language category (English, Afrikaans and Xhosa)

First prize: R1 000
Second prize: R500
Third prize: R250

The Brief

Write a story about *Hope* and the *ability* in disability.

Hope could be a character or *Hope* could be your theme. *Hope* could be whatever you want *Hope* to be, but your story needs to have something to do with *Hope* and the *ability* in disability!

Word limit: your story should not be longer than 1500 words and not shorter than 1200 words

Age limit: the competition is open to learners (Grade 8 – 12) and adults.

Closing date: the closing date for entries is **Monday 31 March 2012**. No late entries will be accepted. Winners will be announced by Monday 30 April 2011.

Format: Entries should be typed. If this is not possible, entries should be **neatly** handwritten.

Spelling, grammar and punctuation: Although this is not a judging criterion, please try to ensure that spelling, grammar and punctuation is correct and appropriate for the language in which you are writing.

Please make a copy of your story for your records as entries will not be returned.

We look forward to receiving your entries.

Yours sincerely

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