

Annual Report 2010



The Gumboots Foundation



Addressing poverty and AIDS related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, empowerment and well-being

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The Gumboots Mission

To address poverty and AIDS related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, empowerment and well-being.

The Gumboots Goals

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 and organizations 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.

Foreword

The Gumboots Foundation was established in 2002 in South Africa and the UK by a small team of volunteers.

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



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

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 a wide range of support including fundraising and financial accounting. 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. Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA and also supports the Alexandra projects in addition to other selected projects.

The Gumboots Seedbank however is only funded by Gumboots UK and works in partnership with Zakhe Agricultural College in KwaZulu-Natal.

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

- Home-grown
- Community-based
- Self-sustaining in the long-term



In 2010, the UK Gumboots Foundation continued to support the following community projects:

In Alexandra Township

- Leratong Pre-School
- Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Group
- Ratang Bana Child Support

In KwaZulu-Natal

- Gumboots Seedbank



The total funding agreed for all four projects for the period March 2010 to February 2011 was £50,000 (£48K for Alex projects and £2K for the Seedbank).

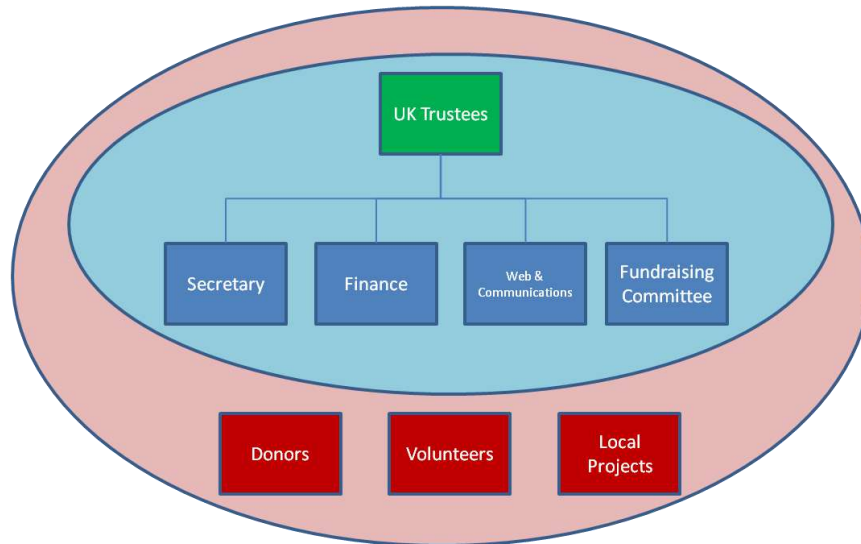
The Caitlin Fund to support the education of disadvantaged young women in South Africa was added to Gumboots UK in 2010.

2010 was a very exciting year both for Gumboots and South Africa. The World Cup brought the nation closer together and created an excitement and buzz which helped to sustain the projects through both good and bad times. The children of Sigiya Sonke and Ratang Bana were directly involved in the World Cup Events, while Leratong became a refuge for the homeless during the World Cup month.



Governance

Organisation Structure



Roles & Responsibilities

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

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

Secretary:	Angela Dyer
Finance:	Stephen Harris
Communications & Web:	Vivien Hunt, Jaimes Nel, Catherine Murray
Fundraising Committee:	David Lightfoot

Governing Document

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 per 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 more frequently, when needed.

Leratong Pre-School



During 2010, Leratong pre-school continued to provide quality education in an environment in which the children are cherished and nurtured. Every day up to 150 children attend the school which employs six teachers as well as the principal. There is always more demand than can be fulfilled and the Gumboots Foundation UK remains committed to supporting the work of this important and successful project.

The school allows these small children the space to develop their learning skills through play in a safe and stimulating environment – a place apart from the often difficult and challenging environment in which they, and their parents, are forced to live their every-day lives.

The inspirational and tireless principal, Peggy Chauke, is supported by a dedicated group of staff, none of whose lives are themselves without personal difficulties. Their love for the children who attend Leratong is palpable. It is a joyful, warm and friendly place.

During 2010, while the flags flew and the vuvuzelas vibrated, there were others in Alex who were unable to feel the joy of the World Cup. Leratong pre-school was closed for the month (as were all the schools in South Africa), but that didn't mean Peggy had a break. It was a time of hard work and tragedy when forty two shacks caught fire, four people died, and many were injured and badly burnt. Seventy homeless people slept on the floor of the Leratong classrooms, and food was brought in to help.

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for Leratong in 2010 was £35,000:

- **Staff remuneration £21,200**
- **Teachers Medical care & retirement fund £5,400**
- **Food, provisions & maintenance £8,400**



Sigiya Sonke

Sigiya Sonke is a dance group and youth project based in a disused warehouse on the edge of Alexandra Township. The dance group was started in 1993 by Jack Letsoela. He has been working full time on this project since 2008 and has been joined in his endeavours by his wife, Beauty, who is able to offer pastoral support for the young people, many of whom are growing up with no stable adult role model in the home. The youth centre provides dance tuition and choreography, as well as providing support and a sense of belonging for teenagers, in such a way that it has become a very valuable part of the community.



In 2008 the warehouse was completely renovated with the assistance of grants made by Gumboots Foundation UK and during 2010 plans to purchase the warehouse building have been pursued and developed but, as at the date of this report, remain frustrated by local government bureaucracy. Nevertheless the individual donor who has pledged his support remains committed to the project, which continues to go from strength to strength.

Notably in 2010 the Sigiya Sonke dancers had an opportunity to dance at several of the Fan Parks during the Football World Cup. They performed four times at different venues, including the opening concert at Orlando Stadium. In the words of one of the dancers, *“There are no words to describe the feeling of performing at the FIFA fan parks. We were very happy to do what we love (which is dance) during a superb world event. We even had the opportunity to meet international artists and football players such as Shakira and Zidane.”*

Gumboots Foundation UK is very proud to be able to support the aspirations of these young people who, despite considerable individual hardship, are a credit to their community and their country.

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for Sigiya Sonke in 2010 was £11,400:

- **Stipends for Jack and Beauty £5,400**
- **Support to individual young people to access better quality education (pgs 10/11) £6,000**



Ratang Bana Child Support

2010 was the second year that Gumboots UK has funded Ratang Bana.

Set up 5 years ago by Ingrid Moloji, a social worker and orphan care coordinator, Ratang Bana means “*Love the Children*”.

Ingrid has initiated several projects and organisations in Alexandra Township.

Working to realise the vision ‘To give a smile to all orphans and vulnerable children,’ 2010 was a busy year for Ratang Bana.



The focus in 2010 was on two projects:

- The provision of care, counselling and financial support to 130 orphans. This included food, clothing, education and funeral costs for deceased family members. Ten of the children also attended the South Africa Music and Theatre Academy on a weekly basis where they were able to develop their singing, dance and drama skills.
- Support for the Red Roses Football Club which provides recreational, motivational and development activities for over 90 children. Now in its 6th year this project supports 5 teams from under 12's to open. 2010 the year of the World Cup, provided a once in a lifetime experience for 8 of Ratang Bana's children. A trip to Ellis Park stadium where they were given soccer kit and burgers. Two of the children were chosen to escort the USA and Slovenia teams onto the pitch while the other six cheered from the stand.

Ingrid has developed a wide network of local Ratang Bana volunteers who help with the support and distribution of food and clothing to child and granny headed households. Volunteers are encouraged to attend a government skills development programme which includes life skills and educational tours and outings to museums and the constitutional court. Eight volunteers attended this programme in 2010.

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for Ratang Bana in 2010 was £2,400 to pay a small stipend to several of the project volunteers to help cover their expenses. Through her tireless efforts, contacts and commitment, Ingrid is achieving remarkable things, but she is still desperately short of funds and resources. Gumboots UK hope to increase our support of the project in the coming year.

The Caitlin Fund

This fund was set up in 2010 by Caitlin's mother Margz Green in memory of her beloved daughter Caitlin who died at age 27 after a long and brave struggle with a cruel and debilitating disease. She was a bright, intelligent and well read young woman who made the most of her study opportunities and gained a first class degree in English at Sheffield University.



Born and raised in South Africa, Margz wanted something positive to come out of her tragic and painful loss. With Caitlin's modest estate she established a fund to support the education of disadvantaged young women in South Africa.

Gumboots UK and our sister organization Gumboots SA are increasingly seeing that the educational support of children is one of the most effective ways of improving their life chances. For this reason we were delighted to adopt the Caitlin Fund under our umbrella. Caitlin's family and friends have also contributed generously to the fund and it is now supporting two young women through their education.

We are hoping that further fundraising could support 2 more young women in the coming year and that there will be sufficient funds for those we are helping to continue into further education.

Gumboots Support for Individual Children

A core aim of Gumboots has always been to try to build relationships between donors and the individuals who benefit from their support. As a result a number of Gumboot's donors visiting the projects in Alexandra Township have got to know children and gained some insight into the harsh reality of their lives. The impact of this has been profound, and resulted in them wishing to support individual children through their school education.

It is widely recognised that the state education system in South Africa is failing many children, in particular those most in need of a route out of poverty.

Gumboots SA has developed close links with the United Church School in central Johannesburg where teachers are committed to providing a high standard of education. The annual cost of sending a child to this school is £1,500 including fees, books, transport, school uniforms (compulsory in all South African schools) trips and lunch money.

Gumboots Support for Individual Children (continued)

Four children are currently being funded to attend the school and two; Zenzele Letsoela and Nomsa Mugwai who gained their matriculation certificates in December 2009, are being funded to continue their higher education.

Passing the matriculation exams was a significant achievement for Zenzele and Nomsa. Both were lacking a sound basic education particularly in mathematics and only attended the United Church school for the final two years of their school education. Nomsa is now at a further education college, working to improve her matriculation grades in the hope of gaining a place on a Nursing degree course. Orphaned at a young age, she has chosen this career to honour the memory of her mother. Nomsa lives with her grandmother and her 2 siblings.

Zenzele, a member of Sigya Sonke youth dance group and son of Jack the project's founder, demonstrated talent and a desire to become a professional dancer from an early age. After passing his matric exams, he spent a year training and performing with the 'Moving into Dance Mophatong' project in Johannesburg. In January 2011 he was accepted as a trainee with the Tshwane Dance Theatre. The company was set up in 2002 to create job opportunities for dancers either as performers, teachers or choreographers.

Gumboots is grateful to the individuals who support these young people and in particular Nomsa and Zenzele. They have made the very most of their opportunities, are good role models and examples of how relatively small investments and encouragement can change the lives of young people.

On the strength of this small pilot project, Gumboots SA is now in the process of setting up a more formal bursary fund to help children with potential to gain a good education. Gumboots UK is keen to support the bursary fund and seed funding of £10,000 for the scheme has been donated by our corporate donors Brita.



Gumboots Seedbank

In an area where up to 80% of the population is unemployed, HIV/Aids is rife and a significant number of children go to bed hungry at night, the Gumboots Foundation's "Seedbank" was started to provide vegetable seeds to create vegetable gardens to feed the children at the Kazimula children's shelter, local schools and the students at Zakhe Agricultural college.

The Gumboots Seedbank has worked in partnership with Zakhe Agricultural college near Richmond in KwaZulu-Natal since 2009. Zakhe teaches young people in KwaZulu-Natal how to grow their own vegetables and how to sustain a viable food source. Today the Gumboots "Seedbank" is fully administered by the Agricultural college.

At the UK Sterling equivalent of approx £3.7 for 100grams of seeds in 2010, vegetable gardens were being planted by school children all over KZN with spinach, carrots, cabbage, lettuce, squash, pumpkin, green beans, beetroot, tomatoes, and peas to name a few!

In 2010, approximately 335 individuals directly benefited from the seedbank. The Richmond – Gengeshe homesteads garden and the Zakhe gardens have been a major success in terms of producing food for the communities. While, it is estimated that nearly 2,000 people benefited as part of the families who were given seeds.

Good seedlings and crops have, at times, been destroyed by chickens and goats because many of the households cannot afford to install fences. For this reason Zakhe intends in 2011 to link the Gumboots SEEDBANK project with other projects that provide hands-on training, infrastructure and equipment for food production.

The Gumboots SEEDBANK project has made people aware that they can produce their own food and it motivates them to plant their own food gardens at home – many for the first time!

The total agreed funding by the UK Trustees for the Gumboots Seedbank in 2010 was £2,000 to purchase seeds.



The Gumboots Foundation UK

Receipts and Payments Account



Period from 1st March 2010 to 28th February 2011

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income			
Personal - regular giving	22,371	1,000	23,371
Personal - one off donation	13,681	0	13,681
Legacy income	0	1,235	1,235
Corporate	0	24,000	24,000
Voluntary receipts	36,052	26,235	62,287
Events Income Net	0	0	0
Fundraising Team	0	0	0
Crafts	0	0	0
Other fundraising events	4,225	0	4,225
Total Voluntary receipts	40,277	26,235	66,512
Interest received	6	0	6
Total Income	40,283	26,235	66,518
Expenditure	0	0	0
Administration costs	485	0	485
Total Expenditure	485	0	485
Net amount available for distribution	39,798	26,235	66,032
Grants distributed	14,800	37,168	51,968
Net cash movement	24,998	-10,933	14,064
Cash funds at 1 March 2010	17,490	22,719	40,209
Cash funds at 28 February 2011	42,488	11,786	54,273

Statement of assets and liabilities at end of the period

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Cash Funds			
General fund	42,488		
Caitlin fund		432	
Leratong		3,854	
Fundraising Reserve		7,500	
Total Cash Funds	42,488	11,786	54,273

Financial Report

The Gumboots UK Financial Year covers the period 1st March 2010 to 28th February 2011.

Gumboots UK was in a strong position at the end of February 2011 with sufficient funds to cover all commitments.

Receipts and Payments Account 2010/11 The Gumboots Foundation UK (Gumboots) raised £66,518 of which £51,968 was distributed as grants to projects leaving a surplus of £14,064. The opening balance at the beginning of the period was £40,209. Adding the surplus to this opening balance gave a closing bank balance of £54,273 at 28th February 2010. These numbers are detailed in the Receipts and Payments Account 2010/11.

Money received from both regular giving £23,371 and one off giving £13,681 made total Unrestricted funds to be £36,052 of which £7,487 was gift aid.

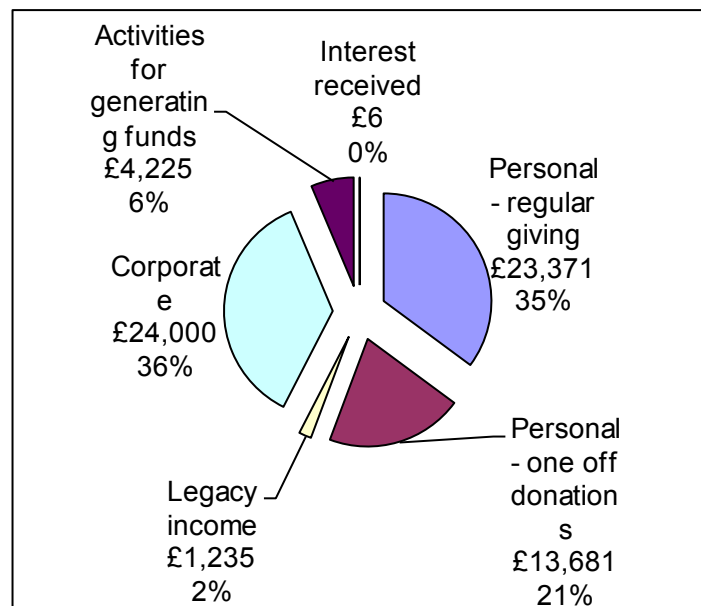
Receipts over the period were from a combination of voluntary receipts (94%), funds generated by fundraising activities (6%) and interest earned (0.0%). Of the voluntary receipts, 36% came from corporate donations, and the remainder from individuals who either donate to Gumboots on a regular basis or have made one off donations.

Figures 1, 2 and 3 show the split of receipts by unrestricted, restricted and total funds received. Of the total receipts, 22% were restricted funds.

Figure 1: Unrestricted Funds Received

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 App 3, para 3.1).

Designation is an administrative act by which trustees may earmark unrestricted funds for a particular project or use, without restricting or committing the funds legally. The designation may be cancelled by the trustees if they later decide that the charity should not proceed or continue with the use or project for which the funds were designated.



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Figure 2: Restricted Funds Received

£24,000 in Corporate Sponsorship was received from Brita Waters UK, to pay teacher's salaries at Leratong. Legacy income of £1,235 was from the Caitlin Fund in the restricted funds, while £1,000 was a personal donation ear-marked for support of a child at Sigiya Sonke.

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 App 3, para 3.2).

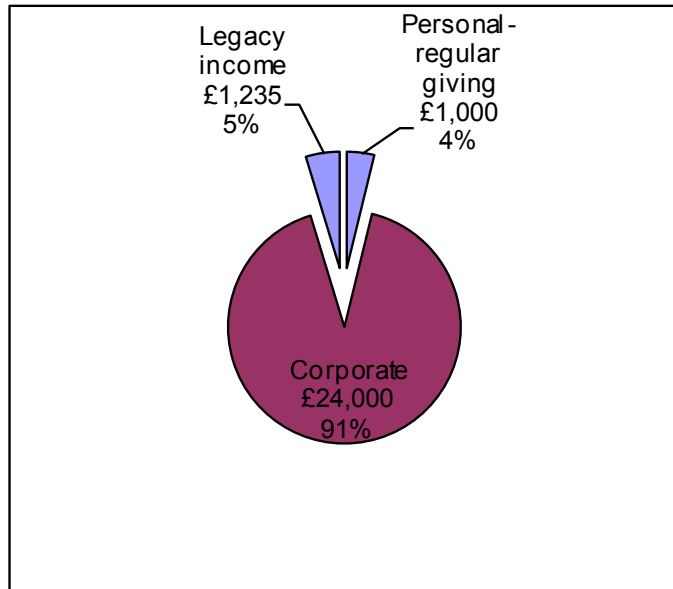
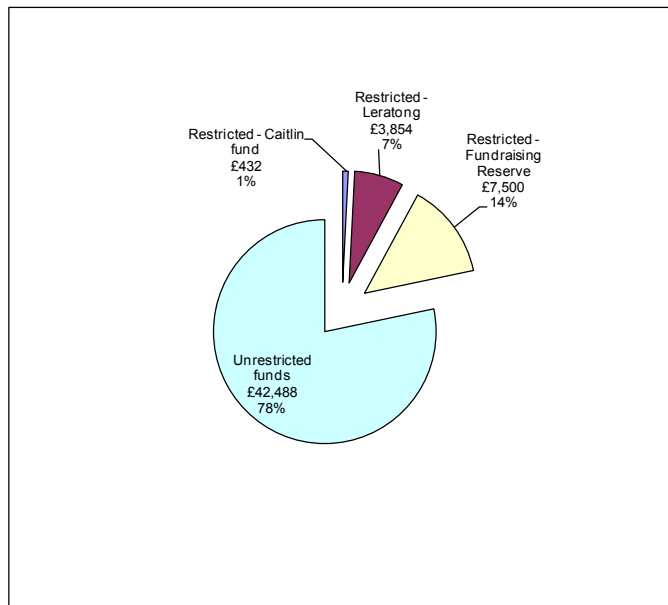


Figure 3: Total Funds Received Distribution of Surplus

The surplus at 28 February 2011 can be divided between the unrestricted funds (£42,488) and Restricted Funds (£11,786). Together this totals £54,273. The unrestricted funds are allocated in their entirety towards the General Fund, which at 28 February 2011 was yet to be allocated between projects and costs of processing receipts and fundraising activities. The restricted funds were already allocated towards specific projects £432 and £3,854 while the fundraising reserve of £7,500 is to be used to set up a future event.



UK Activities & Fundraising

The following objectives for 2010 were achieved:

- Committed £51,968 to projects.
- Improved the Gumboots UK Website and manage content efficiently.
- Raised £4,224.86 from fundraising events.



UK Activities and Fundraising			
Event description	Income	Spend	Net Result
	£	£	£
World Cup Collection	249.58	0	249.58
World Cup Fundraiser	200.00	0	200.00
SA Actuaries Event	256.00	0	256.00
Run by A. Cloke	202.00	0	202.00
Ladies Night	665.00	0	665.00
Cake/Books Sale	321.00	0	321.00
Clothes Sale	1,105.00	0	1,105.00
Craft Sale	36.00	0	36.00
Christmas Appeal	1,190.28	0	1,190.28
	4,224.86	0	4,224.86

Some highlights of 2010 were:

Fundraising around the UK during the World Cup Soccer with our Welly Boot Tins and hosting World Cup braais.

Participating in the HomeComing Revolution Event at Earl's Court and meeting South African Bafana Bafana Captain Aaron Mokonena prior to the World Cup.



Our star fundraisers for 2010 were: Antonia Cloke, Bunty-Louise Honey, Justin Maritz, Judy Dyke, Lisa Morgan, Lesley Whitling & Bob Spence for the Mason's Ladies night, and Emily Marcuson & Chrissie Dransfield for organising the Christmas Appeal.



Particular thanks to BRITA for their continued support.

Plans for Future Periods

Objectives for 2011

- Commit a minimum of £50,000 to projects.
- Launch a new Website with a content management system.
- Raise more than £10,000 from fundraising events.
- Increase the regular donor base.
- Increase Corporate Sponsorship.

Fundraising

To hold small fundraising events, i.e., film screenings, sponsored runs, pub evenings and carboot sales. Fundraising will continue to be encouraged and initiated by individual supporters.



Gumboots UK is a registered UK charity

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