

# HOPE FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S CHILDREN

## Reg. Charity no 110684

### **Autumn Newsletter 2023**

It is some while since we wrote and updated you on our work and the situation in South Africa. Firstly we should say that we have not been able to get back since returning a couple of days prior to lockdown in March 2020. We have however continued our work with our partners, increasing our donations and incorporating new partners.

South Africa continues to have high levels of Covid infections but perhaps more worryingly increased unemployment, and a lack of utilities which includes scheduled electricity blackouts sometimes 12 hours a day, and water shortages. There have recently been a lot of strikes protesting at the lack of basic facilities. HFSAC has been able to increase its support this year particularly increasing our food programmes with our partners who are working in the rural areas.

We have just concluded another year. Income in 2022/23 was £ 62,094 compared with £42,086 the year before; this large increase was due to a legacy from a long-term supporter and two anonymous donations. We made grants totaling £59,630 continuing our policy of not holding any significant reserves.. Our only Expenses were £150 for our Web costs. Since we registered the charity in 2004 we have, through people like yourselves, raised more than £850,000.

### **Rehoboth**

You will have recently received a newsletter from Rehoboth (if you are not getting it and would like a regular copy please let me know) updating you on their work. There are changes in the way that they operate in that the village is no longer a home for life but a short-term care facility. The children not now expected to stay more than 2 years. The expectation is that they will be reunified or fostered/adopted. Should your child leave the village you will be invited to sponsor a house rather than an individual .The village continues to run at full capacity. Donations to Rehoboth, including the Sponsorship programme, were nearly £21,000

### **Christmas Present Fund**

Many of you very kindly give to our Christmas Present fund at this time of year. Should you wish to make a donation, please be aware that all donations are pooled together and transferred to Rehoboth where they are used to provide all the children in the village with presents and parties at Christmas.

### **Outreach into the Community**

Our Outreach fund has supported an increasing number of rural Crèches and other projects with our partners. We increased our support for feeding programmes helping to combat poverty due to high unemployment. (**Khula Crèche** is feeding 350/400 children twice a week) Another feature of our work has been the continuing development of our Education & Training programmes to support young adults both leaving Rehoboth Care (we are currently building a room in Granny's complex for one leaver) We have also had referrals from our other projects for support.

We have once again been able to provide a full bursary to **Cornerstone Learning Centre** a school for children with learning difficulties and donated £5000 for Cornerstone to open a Skills Centre for their older children This will open in January within the Genesis Trust complex. The legacy also enabled us to donate £5000 to Greensparks Education to update their 4x4 to continue their work in rural crèches, which we also support with Education equipment and Crèche refurbishment. **Our Website has more detail of our partners and the support we are providing.**  
**[www.hopesachildren.org.uk](http://www.hopesachildren.org.uk)**

Should you wish to support our Outreach projects, our Bank Account details are.  
**HFSAC. Sort Code 53 50 46 Account No 55512194, Ref: Outreach.**

The Trustees thank you for your continuing support for HFSAC. It is greatly appreciated.

David.