

## Edu Fun Partner Projects



Our partner projects are varied but they all have a similar theme – each was developed to provide support and to remove barriers to education. If a learner's basic needs are not met, then they're not able to concentrate on their school work and won't reach his full potential. All of our partner projects were created by Edu Fun volunteers who saw a need and took action.

### Health

We provide health, eye and dental screenings to all students at the school. We meet every Tuesday at 8.00am at the Dainfern Valley Shopping Centre returning around 11.00am. It is not essential for volunteers to have medical training. During the screening, children are identified and referred to the appropriate professional for follow-up. For more information, please contact [healthgroup@edufunsa.co.za](mailto:healthgroup@edufunsa.co.za)

### FoodBank

Whilst the school does run some feeding schemes, there are always children at DCS who need additional support. That one meal a day might be the only one they get, so we are often called upon to provide additional food during a crisis or when a family's situation changes. We know that if their basic nutritional needs are met, then learners are more likely to concentrate during school and maximise their participation in educational programmes. We therefore welcome food donations of non-perishable items so that we can draw on this food bank, as and when needed. Monetary donations are also welcome so that we can distribute 'virtual vouchers' safely and instantly, at the time of need. Contact [info@edufunsa.co.za](mailto:info@edufunsa.co.za) for more information.

### Top Up Mending

We mend school uniforms, provide students with the opportunity to swap uniforms and give students in need new uniforms for free or at a discounted cost. Students who would like to learn to sew are also encouraged to join the project. Volunteers are needed to assist with anything from sewing buttons to helping children line up to have their clothes mended. For more information, contact Karin 0769996986 or [KarinBlomgren81@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:KarinBlomgren81@yahoo.co.uk)

### The Baby Club

We support young mums who are still in school with essentials such as nappies and baby formula as well as critical child care information, a clothing "swap shop" and assistance to allow the mums to stay in school and pass their matric exams. Contact Anthea [anthea314@gmail.com](mailto:anthea314@gmail.com).

### Mentoring and Training

We offer mentoring and training to teachers at DCS and other schools. We also support past pupils from DCS who are now at university, helping them with clothing, course books and computer equipment as well as stipends for food and transport when funds allow.

### Multi-purpose Hub

Edu Fun is working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Swindon in the UK and Rotary Club of Sandton in Johannesburg to build a multi-purpose hub within the school grounds to house all Edu Fun and partner project activities. This will assist in addressing the chronic lack of healthcare provision, including a sickbay with hospital bed and area for private counselling, a meeting room that will double up as a classroom, a storeroom and an office for coordinating the daily activities taking place in the hub. This new resource will serve as a base in which the school's Learner Support team can work closely with volunteers, other NGOs and local healthcare professionals to address the wide range of problems currently adversely affecting the wellbeing of children attending DCS.

## Teaching English to Children in Diepsloot

We are a volunteer led organisation and our mission is to improve English literacy for grade 2 and 3 students at DCS. English literacy is essential for the young learners at DCS to break the cycle of poverty. We also mend school uniforms, do health checks for students and provide support and financial assistance for learners from Diepsloot going on to University. In addition, Edu Fun is evolving to include students from non-fee paying schools in rural, urban and informal settlements outside of Diepsloot to address the varied educational, literacy and material needs of the population.

We utilise the Phono-Graphix method, a straightforward reading and spelling method developed in America in 1996. The method educates learners that letters are pictures of sounds, sounds can be represented by more than one letter or combinations of letters and that combinations of letters can also represent multiple sounds. Edu Fun volunteers are invited to attend Phono-Graphix training sessions throughout the year but anyone who is literate in English is encouraged to join us as a volunteer at DCS! Our efforts are making an impact! Last year student reading skills improved by 60% and spelling skills by 73%. Teachers at DCS are also trained in the Phono-Graphix method.



### Volunteering Opportunities: Grade 2 - Mondays

Volunteers meet for carpooling at the [Dainfern Valley Shopping Centre](#) at 8:30am every Monday during the school term. Lessons are from 09:00-10:00am and classes are divided into 5 groups based on English literacy. There is a lead teacher for each class responsible for lesson design and delivery. Each classroom has 30-45 children and a volunteer works with a group of about 6 to 8 children. The grade has over 200 learners and usually the class size is about 70 per room, so these sessions are an amazing opportunity to give children much needed personalised attention. The teaching materials are provided by Edu Fun.

### Grade 3 – Tuesdays

We work with select learners from Grade 3. Volunteers work with 3 to 4 learners at a time in the library or container classroom. In addition, the learners who are the most proficient in English in Grade 3 receive classroom style instruction led by Edu Fun volunteers to build upon their reading, writing, spelling and speaking skills. Basic on-site training is given for new volunteers. We meet at the [Dainfern Valley Shopping Centre](#) at 8:30am for carpooling every Tuesday during the school term. The class runs from 9:00am-10:00am.

### Donations

We rely 100% on donations to support our work. To donate via EFT, please use our bank details below and list the project you wish to support in the reference section.

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FNB Bank Account No: 62242345438  
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Contact Jenny for information about teaching on 0823220608 or Email [info@edufunsa.co.za](mailto:info@edufunsa.co.za)

Learn more about volunteering opportunities and the method we use at <http://edufunsa.co.za/index.php/volunteering> or like our Facebook page [EduFunSA](#).