

ukuthasa



Encouraging local communities in Africa

Supports





WHO WE ARE

Ukuthasa (pronounced Oo-koo-tah-za) is a registered, UK based charity working to bring about positive change in South Africa. We are passionate about our belief that for aid to be effective in tackling the critical educational, health, employment and housing challenges affecting the continent, it is essential to work with communities, agreeing and implementing solutions together.

Since **Ukuthasa's** inception in 1995, project workers Gary and Nicky Welsh have been based in South Africa to build bridges with local communities and to make a tangible difference. They visited post apartheid South Africa and were captivated by the country and its people.

Overwhelmed by the poverty, deprivation and the horror of HIV/AIDS that they encountered, they gave up their jobs in the UK and moved to South Africa.

WHAT WE DO

Ukuthasa works in partnership with Non Government Organisations (NGOs), small businesses and local groups within communities in southern Africa to help bring about change.

Although the spectrum of need is vast, our current focus is:

- the vital area of HIV/AIDS education and counselling.
- providing pre-school and early education in disadvantaged communities
- life-skills training and mentorship through sport.

EDUCATION

The lack of a sufficient educational infrastructure within informal settlements results in children missing out on vital foundation stage education.

Education in South Africa comes at a price and parents pay school fees for their children to attend school.



EDUCATION

At Emyezweni, children are given opportunities they might otherwise be denied, such as being taught how to hold a pencil and how to turn the pages of a book. These are skills that so many take for granted and yet so few township children in South Africa are fortunate enough to acquire.

In 1992 we began supporting Emyezweni school refurbishing and extending the school building providing additional classrooms, toilets and a playground as well as funding for staff and equipment.

EMYEZWENI SCHOOL

- Emyezweni Day Care and Primary School is a pivotal part of community life in the Lwandle township in the Western Cape of South Africa.
- A small staff of 8 teachers and teaching assistants, including volunteers, support 140 Children.
- Emyezweni teaches children aged 2 to 11 in both English and the local language of Xhosa ensuring all aspects of the curriculum are covered.
- Provides education from Nursery to Grade R.





WHAT WE DO

Child Sponsorship Programme


We set up a child sponsorship programme for pre-school/reception grade children which funds their first year at school.

The aim is to give each child the support he or she needs to continue with their studies and encourage them to progress to primary school education.

Donors sponsor a class of 30 children for a year which provides funding for equipment and supplies, as well as outings and educational visits for the children.

The Child Sponsorship Programme is inclusive, with donors being made to feel part of the class; enjoying each success and achievement and watching the children grow as the year continues. Sponsors receive regular updates from the class and school, as well as pieces of work, photographs and news of the children's academic progress.

“We are really grateful for the support that we receive through the Child Sponsorship Programme. Our Grade R children love the fact that they have a special person or family in the UK who get their photos and work. They also love getting a birthday card and stickers from the UK! We have been able to equip the Grade R classes with resources that we would not be able to afford. The children also really enjoy the four educational trips that we are able to take them on because of the sponsorship scheme. These trips enable the children to experience places and animals that they would otherwise not get to see. Through our links with the sponsors the children are also able to see that there is a much bigger world out there and we have had several children who now want to go to England when they are big! We would like to say a big thank you to all our sponsors for the difference that they are helping to make in the lives of our children.”- Sarah Roberts - Grade R teacher.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your donation, no matter how small, will make a difference to the lives of the people we help.

How to sponsor a project:

Child Sponsorship Programme

Sponsorship is for a period of one year, and there are two levels available:

- £14.50 per month: partial sponsorship for one child.
- £29 per month: full sponsorship for one child.

* Because of fluctuations in exchange rates, a cash reserve may be accumulated which **Ukuthasa** reserves the right to use to help fund other children at Emyezweni School.



For more up-to-date information on the progress of our projects, visit www.ukuthasa.org



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Emyezweni School

- School shoes: £12
- Rainy-day proofs: £10. In the winter the children often use bin liners to keep them dry on their walk to school.
- Socks: £4. Children regularly come to school without socks and get so excited when we are able to give them a new pair.
- Winter warmers: £4. In the winter it can be quite cold in the school, making a hat, scarf or warm pair of gloves a real treat!

If you would like to make a donation towards **Ukuthasa's** work:

visit www.justgiving.com/ukuthasa to pay by **credit card**

or

send your cheque payable to **Ukuthasa** with the **Donation** or **Standing Order form** to:

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