

## SCRIPT KIDSRIGHTS INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRIZE

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### INTRODUCTION

The 17-years old Chaeli Mycroft from South Africa is the winner of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Children's Peace Prize of 2011. The inauguration took place 21<sup>st</sup> November in Amsterdam by former archbishop Desmond Tutu, a Nobel laureate himself. Chaeli Mycroft, being a girl with disabilities, won the prize for her efforts to help other children with a handicap.

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### SHOTS:

- *Front Chaeli Mycroft in wheel chair walking with mother on the street*
- *close license plate wheel chair with Chaeli's name, tilt up to mother and Chaeli from the back*

### VOICE OVER

Chaeli Mycroft and her mother Zelda live in Cape Town. They're on the way to a township where they help children with a handicap, which is a necessity according to Zelda.

QUOTE ZELDA MYCROFT, English, 14 secs

***There is not enough money to create jobs for the need of people to do things like support, inclusive education, or education of any kind to children with special needs.***

### SHOTS:

- *pan left faces children to Chaeli showing off her wheel chair to them*
- *Medium faces children looking at Chaeli*

### VOICE OVER

Chaeli's limbs don't function properly because as a child she had a shortage of oxygen in her brain. Even talking for her is difficult.

SOUNDBITE ARCHIVE DVD OF CHAELI AND HER FRIENDS DRAWING

### SHOTS:

- *archive shot taken from South African television with Chaeli 7 years old*
- *Archive shot from South African television with children drawing at table*
- *mother Zelda lifting Chaeli from car seat into wheel chair*
- *Child Inga with disabilities in a small wheel chair, pan left to Chaeli looking at her*

VOICE OVER

But Chaeli proved to be special in other ways too when at the age of nine she gathered money for a wheel chair by selling drawings she made with her friends.

It inspired her and her mother to start the Chaeli Campaign, which now supports 3,000 children. Among them is 3-years old Inga who has the same condition as Chaeli.

SOUNDBITE CHAELI LOOKING AT INGA

***She's very small that one.***

SHOTS:

- Medium Inga admiring toy
- Close Inga admiring toy and smiling

VOICE OVER

Inga cannot be cured, so the Chaeli Campaign is there to make her life more comfortable.

QUOTE ROSEMARY LUGAS, Chaeli Campaign

***So she has a special wheel chair that she can sit in and keeps her body in a nice alignment. To be comfortable and prevent contractions.***

SHOTS:

- Mother Inga with Zelda on sofa
- Wide shot building in field under blue sky

VOICE OVER

For her mother it means that her daughter won't be transferred to one of the poorly equipped government institutions for the disabled.

QUOTE ZELDA MYCROFT

***Children like this are hidden, ostracized and even killed. It's still a reality today.***

SHOTS:

- Medium shot woman with malformed arms
- Chaeli in wheel chair among people with handicap in facility
- Medium face KidsRights staff Ellen Vouton looking at child with handicap
- Wide Ellen Vouton playing with child with handicap in wheel chair

VOICE OVER

Chaeli Campaign also helps here, and because of these efforts Chaeli won the Children's Peace Prize, awarded by the Dutch organization Kidsrights, that helps children worldwide. Ellen Vroonhof who works for them is in Cape Town to witness what Chaeli has achieved.

QUOTE ELLEN VROONHOF, KidsRights

***She has taken concrete action to improve the lives of so many children around her. She has done that despite her disability and therefore, having limitations to what she can do, but she has shown that you can do anything if you put your mind to it.***

SHOTS:

- *Chaeli and mother eating ice cream*
- *Close face painting Nkosi Johnson*
- *Signboard Nkosi's Haven*
- *Children playing on compound Nkosi's Haven*
- *Ellen Vroonhof walking with child on compound*

VOICE OVER

The Children's Peace Prize is awarded for the 7<sup>th</sup> time, and it comes with a 100,000 Euro reward. The first winner was Nkosi Johnson also from South Africa. He opened a home for children from HIV mothers in Johannesburg.

Seeing how it is today Ellen believes that KidsRights reached the objective of the prize.

QUOTE ELLEN VROONHOF, KidsRights

***This village here has the potential to grow and to take more kids and more mums. So I definitely I believe very much that it made a difference for these kids.***

SHOT:

- *Chaeli walking with children*

VOICE OVER

Chaeli considers it as a contribution to better acceptance of people with a handicap.

QUOTE CHAELI MYCROFT

***It's important that people with disabilities do get exposure. And I think me being a disable person I am not only speaking for myself. I am speaking for a lot more disabled people.***

SHOT:

- *Chaeli in wheel chair dancing with her partner*

VOICE OVER

Chaeli here during her dancing class was chosen from 98 children in 42 countries.