

Abundant Life Orphanages

Caring for orphans and vulnerable children and mentoring their transition from childhood into college and career.

THE PROPOSAL

We would like your support to open a Boys and Girls Club for 750 children ages 6 through 12 years old in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Our Youth Development Leaders will be 18 – 26 years old and will be mentored by our Family Partner Team Members who are 27 years and older. The Boys and Girls Club of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa will provide safe, fun and educational club. Our children will have a place where they can be creators, innovators, explorers, entrepreneurs, inventors and world-changers. We are asking for \$75,000 from the Global Giving Community to support this effort.

INTRODUCTION

Maresha Johnson is the founder and president of Abundant Life Orphanages. Abundant Life Orphanages is a 501 c 3 Nonprofit organization and our mission is: Caring for orphans and vulnerable children and mentoring their transition from children into college and career. On May 1, 2014, Maresha Johnson attended the 108th Boys and Girls Club of America National Convention as the International Delegate. At the convention, Maresha met with delegates from 4 continents to learn the programming used to grow the Boys and Girls Club into a national organization celebrated for helping children reach their potential.

THE PURPOSE

From teaching in the inner city of Los Angeles to working with orphans and child soldiers in Northern Uganda, Maresha Johnson sees the dire need to expand the great work of the Boys and Girls Clubs from the inner cities of America to too villages throughout the African continent. Maresha believes that partnering with the Boys and Girls Club will provide a model of how to intentionally celebrate children while providing practical support for children's social, physical, and academic development. By providing a safe, fun and educational club, these children will have a place where they can be creators, innovators, explorers, entrepreneurs, inventors and world-changers. The Boys and Girls Clubs of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa will provide a safe zone where children can be all they want to be!

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership with R.A. Padayachee Primary School (Shakashead, Kwazulu-Natal)

During Maresha Johnson's visit to the Shakashead Community in 2012, she saw groups of children (preschool through lower primary age) roaming the streets during the school day. Maresha shared this observation with Principal Reddy at the R.A. Padayachee Primary School. Ms. Reddy explained that not only do children roam the street during the school day but when school is dismissed many children go to homes where their parents or guardians will not return until the evening. We discussed solutions and decided to formalize a partnership between R.A. Padayachee School and Abundant Life Orphanages. In June 2013, we submitted our proposal to the school district director asking for permission to extend the school hours of operation in order to hold an after school program from 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm. One month later, the School District Director approved the proposal and gave the school permission to extend the school hours until 5:30 pm. Since that time our organization has been working with U.S. based organizations and donors to raise funds, design curriculum, collect school supplies, and purchase sports equipment for the afterschool program.

Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America (Atlanta, Georgia/USA)

On May 1, 2014, Abundant Life Orphanages formed a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America in order to provide after school programs for the children we serve in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA AFTER SCHOOL: Education, Sports, Computer & Arts Program

Program Days: Monday through Friday

Program Hours: 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Staffing: R.A. Padayachee Primary School Teachers and Youth Development Leaders

Number of Children Served: 750 children (450 R.A. Padayachee students and 300 children from the local community. (For children 6 years old through 12 years old)

Courses Offered:

Arts & Crafts: In this course, students will learn the history behind their arts & crafts projects and how to create arts & crafts items.

Computer Math and Science: Students will be introduced to a computer software program which will assess their academic ability and challenge them to advance their math and science skills.

Family Partners Aquaponics and Open Field Farming Program: Offered during the school day to all grades to participate in all aspects of farming. Students will journal farming experience using words and artwork. Throughout the school year children will participate in project based learning which will be integrate, math, science, technology, art and language art to bring greater awareness to the role of farming and agriculture in our local and global community.

Global Dancing: This innovative course will teach students dances from around the globe as well as the meaning and purpose of the dance movements.

Journaling and Creative Writing: Students will learn how to blog, record their dream, plans, observations, and feelings. In this course, students will compile a creative writing journal which will be published annually.

Leadership, Character & Life Skills Course (LCLSC): This course will train young leaders to come face to face with their character and set goals for their future. In this training, students will learn about practical living skills, discuss current events and analyze outcomes, and learn about conflict resolution.

Music Lesson: In this course, students will be exposed to different genres of music. They will be able to identify musical instruments visually and audibly. Students will engage in songwriting and analyze lyrics. This course will also introduce students to playing musical instruments by reading music.

Sports: Sports activities will be seasonal. Students will learn sports history, famous players, and rules of the sport. They will also learn how to play sports and the learn the importance of practicing good sportsmanship.

World Games: Students will learn how to play a variety of games from around the world. They will learn the games origin, learn game strategies, and participate in intramural competitions.

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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA Program Grid / Monthly Schedule for 1st through 3rd Grade

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Grade	1:45 – 2:30 pm LCLSC 2:35 – 3:20 Global Dancing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Arts & Crafts 4:40 -5:25 pm Music Lessons 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Sports 2:35 – 3:20 pm Computer Math & Science 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Games 4:40 pm -5:25 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm LCLSC 2:35 – 3:20 Global Dancing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Arts & Crafts 4:40 -5:25 pm Music Lessons 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Sports 2:35 – 3:20 pm Computer Math & Science 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Games 4:40 pm -5:25 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm LCLSC 2:35 – 3:20 Global Dancing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Arts & Crafts 4:40 -5:25 pm Music Lessons 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner
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3rd Grade	1:45 – 2:30 pm Computer Math & Science 2:35 – 3:20 pm Music Lessons 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm LCLSC 4:40 - 5:25 pm Global Dancing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Games 2:35 – 3:20 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 pm – 4:35 pm Sports 4:40 - 5:25 pm Arts & Crafts 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Computer Math & Science 2:35 – 3:20 pm Music Lessons 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm LCLSC 4:40 - 5:25 pm Global Dancing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Games 2:35 – 3:20 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 pm – 4:35 pm Sports 4:40 - 5:25 pm Arts & Crafts 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Computer Math & Science 2:35 – 3:20 pm Music Lessons 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm LCLSC 4:40 - 5:25 pm Global Dancing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner

*Leadership, Character & Life Skills Course (LCLSC)

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4th Grade	1:45 – 2:30 pm Games 2:35 – 3:20 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Sports 4:40 – 5:25 pm Arts & Crafts 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Computer Math & Science 2:35 – 3:20 pm Music Lessons 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm LCLSC 4:40 – 5:25 pm Global Dancing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Games 2:35 – 3:20 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Sports 4:40 – 5:25 pm Arts & Crafts 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Computer Math & Science 2:35 – 3:20 pm Music Lessons 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm LCLSC 4:40 – 5:25 pm Global Dancing 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Games 2:35 – 3:20 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Sports 4:40 – 5:25 pm Arts & Crafts 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner
5th Grade	1:45 – 2:30 pm Music Lessons 2:35 – 3:20 pm Arts & Crafts 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Computer Math & Science 4:40 – 5:25 pm – LCLSC 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Global Dancing 2:35 – 3:20 pm Games 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 4:40 – 5:25 pm Sports 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Music Lessons 2:35 – 3:20 pm Arts & Crafts 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Computer Math & Science 4:40 – 5:25 pm – LCLSC 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Global Dancing 2:35 – 3:20 pm Games 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Journaling and Creative Writing 4:40 – 5:25 pm Sports 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner	1:45 – 2:30 pm Music Lessons 2:35 – 3:20 pm Arts & Crafts 3:25 – 3:45 pm Snack 3:50 – 4:35 pm Computer Math & Science 4:40 – 5:25 pm – LCLSC 5:30 – 6:00 pm Dinner

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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

EVENING COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM: Keeping our children off the streets

Program Days: Monday through Friday

Program Hours: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Staffing: Family Partner Activities Team, Family Partner Foot Patrol, and Youth Development Leaders

Number of Children Served: up to 300 children (R.A. Padayachee students and children from the local community whose parents/guardian work late hours. (For children 6 years old through 12 years old)

Team A: Family Partner Community Center Team with Youth Development Leaders

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm – Community Safety Update and Community Project Activities

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Global Storytelling Theater (music, drama, art, etc.) or Games (lawn bowling, board games (chess, checkers, etc.), air hockey, etc

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Movie Time

Team B: Family Partner Evening Foot Patrol Team with Youth Development Leaders

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm – Foot Patrol within Community / Escorting Families Home

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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

Aquaponics & Open Field Farming Program (Income Generating Project)

Program Days: Monday through Friday

Program Hours: 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Staffing: Family Partners Farming Team and Youth Development Leaders

Children Participant from the R.A Padayachee School: On a weekly basis, children ages 6 years to 12 years old participate in the Aquaponics & Open Field Farming Program. Approximately 90 minutes per week are dedicated to: assisting in the garden nursery, feeding fish, harvesting crops, and journaling crop development. On a regular basis contest are initiated to generate innovate ideas about marketing and distributing food . This outdoor experience is offered during the school day to all grades to participate in all aspects of farming. Students will journal farming experience using words and artwork. Throughout the school year children will participate in project based learning which will integrate, math, science, technology, art and language art to bring greater awareness to the role of farming and agriculture in our local and global community.

DAILY DUTIES ON THE FARM:

Manage farm stores and satellite stores

- Inventory Store
- Stock and Selling fruits, vegetable and processes foods from our gardens
- Package foods

Lead farm tours

- Lead Daily Student Farm Teams and Visitors to Farming Project

Manage aquaponic green houses

- Feeding Fish
- Documenting green house and water temperatures
- Harvesting crops
- Train daily student farm teams

Manage open field farming

- Planting crops
- Weeding
- Irrigating field
- Journaling crop development
- Occasional contest to market and distribute foods, etc.

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Projected Annual Budget (10 month calendar)

Description	Annual Cost 10 months
Program Teachers	\$24,000
Family Partners	\$14,000
Youth Development Leaders	\$20,000
Resource Cost	
School Supplies, School Equipment	\$3,000
Meal & Snack Program	\$35,000
Transportation	\$4,000
Communication (Phone, Internet)	\$1,200
Computer Software Programs (Software & Licensing/ Maintenance /Tech Support)	\$15,000
Dell Inspiron All-in-One Desktop Computers	\$21,000 One-time fee
Family Partners Aquaponic and Open Field Farming Program	\$25,000 One time investment . Our objective is to be self-sufficient & generate income.
Printers	\$2,000 One-time fee
Total Cost for Boys and Girls Club of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	\$164,200