

Gumboot Foundation UK



Annual
Report
2013

Helping to
educate and
empower some
of South Africa's
poorest children

The Gumboots Foundation's mission is to address poverty and AIDS related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, employment and wellbeing.

The Gumboots Goals are:

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure a sustainable long term solution.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and by fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and transparency on the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.



Jack Letsoela
founder and
director of
Sigiya Sonke
Youth Dance
Group

Gumboots primary criteria for its chosen projects are that they are:

- Home grown
- Self-sustaining in the long term
- Community based & locally lead

Ingrid Moloi and Liza Lightfoot from Kidlinks USA in the Ratang Bana food garden



We currently support 3 projects in Alexandra:

- Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Group
- Ratang Bana - Community Centre
- Leratong Pre-school

More recently the need to improve children's education has led to the development of:

- Phetoho Education Project and the
- Caitlin Fund

Governance

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The Gumboots Foundation Trust Document/Charity Commission Application is the Foundation's governing document.

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

Decision making is via Trustee Board Meetings which are held quarterly.

Fundraising Committee meetings are held when needed.

Trustees

UK Gumboots Foundation Trustees at the date this report was approved are:

Angela Dyer, Vivien Hunt, Mark Escolme, Karen Beard and Graham Allibone.

Roles and Responsibilities

Secretary: Angela Dyer

Finance: Graham Allibone

Communications & Website: Vivien Hunt

Fundraising: Karen Beard, Angela Dyer, Vivien Hunt,

Graham Allibone, David Lightfoot and Margz Green

Volunteers: David Lightfoot, Margz Green, Jaimes Nel and Brett Siddaway



Foreword



Small children play in the narrow alleyways between the shacks in Alex

The Gumboots Foundation is now twelve years old and continues to be run entirely by a small group of volunteers committed to making a difference to children's lives.

Registered In 2008 as a UK charity, Gumboots UK is regulated by the UK Charity Commission and complies with UK charity law.

Whilst Gumboots UK and Gumboots SA are independent organisations, we work closely together to raise funds, create awareness of project needs and build relationships between donors and those benefiting from financial support.

Gumboots UK is the primary fundraising body for the core South African projects currently all based in Alexandra Township, Johannesburg. Projects apply for grants to Gumboots UK on an annual basis. Each project application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees, who decide how funds raised in the UK are to be spent. In South Africa, Gumboots SA works with each project in Alexandra Township, to provide community, personal and financial support.

Gumboots SA keeps the UK informed about the progress of each project, and produces the quarterly newsletter 'The Beat', which is distributed to Gumboots' donors and supporters worldwide. Special acknowledgement is due to John Lightfoot and Jenny Prangley, directors of Gumboots SA, without whose tireless support the continued work of the projects would be much more difficult.

Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA which also supports the Alexandra projects in addition to other selected projects, whilst the Kadey Family Charitable Corp in Canada supports the Kadey House orphanage based at Leratong Preschool.

Leratong Pre-school

Leratong Pre-School continues to receive a large part of its annual funding from supporters of Gumboots Foundation UK. We provided £24,000 for the teachers' salaries and an additional £7,887 to cover the teachers' medical care and retirement fund; children's food, outings and other provisions; building maintenance and internet costs.

The project is managed by Peggy Chauke, a highly respected community leader and local councillor. She is supported in her work by six teachers, a cook, gardener and administrative assistant.

During the reporting period 120 children have been registered as attending Leratong in order to benefit from early years learning and play; a vitally important foundation for future learning, especially in an environment where low standards in the state sector are preventing children and young people from achieving their potential. Most of the children registered at Leratong are orphaned because their parents have died from HIV/AIDS related medical conditions. Many living parents are absent from their children's lives for other reasons. In most cases children are cared for by elderly grand-mothers or older siblings. Life is extremely challenging for most Alexandra Township residents and the resource provided by Leratong offers an educational and pastoral life-line to these very vulnerable young children.



Mpho, teacher at Leratong, with her young learners

There have been a number of exciting activities and new developments during this reporting period as follows:

Improvement of buildings and facilities

Leratong was established on two sites – the “upper” and “lower” school sites. At the beginning of 2013 the sites were consolidated and the school (now situated on the upper site) can now comfortably accommodate 150 children, spread across six classrooms, each with their own teacher.

Leratong continued...

An out of school hours learning centre and library has also been created as part of the lower site where Leratong school-leavers, who are now in primary school, can benefit from a quiet place to do homework, with the use of computers, and teaching assistance. This on-going support for children once they leave Leratong is a welcome development and an area which Peggy would like to develop in future.

Staff training

Two of the teachers attended teachers' training lectures at the Anglican Church in Alexandra Township. Peggy Chauke has been very pleased with their progress and finds that their lessons are more creative and their understanding of the challenges faced by the children are much improved.

Development of links with corporate supporters

It is vital to the success of the work of Gumboots Foundation that strong links are forged with corporate sponsors and donors. At its best it is very much a two way process where those that give gain a valuable insight into the challenges faced by their fellow countrymen and women.

This year on Mandela Day, (the anniversary of Nelson Mandela's birth), Leratong gave over the whole day to the concept of public service. The employees of eight local companies visited the school to spend their public service time and one of the companies donated food parcels to the 41 children whose homes are child-headed.

Administration and IT support

Peggy has recruited a young IT expert who is helping to provide support to Leratong in a number of areas. This young man provides administrative support to Leratong in the mornings and teaching assistance in the after school homework period. He has also been instrumental in setting up the new learning centre and library.

Learning to care

All the Gumboots Foundation projects were lucky to be selected for the Santa Shoebox project. Throughout South Africa, 100,000 children received personalised boxes filled with appropriate gifts. It was a special morning for the children at Leratong because these gifts were probably the only ones they received.

Storytelling initiative

As part of an initiative through trustee Vivien Hunt, the children of Leratong were given a real treat in January 2014 by storytellers Geeta Raj from the UK/USA (globalsleepover) and Karen Hart from SA (picsterbooks). Geeta and Karen have developed interactive educational stories to help teach reading skills in developing countries to children aged 4-8.

Leratong continues to improve and grow, playing an important part in the lives of many young children. Peggy Chauke is constantly seeking to develop Leratong's facilities and is always in need of further funding.

This year £31,887 was allocated to Leratong

Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance

December 2013 saw the 20th anniversary of this project!

In 1993 Jack Letsoela, a resident of Alexandra Township, identified a need for a space where young people could gather and keep off the streets. He started a dance school called “Youth Stand Together” and in the last 20 years he has had hundreds of young people cross his dance floor.

Now called Sigiya Sonke, they meet at the Dance Warehouse most days of the week to be taught diverse dance skills and to socialise, study and relax. Together with Beauty, Jack’s wife, the couple have provided far more than just dance tuition. Often offering emergency accommodation in their own tiny and cramped Township shack, they have been friends, mentors and parents to many young people whose lives would have fallen apart but for their dedication and compassion. Gumboots UK is proud to be able to continue to partner with this truly worthwhile example of a grass-roots, home-grown local initiative.

In 2013 Sigiya Sonke worked with 40 young people. Gumboots UK provided the sum of £5,384 to fund staff stipends, premises running costs and the costs of entering dance competitions and education events.

Thanks to a generous loan from the Kadey Family Charitable Corporation Jack and Beauty received the best ever 20th Birthday gift when they were able to purchase a proper, spacious home for their family. This is a great opportunity for Jack and Beauty and will really help them to continue to do the wonderfully supportive work they do.



Sigiya Sonke continued.....

This year's activities and achievements include:

Bulgarian Visitors

In May 2013, arranged by trustee Vivien Hunt, Sigiya Sonke was visited by a group of young people from the Ideas Factory in Bulgaria lead by Yanina Taneva, who brought with them a unique type of "sports theatre". The children were shown innovative ways to help them to appreciate the arts through movement and improvisation. The event was a great success and the Group will continue to build on these ideas, raising their awareness and standard of dancing. Sigiya Sonke thanked the Bulgarians by showing off their own dance skills and also by demonstrating an exchange of cultural skills, impressing the visitors greatly.

Success in competitive dancing

Pantsula is a form of South African Township street-dancing. In June 2013 the Sigiya Sonke Pantsula dancers had the opportunity to show off their skills at the Gauteng Dance Mapantsula Championships at the Pretoria State Theatre. A group of nine boys, aged 16 to 22 years, won First Prize with an awe-inspiring, beautifully choreographed dance. The juniors have also done well when a group of dancers aged 13–16 years came second in a Church Youth Group competition.



Sigiya Sonke Pantsula dancers at the Ratang Bana playground opening event - August 2013

Sigiya Sonke continued..

Additional dance coaching

For three months in 2012 Megan Erasmus coached the group with great results and in 2013 Megan returned to help train the children twice a week thanks to funding from the NJL Foundation in London. Her coaching has helped to develop good sound technique and to create strength, flexibility and fine-tuning of the body – all essential elements before any actual dancing can begin. Megan's observations reflect the harsh reality of life for the young dancers of Sigiya Sonke; "It is sometimes difficult to get the most out of the young dancers. When you are hungry, your brain and body switch off." I am hoping to find a sponsor who will donate food for them during our sessions to help them with concentration and energy."

Developing awareness of governance and community development

The Sigiya Sonke project is not only about dance but also concerned to help young people develop the skills to determine their own futures. An event that helped them towards this goal was their participation in a workshop entitled "Youth are the Future of Tomorrow". Discussions included issues such as Government Structure, Bursaries and the Constitution and Legislative Framework. They were treated to breakfast and lunch and the Group found the whole workshop very informative.

Supporting young people through difficult times

At Gumboots UK we are very aware that the work of Sigiya Sonke goes far beyond teaching dance skills. The main aim of the project is to help young people survive the teenage years in an environment that can be very dangerous and violent, rife with the possibility of resorting to drug abuse or sex work in order to survive. During this period there have been two more significant success stories. The first is a teenager who is physically disabled having fallen from a building and who couldn't talk and had trouble with movement and coordination. He is now a confident dancer and making a contribution towards the organisation of the dance group. His life has been totally transformed. The second was a 17 year old dancer whose father had lost his job which meant that he was going to have to return to a rural school in the Eastern Cape. Devastated at having to go back to an inadequate education, he wanted to remain in Alex where he has the support and involvement of Sigiya Sonke, and an opportunity to make a success of his life. Jack brought him to our attention and Gumboots UK has agreed to fund his education through the Phetoho project. In return this young man has taken on the job of caretaker of the Dance Warehouse with the responsibility of looking after it and locking up. He is being encouraged to demonstrate commitment and responsibility in return for his hand-up.

This year £10,003 was allocated to Sigiya Sonke.

Phetoho Education Project

Given the poor standard of State education in the township schools, Gumboots has been focusing its energy and modest resources on helping to improve the education of some of Alex's children. Phetoho means 'change' and by concentrating on education we hope to change children's lives and help provide a route out of poverty. Over the last year we have continued to do this in a number of ways:

Funding children to go to schools outside of the township

This was the final year for the last three of the original group of eight young people who attended the United Church School. Gumboots support included covering their travel costs, school fees, materials, equipment, lunch money and school uniforms. All three, Matebogo Nxumalo, Puseletso Makubela and Mzee Mjanju matriculated at the end of the year, two at University entrance level and one at diploma level. A really impressive achievement for each of them given their very difficult home lives.



Matebogo, Mzee and Pusuletsa celebrating their Matric passes

Education Bursary

Made possible by a generous donation in 2011 from Brita Water Filter Systems Ltd, Gumboots set up a bursary fund in 2012 to continue sending a small number of children to the United Church School (UCS). To advise on the difficult selection process, Gumboots SA set up a small sub-committee of Alex project leaders and educational specialists. Five children were selected on the basis that they were able to:

- be supported in a home environment with a caregiver/parent involved who was able to support the child in basic material ways.
- cope/adapt academically to the higher standard of UCS - their last report was checked for their Maths and English results and they completed a separate assessment test.
- be reliable and punctual to fit in with the taxi transport arrangements.

Photo continued.....



Itumeleng, Lindokuhle, Lehlogonolo, Paballo and Pinky proudly wearing their new school uniforms at the start of the school year

Supplementary Teaching

Last year with the generous help of our donors we raised over £8,178 through the Big Give Christmas Challenge. The aim of this was to provide extra lessons for children at the three Alex based projects. Our intention was to fund specialist teachers to provide extra lessons in the subjects where children were failing. Whilst this was a clearly identified need, it proved to be more difficult to implement than we expected. By chance trustee Angela Dyer, while in South Africa discovered an existing well established project providing just the support we had planned and more.

The St. Mary's Alexandra Schools Programme has been operating for 20 years from the St. Mary's Independent School site in Johannesburg. After a meeting with the director of the programme, Linda, it was agreed that Gumboots will work in partnership with St. Mary's.

Using the Christmas Challenge 2013 money, Gumboots will fund an initial group of 7 children to go through the 3 year Saturday and school holiday programme starting in January 2015. The programme focuses on the last three years of secondary schooling with the aim of getting children through their matriculation exams with a University or higher education pass. In September 2014, Gumboots will work with our Alex based partners and St. Mary's to identify the first group of students.

For more information about the programme follow the online link below
<http://www.stmaryschool.co.za/pdf/2013/Term3/2013AnnualReportFinal.pdf>

Photo continued.....

Learning Centre

With money raised through the 2012 Big Give Christmas Challenge we funded the development of a Learning Centre on the Ratang Bana site. Equipped with computers and access to the internet this has proved a valuable resource for children needing somewhere quiet to study and to do their homework. It has also been used by the young people on the Leadership Course run in the autumn of 2013 and continues to be a vital resource for the continuing Saturday Leadership group which meet on a regular monthly basis.

Participants in the Leadership Course proudly displaying their certificates - Sept 2013



Leadership Course

The first Young Entrepreneurs and Leadership Camp took place in September 2013.

Twelve youngsters from ages 14 to 16 participated in this week long camp held at the Ratang Bana Learning Center. The week was full of learning new skills, building relationships and having fun! The children explored their individual strengths & values, they learnt about active listening and the impact of good communication, they practiced asking powerful questions and using their curiosity and intuition. The highlight of the week was a visit from business volunteers from Deloitte whom the kids interviewed about leadership and its challenges. The week ended with a team building exercise and delicious braai (BBQ) before closing off with the final celebration and certificate award ceremony.

The camp was funded by the Feb 2013 Entrepreneurial Competition in which teams from the UK, Spain & Sweden competed to make the most money from one pound (or the equivalent) in one month. Eva-Lotta Wickström (team Sweden) and Vivien Hunt (team Spain) organised and lead the camp together with the help of assistant and photographer Hanna Wickström. This was the first camp to take place at Ratang Bana and with further sponsorship it will be possible to hold more camps in future.

Saturday Leadership Group

As an outcome of the camp, the participants committed to meet on a on-going monthly basis to continue to grow and support each other. Volunteers from Deloitte, Taryn Barker and Lauren Huntington, co-ordinate this initiative together with Vivien and Eva-Lotta and have seen the kids build confidence and self-esteem, improve team work and strengthen their presentation and communication skills significantly over the past months.

The Caitlin Fund

Four years after the tragic death of Caitlin Green, the fund set up in her memory by her mother Margz, is changing the lives of three young women in South Africa.

The past year has been another positive one with all three women achieving their goals and moving to a further stage in their education.

Zinhle Kolle is now in her 3rd year at Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) and passed all her subjects with above average marks. Her artwork has improved dramatically and she did a beautiful backdrop for the recent annual dance performance at the Gumboots funded dance project, Sigiya Sonke. It is hoped that Zinhle will be offered an assistant's post in the department when she has completed her studies.

The student who was offered a place at Rhodes University, **Vuyelwa Mtolo**, passed all her first year subjects. She studied Law, Journalism, Anthropology and Computer Literacy studies and achieved over 60% in all her courses and 76% for Computer Studies. Kind friends donated a laptop to her and needless to say this is going to make a massive difference to her every day life at Rhodes.



Vuyelwa is returning to her home in Pietermaritzburg for the winter holidays but unfortunately her home got washed away in the recent heavy rains in the area. This is one of the sad facts of life in South Africa. The Caitlin Fund pays her bus fare to return home 4 times a year to visit her relatives and friends.

Vuyelwa was elected as a House Committee representative this year and along with her studies still enjoys her sporting activities of soccer, hockey and running

Vuyelwa studying in the library at Rhodes University

Caitlin Fund continued.....

Kamvililhe Mkhize completed Grade 11 at Alexandra High School last year and this year will be completing her school studies. Unfortunately her grades in both Maths and Science dropped considerably from the previous year although she excelled in all other subjects. The Caitlin Fund will be paying for extra lessons for this final year. She is interested in doing either medicine or veterinary science and will need to have excellent grades to get a place at university next year. The Fund will also contribute towards her school uniform, sporting activities and a Leadership Course. Her teachers are confident that extra lessons will help her achieve the necessary grades and have great faith in her abilities as a student.

Once again, a successful fund-raising drive towards the end of 2013, brought in sufficient funds to continue helping with the education of these 3 bright and talented young women.

This year £2,025 was spent on the three Caitlin Fund beneficiaries.

In August 2013 Kidlinks USA funded the building of a playground for children on the Ratang Bana site. It was designed and built by Landscape Design students from Calpoly, California. A visiting Gumboots UK trustee, Angela Dyer helped organise their 3 week stay in South Africa,



Ratang Bana

Ratang Bana means Love the Children and without a doubt there are plenty of children at this Community Centre to love. In 2013, approximately 300 kids were on the program for food and basic subsistence under Ingrid's care. Ratang Bana was set up by social worker Ingrid Moloji several years ago to meet the social welfare and health needs of some of the most disadvantaged children and families in Alexandra Township, many of whom are affected by HIV/AIDS, orphaned or living in child-headed households or with one elderly carer, usually a grand-mother.

Ratang Bana continues its work to support a growing number of families and individuals in the process of obtaining the necessary documents to qualify for state financial support, an incredibly lengthy and bureaucratic process which many individuals would simply not be able to manage without some additional help.

HIV/Aids Workshop

Marina Coleman, author of a simple, comprehensive HIV and AIDS booklet, spent a morning at the Centre give a workshop on HIV/Aids. The grannies (and staff members) were soon put at ease around the sensitive subject and found the talk very enlightening.

A visit from Dr Mamphela Ramphele

Dr Mamphela Ramphele, leader of the Agang, visited Alexandra in March 2013 as part of her community consultations ahead of her political party formation. At Ratang Bana she listened to the grannie's and care-givers concerns of lack of housing, safety, security and jobs.

Another distinguished visitor

Dr Reuben Brigety II, the US Deputy-Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of African affairs also visited Ratang Bana. He said he would be applying to PEPFAR (the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) for funding.

GIBS Initiative

Ratang Bana (and Leratong) were invited to a function at GIBS University Pretoria where seven groups from different countries "adopted a project". Each country promoted their project for a cash prize. Ingrid talked about the work she does and won the first prize of R4,000 which GIBS then doubled!

The Joan Hofmeyer Playground

In just one week, students from CalPoly, USA created an amazing playground on the extra land adjoining Ratang Bana. The weedy rubble-ridden space was converted into a grassy, colourful, safe play zone. The area was fenced and the playground is always full of children. We are hugely grateful for all the creative efforts and time that all the students, Dave Watts and Liza Lightfoot from Kidlinks USA put into making this delightful oasis.

Mandela Day

The center was a-buzz on Mandela day, full of community supporters. Some of the activities were: playground building, painting, preparing/cooking lunch, talks and eTV filming.

Santa Shoebox Visit

Christmas 2013 saw that every child on the Ratang Bana program got a Santa Shoebox by the Santa Crew (in fact there were about 200 extra kids who arrived from Alex and were not part of Ratang Bana – who sadly had to leave empty handed).

This year £6,701 was allocated to Ratang Bana.

Financial Report

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The Gumboots UK Financial Year covers the period 1st March 2013 to 28th February 2014. Gumboots UK was again in a very strong position at the end of February 2014, well placed to cover commitments for the following year.

Receipts and Payments Account 2013/14

The Gumboots Foundation UK (Gumboots) raised £61,071 of which £58,628 was distributed as grants to projects. After deducting admin expenses of £446 and event expenses of £1,743, a surplus of £254 was left. The opening balance at the beginning of the period was £60,309. Adding the surplus to this opening balance gave a closing bank balance of £60,563 at 28th February 2014. These numbers are detailed in the Receipts and Payments Account 2013/14.

Unrestricted funds

Money received to unrestricted funds from personal giving was £13,586, from fundraising events £8,439 and from corporate receipts were £2,950 making a total to unrestricted funds of £24,975 including Gift Aid.

Receipts over the period were from a combination of voluntary receipts (66%) and funds generated by fundraising activities (34%). Of the voluntary receipts, 18% came from corporate donations and the remainder from individuals who either donate to Gumboots on a regular basis or have made one off donations.

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objects. If part of an unrestricted fund is earmarked for a particular project it may be designated as a separate fund, but the designation has an administrative purpose only, and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund (SORP 2005 APP3, PARA 3.1).

Restricted funds

£24,000 in Corporate Sponsorship was received from Brita Waters UK, to pay teachers' salaries at Leratong. Income of £3,418 including Gift Aid, was restricted to support individuals identified by the Caitlin Fund, while £8,178 was raised through the Big Give Christmas challenge and is restricted income to create a learning centre (Phetoho Education) and provide education through a Saturday school.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific trusts, which may be declared by the donor(s) or with their authority (e.g. in a public appeal) or created through legal process, but still within the wider objects of the charity. Restricted funds may be restricted income funds, which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of some particular aspect(s) of the objects of the charity. (SORP 2005 App3, para3.2)

Total Funds received were £61,071.

Distribution of surplus

At year end total cash funds were £60,563, where unrestricted funds totalled £33,720 and restricted funds £26,843.

Financial Report continued....

The unrestricted funds are allocated in their entirety towards the General Fund, which at 28th February 2014 was yet to be allocated between projects and costs of processing receipts and fundraising activities. The restricted funds were already allocated towards specific projects for the amounts of £7,699 for the Phetoho Education Project, (divided between the main schooling support fund in the sum of £6,173 and £1,526 to be specifically reserved for funding out of school tutors and a leadership development programme aimed at young people), and £500 for Sigiya Sonke, while the fundraising reserve of £6,000 is to be used if needed to set up a future fundraising event, leaving £12,644 in the Caitlin Fund waiting to be allocated.

The Gumboots Foundation UK

Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2013 to 28th February 2014

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Personal and Corporate Income			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	2950	0	2950
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	13586	0	13586
Restricted Sigiya Sonke Dance Tutor Fund	0	500	500
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	3418	3418
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	24000	24000
Total Personal and Corporate	16536	27918	44454
Events Income			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	8439	0	8439
Restricted Ratang Bana Playground	0	2560	2560
Restricted Phetoho Fundraising Events inc Gift Aid	0	5618	5618
Total Events Income	8439	8178	16617
Total Income	24975	36096	61071

Financial Report continued ...

EXPENDITURE

Administration costs	-446	0	-446
Event Expenses	-1743	0	-1743
Total Expenditure	-2189	0	-2189

Net amount available for Distribution	22786	36096	58882
Grants distributed	-22451	-36177	-58628
Transfer unrestricted to restricted	-1526	1526	0
Transfers from restricted to unrestricted	5354	-5354	0
Net Cash Movement	4163	-3909	254
Cash funds at 1st March 2013	29557	30752	60309

Cash funds at	33720	26843	60563
28/02/2014			

Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 28/02/2014

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
General Fund	33720		
Caitlin Fund		12644	
Leratong		0	
Fundraising reserve		6000	
Phetoho Education - schooling support fund		6173	
Phetoho Education - out of school tutors and leadership programme		1526	
Ratang Bana Playground		0	
Sigiya Sonke - Dance tutor fund		500	
Total Cash Funds @	33720	26843	60563
28/02/2014			

UK Activities and Fundraising

Going the extra mile!

This year we attracted three brave individuals who undertook gruelling physical challenges on behalf of Gumboots; Mark Allibone who cycled from Lands End to John O’Groats (raising £2,674.92), Gert Van Rooyen who ran the Amsterdam Marathon (raising £3,297.72) and Marijke Vermaark who ran the New York City Marathon and raised £138.84. Between them – via their various Just Giving pages – they raised the fantastic total of £6,111.48. We are extremely grateful to them for their efforts and we hope

Mark Allibone and his cycling companions on the Lands End to John O’ Groats bike ride



Big Give - Christmas Challenge 2013

For the second year running Gumboots UK was selected to take part in this on-line fund-raising challenge organised by The Reed Foundation. Our chosen challenge for this year was to raise money to pay tutors to provide out of school hours supplementary teaching in IT and other core subjects at the Learning Centre which is now up and running at the Ratang Bana site. (The Learning Centre was funded through the proceeds of The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2012).

The challenge is a “race against time” to register donations over a three day period in early December. We raised £8,618 due to the generosity of our pledgers and donors over a period of a few minutes on the first day of the challenge!

Christmas Craft Fair

This annual event, organised by trustees Angela Dyer and Karen Beard, was held at a community hall in Birmingham and raised £1922 through the sale of quality hand-made crafts and refreshments. Thanks are due to our many friends and supporters who gave their time to voluntarily help with the event.

UK Activities and Fundraising continued.....

Corporate Sponsors & Donors

We are grateful to Preneshan Ramaloo, Gü Desserts and Tyndallwoods Solicitors with particular thanks to Brita Water Filter Systems Ltd for their continued funding of the Leratong teachers' salaries.

Personal donors

Finally a big thank you to all of our personal donors whose on-going support makes a significant difference to what we can achieve.

This year we have urged our personal donors to use the "Give As You Live" site to do their on-line shopping. A huge number of retailers are now participating in this initiative by donating a percentage of the purchase price of the item to the buyer's charity of choice. It is an effortless and potentially lucrative source of funds and, although we have only raised a small amount this year, we are hoping that this will grow in subsequent years.

African Crafts at the 2013 Christmas Craft Fair



Plans for 2014

Our South African partners are never short of ideas for how they would like to see the work of their projects develop, limited only by lack of local funding and resources. In the case of Sigiya Sonke they await the outcome of negotiations to make the entire site of the Dance Warehouse available before they can press ahead with project development and we look forward to some progress in 2014. We will seek to respond positively and effectively to our South African partners new ideas and initiatives wherever possible however Gumboot UK's main goal is to ensure that we raise sufficient funding for the core work of the five projects we regularly support. For 2014 we have committed funding in the sum of £59,764 (between Leratong, Ratang Bana, Sigiya Sonke and Phetoho) and £2,566 to Caitlin Fund). We aim to respond positively to any applications for funding for new projects and initiatives, subject to ensuring that we can raise the necessary additional funds and we are always actively seeking new sources of funds and regular donors.

Fundraising objectives

In order to succeed in our goals we aim to:

- Grow our regular donor base (both personal and corporate).
- Encourage our supporters to organise local activities and events.
- Raise more than £5,000 by participating in the Big Give Christmas Challenge.
- Raise more than £2,000 from the Christmas Craft Fair in Birmingham.
- Promote the Give as You Live website to our supporters.
- Raise awareness of the charity by taking part in the Home Coming Revolution and other similar events.

Finally we are pleased to report that our website, (newly designed and launched in 2012), has been very effective in bringing us to the attention of South Africans around the world who are looking for ways to support their fellow country people and again in 2014 we hope that more individuals will choose to raise awareness of, and funds for, Gumboots UK! We are delighted that Team South Afristan has set themselves the amazing challenge of raising £10,000 for Gumboots UK by taking part in the Mongol Rally in July and August 2014.

