

GODS GOLDEN ACRE "KHAYELIHLE"

Directors Report 2010 - 2011

The organisation's major achievements over the past year:

The organisation's planned objectives for the financial year 2010 – 2011

- a. Maintain the provision of care for approximately 55 children in cluster foster care at the "Khayelihle" Care Centre.
- b. Maintain and update legal paperwork for the children at the "Khayelihle" Care Centre and ensure that foster grants to which the organisation is entitled are accessed.
- c. Continue to provide emergency nutritional support and education support to children in need, through funding from organisations and individual sponsors. Re-profile all families on the individual sponsorship programme to reassess the needs of our children.

Run a clinic on the premises to care for all our children, especially those who need to take ARV's .

Run effective homework programme to help our children with extra math, science and English tuition so that they will improve their exam marks.

Find extra funding for running costs, especially fuel. The cost of fuel has escalated and getting 40 children to 7 different schools everyday is a real challenge. Vehicle maintenance was also a real problem.

To continue to support the Crafcor Pre-school teachers, and also Promise at the No 9 Pre school, by paying their salaries. We will stop the funding as from the 25th Dec., 2011 as they have placed themselves under another charity who fund them.

We have obtained funding to expand our gardening project here at GGA from funding provided by Edu Sport. They have been wonderful supporters over the past 5 years.

- f. We continue our recreational and rehabilitation programmes for the children from rural areas, through Song and Dance and sports programmes. Our Young Zulu Warriors toured the Netherlands in Feb to March this year, and it was a great success. 25 of our athletes participated in the Comrades Marathon and one achieved a silver medal, all the others won bronze medals.

- g We started a R50 /five euro / 5 pound Good Samaritan Fund, which has not had too much success in South Africa. A proper launch will take place after our new website is up and running in a few weeks time. The Friends of God's Golden Acre have put a great effort into promoting this programme and are steadily gaining ground!! We need 3000 "Good Samaritans" to commit to this fund and then will be able to focus on our development work in our communities instead of using all our time and energy into finding money to pay our daily running costs.
- h Girls Give Back have become wonderful supporters and have helped us during our difficult financial year with large donations of , craft materials and clothing. They are planning on a very special day this year and have challenged us to a football match and will also contribute to food and Christmas presents. They have given very generously throughout the year.
- I Houses of Hope saw a great number of groups coming in and 5 Houses were built during 2010 by 5 different groups, a group including 4 Board members from Friends of Gods Golden Acre Netherlands, a German Group, 6 Girl Guides Groups from the UK, and a group from Brookfield. Then 2 other groups, one from Allness in Scotland and the other from Ireland came and did life-skills and Evangelical workshops. 100 Girl Guides came in 5 groups, 20 in each. Later a team of leaders came in a group called The Frangipani"s. It was an amazing feat to accommodate and feed everyone but it was achieved thanks to a wonderful catering team and great admin and ground staff.
- G Thanks to Esther Chou and her previous group our borehole was sunk and now we have free water. The water account is still a problem as the other partners have not paid their water bills and this is still escalating. We have sent a letter saying that we are no longer part of the Killarney Valley Water group. Friends of The Netherlands and Friends of Gods Golden Acre Norway also contributed to cover the excess budget as we had to go so much deeper and eventually reached water at 110 meters!
- I Friends of Gods Golden Acre Netherlands and a University in Germany are working on getting us funding to have solar heating
- J The buildings and garages funded by Wildegansen have been completed, but the promised trainer has not yet come to teach our trainers. We need to find a competent welder who will come and teach them. Nathi continues in the meantime to do the best he can..

How did the beneficiaries benefit from the programmes?

GGA's programmes have continued to provide support to all of its stakeholders during 2010 – 2011.

The foster cluster care programme has been able to provide a stable and nurturing environment for the children. These children have had all their medical, nutritional and educational needs provided for. The children at the "Khayelihle" Care Centre have had a

very stimulating year with all emotional support and needs taken care of. The care centre has provided a very stable environment for the children. 5 of our children are at University this year thanks to wonderful caring Sponsors.

The clinic has been running very smoothly and all our children are doing very well, especially those who are taking ARV's.

The children who are orphaned and vulnerable in the rural areas have benefited by the nutritional support provided by the food parcels they have received. This in turn has allowed them to attend school as well as receiving support with obtaining medical care.

Volunteers

This past year has seen some of the finest volunteers come to work alongside us. 3 married couples, one with a young daughter have come over and as they are a lot older and more experienced, have made a great difference in the volunteer programme running smoothly. Many past volunteers have come back, and many have contributed financially to help us during our financial struggle. This programme is of real benefit and much is achieved through their love and support. They have also started teaching the children computer skills and in the evenings they run an adult computer class. 3 new computers were donated for this project.

Sport and Recreation

The recreational and rehabilitation programmes have helped develop self-esteem and reinforced the importance of living healthy life styles. These programmes have encouraged young people to take part in teamwork initiatives. Talented young people have been identified and given opportunities to expand their abilities. 12 of our youngsters now board at good boarding schools, one of our boys Kwanela Zulu is at Maritzburg College, and Sizwe Mathalane was accepted at The Drakensboy Boys Choir. This year 3 more children will be finishing school Katy, Siyabonga and Nompilo. There are some sponsors who might help them study at University and at Damelin College. Without our wonderful sponsors and support teams around the world, all this would not be possible.

Our Aims and Objectives for 2011/12

- a To become as self-sustainable as possible
- b Launch our new website
- c Make our Highlands Resort self sustainable and bring in some new business partners.
- d Sell Nansinhlela and put a "Khayelihle Trust" in place
- e Peter Edmund will arrange for the S A Rugby Legends to come out and do a clinic or workshop with the children. It would be an ideal time to launch the R50 Fund. The aim would be to find 3000 "Good Samaritans" to commit to fifty rand a month..
- g Stefan Oeknigk will try and start Friends of GGA Germany

Conclusion

I want to thank everyone on our Board for their love, support and commitment during this past year. You are all wonderful and we appreciate the time and effort you have put into helping us achieve our objectives every year. May God Bless you all! I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Heather Reynolds

Founder/ Director