



Giving Spirit Programs

Giving Spirit programs are managed primarily by independent organizations known as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) based in South-Africa. By definition an NGO is a legally constituted organization created by private organizations or people with no participation or representation of any government. Very similar to non-profits, NGO's are typically organized to carry out the work of a charitable cause.

Because of their unique role in sustainable development in disadvantaged areas around the world, NGO's are uniquely positioned to effect positive social change in many areas including education. Thus, Giving Spirit chooses to rely on the experience and knowledge of NGO's to ensure that the maximum benefit is achieved in carrying out its mission.

Our programs include funding projects primarily relating to:

- Teacher training
- Funding for textbooks and other learning supplies
- School building improvements
- Literacy & Numeracy education
- Educational support of orphaned and vulnerable children

To locate NGO's capable to effectively carry out Giving Spirit's mission, GS engages in a careful and extensive screening process, which includes reference checks, bank verification, documented success in program work, and other processes. It is this thoughtful process of vetting that enables Giving Spirit to ensure the heart felt contributions from its donor s are actually reaching those in need.

Why would a person want to donate to Giving Spirit programs vs. donating directly to an organization in South Africa? It is an unfortunate reality that although there are many overseas organizations that are doing great work, there are also many that are poorly managed or are simply not legitimate to begin with. It is an immeasurable risk for the average person to send money overseas for charity and often the best efforts to avoid monies being misused fail. The domestic and international resources maintained by Giving Spirit allow for an in-depth research process which can virtually guarantee supporter contributions are used appropriately. Giving Spirit proudly uses 90 cents of every dollar donated towards program work on the ground in South Africa.