



**TICHAONA GREEN** gets a feel of the computer donated to him by the Beitbridge-Bulawayo Railway Company recently.

## Firm comes to boy's rescue

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**TICHAONA GREEN** (19) of Kuwadzana, whose appeal for assistance was carried in this newspaper in 2002, last week received a computer from the Beitbridge-Bulawayo Railway Company.

Speaking at the presentation ceremony, BBR deputy chief executive officer Dr Thembi Moyo said they were touched by Tichaona's plight and decided to help him.

"We began to assist Tichaona in 2002, when he was featured in The Herald looking for school fees. From that time, we have been assisting him with school fees and uniforms until we decided to give him a computer after he wrote to us," said Dr Moyo.

Tichaona, who is disabled, starred in local television drama series *Zviri Mudzimba* as Nhamo. Because he could not hold a pen, he was unable to write his Ordinary Level examinations in 2004.

Dr Moyo expressed optimism that with help, Tichaona would be able to earn a living and finally write his O-level examinations. She described him as a strong, spirited and

talented musician and actor.

Accepting the computer, Tichaona thanked BBR for its generosity and said he had enrolled at King George VI School in Bulawayo and was looking forward to writing his examinations this year.

He also had words of advice for other people with disabilities.

"I would like to urge people with disabilities not to beg for money in the streets, but look for meaningful projects and earn a decent living," said Tichaona.

He added that people should look forward to his songs on radio and television as he was hoping to venture into gospel music with the help of the computer.

Tichaona's father, Mr Fanist Green — who was overcome with emotion — struggled to convey his gratitude to BBR for recognising that disability was not synonymous with failure.

"BBR has demonstrated to us and the community around us that being disabled does not mean the end of life. You can still strive and be successful," he said.