



Children's Trust

Build a solar - powered classroom in South Africa



Greensleeves Children's Trust
East London, South Africa

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Who are we?

Greensleeves Children's Trust is a place of safety, foster home and primary school for parentless and vulnerable children. We are located in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, outside of East London. Greensleeves currently houses and cares for 45 children ranging from toddlers to 16 year olds, while educating 55 at our onsite Primary School (including private learners).





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Why?

Being orphaned, abused or vulnerable is a reality for approximately **4 million** children in South Africa. The country's divisive past, matched with the current burden of an HIV endemic means there is often little hope for South Africa's children, who are growing up in alarming and unimaginable settings, with few opportunities for them to flourish and develop. While extended families, wider communities and the government are acting to help these children, the scale of the problem is pervasive and complex.

In numbers:

- 14% of our population in South Africa comprises of children who have lost at least 1 parent (Chereni & Mahati).
- In the Eastern Cape 78% of children under 6 are growing up in poverty (UNICEF)
- In South Africa alone 7.2million people are living with HIV (UNAIDS)
- In Sub-Saharan Africa 2 out of 5 children who started primary school in 2010 will not make it to the final grade (UN)

**Poverty and HIV/
AIDS are key factors
in the large numbers
of orphans**

**State-run schools are
overcrowded, under
funded and teachers lack
the training and resources.**



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Why did we set up a school?

In 2015 Aphiwe* and 2 of her Greensleeves brothers and sisters spent a weekend with a support family, during this weekend they played Monopoly. This game of Monopoly revealed that Aphiwe who was a Grade 5 student, achieving 90% across all her school reports could not add up the basic \$100 notes.

Aphiwe's lack of basic maths was a result of the local rural school pushing grades up to meet targets, while the education provided was actually deficient in all aspects, with under funding, over crowding and a lack of quality teachers being the norm.

This meant that Aphiwe had a quality education on paper but in reality she did not have the solid educational foundation that every child needs and deserves.



...in 2016 our on-site Primary School opened to solve this problem and equip children like Aphiwe with a quality primary education.

Through our school we are also able to tailor lessons and support to the emotional and educational needs of children growing up in our care who have often been abused, abandoned or orphaned.

*real name not used

Through the work of our school today Aphiwe is thriving in Grade 9 at a local high school, able to realise her full potential and dream BIG!



From Grade R to Grade 7 we have a team of excellent and experienced teachers who have classes of no more than 10 students each. We have an established curriculum matched with one-to-one lessons where we can work to strengthen key skills and the children can feel valued, understood and encouraged.

In order to do this we need the space and classrooms to teach in...

What we propose to do..

The construction of the solar - powered classroom will allow the next generation of South Africans access to quality education, that they otherwise would not be getting. In addition to education, the solar - power aspect will harness clean, renewable energy, while reducing our dependency on fossil fuels and reducing our financial output. The use of renewable energy will be a step towards organisation sustainability.

Proposed project timeline:

Date	Action
March 11th 2019	Project fundraising begins
March 20th 2019	Bonus day
March 29th 2019	Project fundraising ends
Late April 2019	Funds from donations received
May 2019	Construction of solar - powered classroom commences
June 2019	Construction completed and children move into their new space

We have already obtained a quote from SCE Construction who have committed to the price (in South African Rand) given below and will facilitate the building of the solar. - powered classroom throughout the construction period.

Breakdown of costs:



7 TEMPLETON GREEN
90 BELLEVUE ROAD
MUSGRAVE
BEREA
KWA-ZULU NATAL
4001

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Brakfontein
East London

SCE Construction E.L take great privilege in being giving the opportunity to provide Greensleeves Children's Trust with a quotation for the construction of their new Solar Powered Classroom.

The total cost of the project comes to R127,000.

Cost breakdown is as follows,

Building Costs	-	R46,600
Electrical Costs	-	R11,000
Internal Finishings	-	R38,400
Solar	-	R31,000
Total	-	R127,000

Included in this quotation is the construction from floor level to roof, with all internal and external finishings.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Lamont', written over a horizontal line.

Steven Lamont
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As we receive no government support, we rely on the actions and generosity of individuals and companies to continue caring for and educating the vulnerable children of South Africa.

Will you be 1 of the 40 donors to help us achieve our target and build a solar classroom for South Africa's future generations? Visit our page to donate today!

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/build-a-solar-powered-classroom-in-south-africa/>

Thank you!