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Did you know?

We collect Foreign currency and any British small change.

Regular Donations

If you do feel you are able to contribute a regular amount on a standing order please let us know. £5/month goes a long way in Swaziland.

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This is our first newsletter of 2016 and as usual the charity is very busy delivering on projects and raising funds.

Forbes Reef Classrooms

The Forbes Reef Primary School classrooms were completed at the end of last year and the new furniture was delivered in time for the new school term at the end of January. Below is a picture of children sitting at the new desks in one of the new classrooms.



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Pre-school Teacher Training

We sponsored Zandile Gwembu to be trained as a pre-school teacher and last year she graduated (see picture below). For someone who left school before gaining any qualifications this was a major achievement.



Using the grant from The King/Cullimore Trust we are expanding the programme to conduct refresher training for 200 pre-school teachers and reach at least 1500 pre-school children this school year.

The St. Vincent de Paul Bursary Fund

The St. Vincent de Paul Bursary Fund based in Swaziland has been providing bursaries for primary school children for over 30 years. During that time they have funded 4,700 bursaries. The fund is entirely run by volunteers. At present the fund is supporting 84 children at 48 schools. The fund has more requests than they are able to cover through the donations they receive. We were contacted as they had a shortfall of £1500 for the children they have agreed to fund and we were happy to step in and provide the necessary funding.

School Uniforms

Mavela, Siphwe and Mncedisi are three young orphans who live in appalling conditions right next to Mbabane Hospital's morgue and attend Ekwetsembeni Special School in Mbabane. As before we have bought school uniforms for them for the new school year. Below is a picture of them in their new uniforms.



Teacher's Accommodation

As part of the King/Cullimore grant it was agreed to refurbish teacher's accommodation at Nkhaba Primary School. In Swaziland teachers often live during the week on school premises. This is because many schools are remote or teachers have to travel a long way from their homesteads. By offering good accommodation at the school the school can often attract the better teachers. This work has now started (see below):



Beam at Cheshire Homes Swaziland

The action of swinging for any child promotes balance, posture control and normalizes muscle tone. It is also has a calming effect on the brain. This is why and child centre should have swings, roundabouts, see-saws and other play equipment. In particular it has been shown the calming benefits of swinging in children with Autism. We were pleased to be able to provide a beam to Cheshire Homes of Swaziland who have subsequently written to us and thanked us for our philanthropic work.



Update on The Rocking Horse Project

The purpose of the Rocking Horse Project is to provide palliative care and improve the quality of life for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses. Through a grant from Kenilworth Rotary Club we have been able to help many children. Rather than try and summarise the massive impact this grant has made I am attaching a separate report prepared by the Director of the Rocking Horse Project, Denise Mortlock.

Fundraising

The annual Changing Futures Quiz took place in January and raised £1,750. Many thanks to Sarah and Scott Chambers for organizing and running it. Also thanks to Nic Charrington, Angela Exley and Shannon Stegman for preparing the food and Rhys and Vicki Hamilton, Duncan Kent and Sam Smith for running the bar.

Over the past 6 months many people have given me their spare foreign currency that they could not exchange when they got home from holiday or from a business trip. I have just processed this through a coin collector and received £74.20. Please continue to give me your foreign change as it is a worthwhile way of raising additional funds.

Many thanks to Goring Hardware who raised £19.20 by having one of our collection tins by the till.

The next fundraising event is The Masked Ball on the 30th April. There are only a few tickets remaining.



Changing Futures Masked Ball **30th April 2016**

The Changing Futures Masked Ball will take place on Saturday 30th April at Hillfields Farm, Park Wall Lane, Lower Basildon, RG8 9PE.

We can accommodate tables for 8 or 10 people and the price per person is £50. This includes a welcome drink, a 3 course meal and live music. Carriages are at midnight and there is safe overnight parking at the venue should it be required.

Dress code is Black Tie (with masks of course!) and live music is performed by Breeze Band who play favourite tunes from the 50's and 60's right through to present day.

The start time is 7.30 for 8.00 pm and to book a table please email Sarah Chambers at sarahchambers@btconnect.com. Please also advise Sarah of any special dietary requirements when you book and we'd be grateful if you sent an additional email to her once you have paid.

We expect this to be a very popular event and as tables are limited (only 15), people will need to book and pay by 15th January. If you cannot get a table of 8 or 10 people together then please let us know as we can easily put you together with people in a similar situation.

To pay for your table please pay on-line:

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