

“For these children, education is their mother and their father.”

Zodwa Mqadi, Founder Agape Child Care, South Africa



The RISE Foundation – who we are

The RISE Foundation is a registered charity in England & Wales, which partners with the award winning production company RISE Films. The foundation uses film to raise awareness and funds for people in the developing world. The model is simple: when RISE Films produces a social issue film, the foundation constructs a fundraising campaign around the film to give people an immediate and tangible way to respond and help people affected by the issue.

WE ARE TOGETHER APPEAL 2009

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We Are Together Campaign 2009 – mission

The RISE Foundation's current campaign is built around the award winning film WE ARE TOGETHER, which tells the story of children from the Agape orphanage in South Africa (www.wearetogether.org). people who would traditionally invest in their future, by paying their school fees and encouraging them to study. **The mission of the We Are Together Campaign is to provide disadvantaged youth in South Africa with good quality education to try and end the cycle of poverty in their lives.**

When children lose their parents, they also lose the

We Are Together Education Programme

HOW IT WORKS:

The RISE Foundation has been operating the We Are Together Education Programme and supporting 48 children for two years. We have been paying the school fees of all the children of school-age at the Agape orphanage. Through education, our programme provides these children with the opportunity of a sustainable future, empowering them to help themselves and lead independent lives. Our education programme pays for the children to attend excellent schools that have been hand picked for each child. We also hire a tutor to come for two hours every day after school to help the children with their homework. The tutor not only provides the children with academic support but also some of the encouragement and support

that they would have normally received from their parents. This holistic approach is proving very successful and the children's grades have improved significantly. One of our aims is to raise enough funds to enable us to hire more tutors so that the children can have more individualized and specialist support.

EDUCATION SYSTEM:

The education system in South Africa makes it very hard for disadvantaged children to afford to attend good quality schools. We have managed to secure places for some primary and secondary children at the best schools in the area – what are known as 'Ex-Model C schools' The remaining children, who are not yet ready academically for Ex-

Model C schools, will attend middle tier schools while also being supported by our tutor, until they are academically ready and would benefit from an Ex Model C environment. Both types of school pride themselves on their outstanding academic results – the difference being in the school fees and the facilities available. However, our long-term plan is to raise sufficient funds in 2009 to enable more children to attend the Ex Model C schools next year.

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REDUCED COSTS & FURTHER EDUCATION:

This year, while ensuring that all the children can attend significantly better schools, we have also managed to reduce the running cost of our education programme. We have negotiated a charitable rate with the schools as well as with the stationery and uniform suppliers. Our annual running costs now account to £15,000 (all of this is spent on the ground in South Africa). With this sum, we are financing the education of 48 children and 3 further education students; this includes school fees as well as the necessary stationery and school uniform and tutor.

Our further education students are three young adults who have recently graduated with their high school diplomas as a result of our education programme. Each of these learners are following their own individualized learning path and we are supporting their further studies, which include a university course in Music, a game reserve guide training course and a Pre and Post HIV Test Counseling course.

PARTNERS:

We work closely with the Kwazulu-Natal Department of Education to ensure that our children receive the best education available to them. We also work in partnership with managers at Agape Child Care Centre, principals at each of the schools and tutors who help with their homework to ensure that we can support the children in the best possible way.

Situational Overview

According to the *UN Convention on the Rights of a Child* all children and young people have a comprehensive set of rights. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that these rights are implemented around the world. Within these stated articles is the **right for all children to reach the highest level of education that they are capable of and the right to an education that will develop their personalities, abilities and talents to the fullest potential.**

The goal of the We Are Together Campaign is to ensure that the children of Agape and other disadvantaged children get access to the same high level of education available to children from more privileged backgrounds. We believe that a good quality education has the power to challenge the cycle of poverty and disease that is particularly devastating in countries such as South Africa. In the province of Kwazulu Natal, where the Agape children live, 1 in 3 adults are HIV positive.



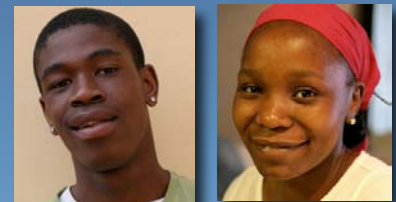
Thus, in order for these children to have a chance in life and to develop the potential that we see so clearly in them, they desperately need access to good quality education.

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We Are Together Film



To find out more about the We Are Together documentary visit www.wearetogether.org



Recent Achievements

- Slindile and Siyabonga, two of our first high school graduates achieved their matric qualification in December 2008 allowing them to apply for further education programmes
- Slindile was subsequently accepted onto a music course at the prestigious University of Kwazulu Natal and Siyabonga has received a partial scholarship to attend a game reserve guide training course in Limpopo province



Programme Objectives

Sustainability

Alongside raising funds for the annual running costs of the our Education Programme, we have also been fundraising for an Education Trust Fund that will enable us to run the programme for many years into the future. This will not only provide the children with a stable education but means we won't desert them if the programme were to ever raise insufficient funds. Once our target base of £300,000 has been reached, the Trust Fund is designed to sustain itself so that the base investment is never spent and in doing so will ensure the annual education costs of approx. 50 children are always covered. We have made significant progress towards our target with £100,000 already in the trust fund.

You can choose to direct your support towards our annual Education Programme costs, which can be found on pg. 5 or towards our Education Trust Fund to ensure the education of 50 children long into the future.

Objectives

- To raise £15,000 annually over a period of three years to cover the ground costs of our We Are Together Education Programme for the next three years, 2009-2011
- To raise an additional £200,000 for our Education Trust Fund which will ensure the education of 50 children after 2011 and forever in perpetuity.
- To ensure that the children of Agape orphanage and others like them receive the education and support that they need to become self sustaining and confident adults
- To tailor each child's education to suit their abilities and needs in order to support them better.

ANNUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME BUDGET

| NAME OF SCHOOL | No. of Learners | FEE Per student in SA RAND | TOTAL SA RAND | TOTAL £££ |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| FORESTVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL FEE (70%) & UNIFORMS | 7 | R8,945.00 | R62,615.00 | £4,816.53 |
| HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL FEE (50%) & UNIFORMS | 2 | R9,077.00 | R18,154.00 | £1,396.46 |
| KLOOF SENIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL FEE (FULL) & UNIFORMS | 1 | R10,240.00 | R10,240.00 | £787.69 |
| WYEBANK SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL FEE & UNIFORMS | 8 | R2,077.00 | R16,614.56 | £1,278.04 |
| GILLITTS PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL FEE & UNIFORMS | 25 | R1,601.82 | R40,045.50 | £3,080.42 |
| PINEHILLS SCHOOL contribution to school fee | 5 | R1,300.00 | R6,500.00 | £500.00 |
| STATIONARY (All Students) | 48 | R222.23 | R10,667.00 | £820.53 |
| AFTER SCHOOL TUTOR (5 days p/week) | Flat fee annual | R48,000.00 | R48,000.00 | £3,692.30 |
| Further Education Grant 1 Uni Fee, Accom and small stipend | 1 | R35,000.00 | R35,000.00 | £2,692.30 |
| Further Education Grant 2 Counsellor course and stipend | 1 | R30,000.00 | R30,000.00 | £2,307.69 |
| Further Education Grant 3 Field Guide Course, stipend/expenses | 1 | R3,200.00 | R3,200.00 | £246.15 |
| SUB TOTAL | | | R281,036.06 | £21,618.15 |
| *Income from Child Sponsorship Scheme | | | | -£6,310.00 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL PROGRAMME COST | | | | £15,308.15 |

**Long-term donors who are sponsoring 5 children for the duration of their education.*

BUDGET

Within our budget, the difference in school fees among the schools is clear to see. The better facilitated Ex-Model C schools have significantly higher fees. To deal with this we have negotiated discounted rates with the schools and we also seek out individual sponsors to support the costs of children attending these schools. These sponsors have lowered the annual costs of our programme to £15K and thus make it possible for us to send some of the children to these Ex-Model C schools without significantly increasing the costs of our Education Programme. To run the Education Programme and build up the Education Trust Fund we rely on the generosity and support of individuals and foundations such as yours.

Management/Fundraising costs:

Our office is run by one part time consultant and is governed by a board of trustees. We work with the support of volunteers in both the UK and South Africa who help us to carry out our work. All school fees and related education costs are paid directly to schools and suppliers to ensure efficiency and accountability. A large percentage of our fundraising and administration costs are covered in kind by RISE Films. Our policy is to keep our fundraising costs limited to a maximum of 15% of overall funds raised.



Thank you for considering our proposal and please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or would like more clarification on any part of our campaign and appeal. We look forward to hearing from you!



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Project Title:

We Are Together Appeal

Where We Work:

South Africa

Requested Amount: Any amount towards our annual Education Programme costs or towards our Education Trust Fund

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