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## **Sponsored student receives award**



Nkosephayo Dlamini represented Hhohho AME Primary School in the 2014 nationwide debating competition. The team of three won second place. Nkosephayo went on to achieve a first class pass in his Grade Seven examinations and is now in Form I in Mhlatane High School, Piggs Peak. He is sponsored by Vicky McDonaugh in memory of her friend Bill Wallace, at whose funeral in 2013 over £1,000 was raised for the SCT.

## **Orphan support scheme**

The SCT currently supports 128 students throughout Swaziland with 52 students in 14 primary schools and 76 students in 35 high schools. Enrolment in primary school education is now free in Swaziland but poor students are still greatly disadvantaged because of the high cost of compulsory uniforms, stationery and travel. Sponsored primary school students are assisted with school uniforms and stationery. High school students receive support in the form of tuition and uniforms. Shoes are particularly costly and without help would be beyond the reach of our children's guardians.

## **Thanks from the Swaziland Manager**

“A big thank you to the families and friends in the UK who have made a commitment to make regular contributions towards our Orphan Support Scheme to ensure a vulnerable Swazi child can pay for school fees and associated costs of education and go to school. Siyabonga Kakhulu!!”

Phindile Ndabanbaba, manager, editor and photographer.

## Graduates' corner

### Nhlanhla Mawelela



Nhlanhla is a good example of a hard working student who started from humble beginnings. Nhlanhla is the eldest of three boys. His mother works hard every day to support the family, from selling vegetables and fruits at the local market to working in the sugar cane fields. As a sixth-grader at Manzana Nazarene Primary School in 2005, he started receiving support from the SCT. Ten years on, he is receiving a Government Scholarship to pursue his studies in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management at the University of Swaziland and is now in the fourth and final year of his studies. He is looking forward to obtaining his degree and being able to support his younger brothers and his mother. He was put through school by Jean McDonaugh and her team in Luxembourg with the proceeds of their Christmas bazaar.

### Lindokuhle Bhembe



Lindokuhle is the eldest of three children and has two younger brothers. She started receiving SCT support in 2006 as a third-grader at Antioch Primary School. She has just completed her high school education at Emcozini High School and is awaiting her Form 5 SGSCE results which will be out in February 2016. Lindokuhle's dream is to become a teacher, and she plans to enrol for a teaching course majoring in languages.

## Improving lives

In addition to the Orphan Support Scheme, the Swaziland Charitable Trust assists local non-governmental organisations, communities and schools with donations in the form of materials and equipment. In 2015, the focus has been mainly in the schools where kitchens, furniture, fencing and water tanks have been provided.

### Ndunayithini High School



*View of the kitchen from the Administration Block entrance.*

Ndunayithini is situated approximately 60km from the Lavumisa Border. A few years ago, the school cooks were having to work in a shack and only ever dreamed of having a proper kitchen. With the support from the SCT, it is a reality and they now have a well-equipped kitchen to prepare meals for the students.

## Ngwazini Primary School



Situated approximately 15km from Manzini, the school was in desperate need for new fencing to keep the students and school property secure. With the support of the SCT, the school was able to purchase fencing material, and parents contributed labour, water and sand and the school now has a new fence to provide a protective environment for the students.

*Mrs. N. P. Dlamini, Head Teacher of Ngwazini Primary School with the new fence funded by the SCT in the background.*

## St. Andrew's Primary School



Situated in Malkerns, the school had no furniture for their new library. With the support of the SCT, they were able to equip the library with desks, chairs, fan, heater and carpeting to make the library welcoming for the children so they can discover the joy of reading.

*Head Teacher Mrs. T. Dlamini and Deputy Mrs Magongo in the background. The desks, chairs and carpet shown were purchased with SCT support.*

## All Out Africa Foundation



*Carers building the toilets at Mahlanya NCP.*

All Out Africa is based in Ezulwini and works with six Neighbourhood Care Points (NCPs) along the Mbabane and Manzini corridor. The centres provide basic care and support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in a protective environment, including meals, basic learning and recreation. With the support from the SCT, they were able to put up fencing at Bethany NCP to secure the premises. The community was also helped with the construction of toilets at Mahlanya NCP.

## Manzana Nazarene Primary School



*The tank is connected to the gutter to harvest rainwater and has a tap near the base.*

Access to safe, clean water for schools is important in ensuring that children stay healthy. Situated near Dvokolwako, a drought-prone area, water scarcity has been a recurrent problem for the school. With the support of the SCT, they were able to purchase four 5000l water tanks which they have put up at the new staff housing, whose roofing was also previously funded by the SCT. With the new water tanks, they are able to harvest rainwater, and when there is a water shortage, use the tanks to store delivered water.

## St. Philip's High School



Sewing is a practical skill that students can learn, and is also creative. With the support of the SCT, the school received five sewing machines for their Consumer Science Classroom. There are currently 30 students per class, and the school wants to make a further request for ten machines to allow more students to get a hands-on-experience with the sewing machines.

*St. Philip's High School Form Two students, the Chairperson Mr. P.S Mamba, the Principal Mrs. H.C. Thwala and Consumer Science Teacher Mrs. Simelane with the sewing machines.*

## Zondle Boys' Home



This orphanage is home to 15 boys. Their farm has a vegetable garden whose proceeds go towards the upkeep of the home. They received support from the SCT for fencing and irrigation at the farm which will help improve production and enable them to generate more income to benefit the boys.

*Bongani Mabuza, groundsman of Zondle Boys' Home, holding an irrigation pipe.*

# Swaziland Charitable Trust

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## Hhohho A.M.E Primary School

The SCT was able to build a new, fully equipped computer laboratory with the generous donations from Mr. Walter Riddell and family to commemorate his father, Sir John Riddell who was Chairman of SCT Board of Trustees for many years.



*Chairs complete the Hhohho AME Computer classroom.*

## Nsingizini High School

Nsingizini is a new community school which opened just this year and has two students sponsored by the SCT. The school did not have any teachers' desks or chairs. The six teachers and the principal were sharing students' desks. With the support of the SCT, they were able to equip the staff room with six teachers' desks and chairs and one desk and a chair for the Principal.



*Mrs. Dladlu sitting on the chair and working on her desk while Sibusiso and Philisiwe who are on the SCT Student Bursary Scheme are collecting their new books.*



*Some of the teachers' desks and chairs (far right) at the corner of the staff-room.*

## Partnerships



The SCT enjoys strong partnerships with individuals and organisations that approach us with gifts or donations for those in need. One such individual is Mrs Howe, who gave educational charts to the Grade Three class of St. Benedict's Primary School and school bags to three particularly deserving students at Holy Ghost Primary School.

*Sengetile Nthando, Ms. Mavuso and Ms. Ndabandaba holding the charts.*

## Embiveni Foundation

The Embiveni Foundation, itself a partnership between Norwegian Independent Meat and Poultry Association and Swaziland Meat Industries (SMI), provides financial support to rural communities. The money is distributed through the Swaziland Charitable Trust which also monitors their projects.



*Embiveni Foundation Chairman, Managing Director and staff during a visit to Holy Rosary High School. The former Chairman of the SCT Local Board, Senator Rowan Howe, is pictured third from right.*

## Holy Ghost Primary School



A new library complete with books and bookshelves was built for Holy Ghost Primary School which serves a poor and remote community in the drought-prone lowveldt. There are currently seven sponsored students in this much-improved school.

*Mrs. P.D. Magagula, Head Teacher of Holy Ghost Primary School, admiring the new desks in the library.*

## Mhlaba Nazarene Primary School

The Foundation provided materials for the foundations and walls of a block of two classrooms, including door frames. They sourced the funds for roofing, window frames and painting from another donor to complete the classrooms.



*Mr. T. Mnisi, Head Teacher of Mhlaba Nazarene Primary School, outside the classrooms.*

## Under construction

Endzeleni Primary School Kitchen and Holy Rosary High School Computer Laboratory.



*Endzeleni Primary School Kitchen under construction.*



*Head Teacher of Holy Rosary High School, Mr. M.T. Dlamini inside the Computer lab.*

## Swaziland Local Board Chairman retires



Lee and Rowan Howe at Hhohho AME Primary School with head teacher Mavis Mazibuko and Vicky McDonaugh.

The Trustees met in July 2015 to celebrate Rowan Howe's commitment to the SCT over so many years. A member of the Swaziland Board since 1971 and chairman since 1986, it is difficult to imagine the SCT without him so he has been made Trustee emeritus.

He was presented with a bronze and in her speech Chair of the Trustees Vicky McDonaugh said "Under Rowan's stewardship every corner of Swaziland has been

touched by the SCT: boreholes in Shishelweni, gardens in Lubombo, broiler chickens for Lwandle in Manzini, a computer lab in Hhohho. No project, however small or however far from his home in Mafutseni, was ever ignored and not visited by Rowan."

## New Trustee and Chair of the Swaziland Board



Mr Charles Gilbert has replaced Senator Rowan Howe as Chairman of the Swaziland Board and has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. Charles Gilbert has served on the Swaziland Board since 11 September 2001.

Senator Howe will continue to serve on the Swaziland Board.

## How you can help

To make a donation, send a cheque, search for orphan support in Swaziland at [www.theBigGive.org.uk](http://www.theBigGive.org.uk) or send a text donation with *Just Text Giving*.

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