

# *'Eye Will See, Eye Will Learn'*

*An opportunity for YOUR school to help level the playing field!*



## *Our Mission*

To restore sight, dignity and life amongst the poorest of the poor in rural South African communities.



## *Our Goal*

To Screen every learner in every school in rural Eastern Cape to ensure that no child is visually disadvantaged to learn.

## *The Problem*

The Grace Vision team discovered through research in 2012 to 2014 that **NOT ONE** learner in the schools we visited was wearing glasses.

We realised that this meant that there were learners in the schools for whom learning was at best difficult, if not impossible.

We discovered that many learners ordinarily go through their school years, ***not knowing that they are visually impaired***, and the difference that clear vision makes to their young lives is immeasurable to fulfilling their potential in life.

## *Where we Work*

Grace Vision's area of operation is within the King Sabata Dalindyebo local municipality, which is one of 5 local municipal areas in the Oliver Tambo (OR) Tambo District of the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa.

The King Sabata Dalindyebo local municipality is largely rural in character, with the urban areas concentrated around the towns. It has a population of 451 710 (Census 2011), and a total of 95 382 households, and the average household income is less than 1\$ per day!



South Africa with OR Tambo district– in red



OR Tambo district – King Sabata Dalinyebo local municipality – bottom left

## *What we have Achieved so far*

We have already screened in excess of 20 000 learners in the King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality, with the help of generous partners across the world.

The Schools Outreach is a programme where learners are screened for visual acuity, depth perception and refractive correction, which is conducted at schools

We commenced this programme of screening school learners for refractive and medical problems in 2015, and it has enabled those learners who required spectacles, to obtain them without the need to visit a clinic.

The ultimate aim is that NO learner in the OR Tambo District is to be disadvantaged due to visual impairment.

A team comprising of a dedicated optometrist, two optometry assistants, and an administrator travel daily to the schools to conduct the screening process, and our well-equipped screening vehicle ensures quick and accurate assessments of the needs of each learner. This early detection of visual problems in the learners, has a hugely positive impact on their academic outcomes.

Our Schools Outreach Programme focusses on learners in Grades 1, 4 and 7, where learners are screened and all eye problems are corrected accordingly. Medical research also shows that if visual impairment is corrected by Grade 7, those learners will not ordinarily develop visual impairment after Grade 7.



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## *The Solution*

Grace Vision are asking schools in cities around the USA and Canada, **to adopt a school** in rural Southern Africa for 1 year to cover the cost of screening learners to not only identify visual problems, but also provide these learners with **free prescription spectacles**.

Your school will receive:

1. ***The name of the adopted school,***
2. ***The name and details of the Principal,***
3. ***Pics of the screening process, and***
4. ***The individual names of all learners whose sight has been rectified as a result***

Partnering with Grace Vision will be a most rewarding journey, and our excellent track record, our transparency, as well as our financial accountability are anchors within our organisation which we both value and jealously protect at all costs.

# *The Investment*

Schools in the area have between 150 and 600 learners.

Your school could -

- *sponsor either an entire school for \$900-00 per year, or*
- *sponsor one grade (1,4 or 7) in the school for \$300-00 per year.*

# *Go for it !!!*

## Our Details

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