

Our mission and goals

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

Our 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.



With the benefit of a Gumboots grant, Nomsa trained to become a paramedic this year

Our funding criteria and our projects

This year Gumboots UK provided £56,040 in project support, the primary criteria for selection being that projects are:

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

We currently support four projects, which are based in the Alexandra District of Johannesburg, South Africa:

- Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Group
- Ratang Bana Community Centre and Family Support Network
- Leratong Pre-school
- Phetoho Education Project

We also work with The Caitlin Fund which helps young women, who come from both the Alexandra District and Pietermaritzburg, to achieve their educational goals.

All of the Gumboots projects in different ways work to meet our primary objective which is to bring about change in individuals' lives by improving their chances of obtaining employment through supporting them in gaining access to quality education and training. We also seek to promote well-being by improving access to healthcare, welfare services and affordable fresh food.

Interested readers will find further information about our work, including inspiring personal stories about some of our beneficiaries, on our website (at www.gumboots.org.uk) and within the twice yearly newsletter produced by Gumboots SA, copies of which can be found on our website.

Governance of our Charity

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.

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

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

Their roles and Responsibilities are as follows:

Secretary: Angela Dyer

Finance: Graham Allibone

Communications: Vivien Hunt and Karen Beard

Fundraising: Karen Beard, Angela Dyer, Vivien Hunt and Graham Allibone

Regular volunteers: David Lightfoot, Margz Green, Jaimes Nel and Brett Siddaway

History and context

The Gumboots Foundation UK is now 14 years old and continues to be run entirely by a small group of volunteers committed to making a difference to children and young people's lives in South Africa.

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

Gumboots UK is the primary fundraising body for four South African projects, most of which are based in the Alexandra District of Johannesburg. Residents of Alexandra District, (also called Alexandra Township), are amongst the poorest and most disadvantaged citizens in South Africa. These local projects are supported by our partner organisation, Gumboots South Africa.

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.

Our partner organisation in South Africa applies 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 alongside each project in Alexandra Township, to provide community, personal and financial support. Special acknowledgement is due to John Lightfoot and Jenny Prangley, directors of Gumboots SA, without whose tireless efforts the continued work of the projects would be much more difficult. Gumboots SA accounts to Gumboots UK for the grants provided and keeps us informed about the progress of each project. It also produces a lively twice yearly newsletter, 'The Beat', which is distributed to Gumboots' donors and supporters worldwide.

History and Context continued

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 Corporation in Canada supports the Kadey House Orphanage which is based at the same site as Leratong Preschool.

Typical shack dwelling in Alexandra District, Johannesburg, South Africa



Leratong Pre-School Project

This year Gumboots Foundation UK donated £29,796 to Leratong, supporting 132 children aged 3 to 6 years old through early years education.

Leratong Pre-School continues to receive the majority of its annual funding from supporters of Gumboots Foundation, in particular Brita Water Filters UK. This year we provided £24,035 for the teachers' salaries and an additional £5,761 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. Peggy is supported in her work by five teachers and four support workers. Early years learning and play is a vitally important foundation for future learning for any child but especially in Alex, 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 an elderly grand-mother 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.

This year saw the usual mix of challenges and achievements. In June 100 children were taken for an outing on South African Youth Day, which on June 16th each year commemorates the anniversary of the Soweto Uprising. The Leratong children and their teachers spent a day in Soweto, accompanied by local guides, in order to try to understand the events behind the Uprising and reasons why the South African nation continues to remember and celebrate this event. Recognising the importance of encouraging children and young people to understand the recent history of their nation's struggle and development, Peggy would like to organise more outings of this nature.

Leratong children were again chosen to be the recipients of "Santa's Shoeboxes". Each year this organisation delivers personalised boxes for 100,000 children in South Africa, packed with clothing, stationery, toys and toiletries - a much needed and valued treat for children with low expectations of the Christmas season.

By contrast to the good news, winter in Alexandra brought the annual horrors of cold weather, floods and shack fires. The shacks are no protection from the very cold

Leratong Pre-school Project continued



Leratong children's outing to Youth Day in Soweto

night time temperatures of a Johannesburg winter. Even those with an electric supply suffer from regular power cuts but shack dwellers more often rely on primus stoves and candles for heat and light. Naked flames mean that fire breaks out with ease and spreads quickly amongst the closely packed shacks. Two such fires this year each burnt down 30 shacks leaving hundreds homeless. Leratong housed and fed 20 mothers and children until the authorities provided a solution. In addition heavy rains bring floods with subsequent loss of homes, belongings and sometimes lives. In order to deal with such inevitable annual crises, Peggy would like to set up a Disaster Management Centre stocked with blankets, tinned food and clothes, in order to provide immediate support.

Sadly it has also been a tough year for the staff at Leratong, with two staff being very ill and needing to be at home and in hospital for long periods. This has put an extra strain on the other teachers who needed to absorb the children into their classes, which they did with their usual level of hard work and commitment. Furthermore, in March 2015, Peggy faced an appalling personal tragedy when she lost her daughter and small grand-daughter to illness having also, in recent years, lost her other daughter. As the ultimate carer of others, Peggy herself found the love, care and support she so badly needed within the community to which she has dedicated her life. Peggy is a woman of considerable strength and thankfully she has survived this dreadful event. Gumboots UK is full of thanks and admiration for her continuing service to Leratong and the wider community.

Sigiya Sonke Youth Project

This year Gumboots UK donated £8,518 to fund staff stipends, premises running costs, external dance tutor fees and the costs of entering dance competitions and education events - helping to support 40 children aged 8 to 18 years old.

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 21 years he has had hundreds of young people cross his dance floor.

Now called Sigiya Sonke, they have met at a repurposed disused factory 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 home, 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 September 2015 the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, one of the best contemporary dance companies in the world, came to Johannesburg. When they last toured here in 1995, the Sigiya Sonke dancers performed for them outside the venue and then they went to watch the performance. It was this event 21 years ago that inspired some of the then group to pursue their passion for dance to a high standard, (including Jack's son Zenzele), who has become a professional dancer.

So it was with huge anticipation that Vivien Hunt, (one of our trustees), managed to get 60 complimentary tickets for our youngsters this time. They began arriving at the Warehouse at 8.30 am to be sure they wouldn't miss the double-decker bus that was due to leave at 12.15pm! Beauty provided breakfast for all before they set off. The group were unbelievably well behaved and totally captivated by the experience. For most of them it was their first experience of a live show and hopefully this event will have a similarly inspirational effect on the current intake of dancers as did the 1995 performance.

We are very grateful to Showtime Management and Metrobus who donated the tickets and transport and not least to Vivien who had the vision to recognise the opportunity and organise this very successful event.

Sigiya Sonke Youth Project continued

Every year Jack makes sure that the dancers get the opportunity to perform at events. This year the youngest dancers performed for the first time in front of a live audience - 11 little five year olds of St Mary's Crèche. Visitors were warmly welcomed to watch the Sigiya Sonke young dancers entertain the children and their parents at their graduation ceremony from pre-school crèche to Grade 1 School. The dancers were great and Jack was extremely proud of his latest protégées.

Fifty Sigiya Songe children were also recipients of Santa's Shoeboxes. First the Shoebox team who delivered the boxes were entertained by the youngsters with singing and dancing. Great excitement then accompanied the opening of the boxes. The children were so pleased with their gifts that it is a shame that those who donate the boxes can't be there to see it for themselves - it is a very rewarding experience.

Sadly however the year has ended on a low note for the Sigiya Songe project. For many years now negotiations have been ongoing with the owner of the disused factory where the project is based to purchase the building which would then allow

A group of young Sigiya Sonke dance group members enjoy a day out at the ballet



Sigiya Sonke Youth Project continued

the project to flourish and develop with a secure future. The one remaining obstacle to the purchase has been the removal of illegal squatters from the building's basement. Gumboots SA are keen to ensure, given the acute housing shortage in Alex, that people are properly re-housed so the process has been long and tortuous. Eventually agreement had been reached with most of the squatters to leave and a court order had been obtained to evict the one remaining intransigent squatter who now appears to be acting as an illegal landlord to a number of poor Zimbabwean migrants. Unfortunately when the bailiffs attended to serve the order they were threatened with violence by the squatter and the police failed to help enforce due legal process. The squatter has destroyed all of the project's property (costumes, instruments etc) and also threatened Jack with violence if he tries to return.

Despite this enormous setback the group continues to meet at a local church hall but years of effort and progress have been thwarted and future plans put on hold. This is a great shame given that once ownership of the factory had been secured, Gumboots UK planned to assist the project to raise funds for refurbishment of the building with a view to expanding the services on offer into education and accommodation for vulnerable young people, and also possibly a centre with facilities from which the wider community could benefit. At the time of writing this report the project, together with Gumboots SA, are considering options for the future which hinge on whether to resurrect the legal process for occupation of the original factory building or whether to begin the search for new permanent premises.



Dance Performance Invitation

Sigiya Sonke has been invited to see the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater next week Saturday 5th Sept!!

This outing is made possible thanks to the sponsorship of Showtime Management, Metrobus and the Gumboots Foundation.



Saturday 5th September
Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre
Montecasino Fourways
Meet at the Dance Warehouse

Phetoho Education Projects

This year Gumboots UK donated £9,070 to the various Phetoho Education projects: £7,717 was spent in paying for children to attend the United Church School, £800 was spent running skills training courses and £553 paid for children to attend St Mary's Saturday School.

Phetoho, meaning "change", is Gumboot's programme for helping individual children improve their educational achievements. Over the past year we have continued to do this through three distinct projects:

Funding children to attend the United Church School

For a number of years Gumboots has been funding children from Alexandra to attend this Christian-based school in Yeoville, Johannesburg. Providing excellent primary and high school education, the school's fees are kept affordable through the generosity of personal and corporate donors.

One of our first students to attend the school was Nomsa. She passed her matric exams and then went onto college to study further in the hope of pursuing a nursing career. Sadly a crisis in her family interrupted her studies for a few years, but this year she completed her ambulance and fire-fighting course with honours. She is now employed by the Ambulance Rescue Service as a volunteer with the real chance of full time paid employment. Read more about Nomsa's story below.

At the beginning of 2014 Gumboots, through our Alex based projects, selected a further group of five children to attend the school. Now two years on four of them are doing well but sadly the youngest of the group was unable to cope. After a full educational and psychological assessment he has been moved to a special school which is better equipped to support his particular learning needs.

Gumboots is committed to supporting this group of children through to the end of their high school education and if necessary with their further educational aspirations. They also continue to be part of the Sigya Sonke Dance group where Jack and Beauty Letsoela's guidance and encouragement is a stabilising factor particularly for those who have very difficult home lives.

St. Mary's Saturday School

In January 2015 Gumboots selected six young girls to attend this supplementary schooling project based at St. Mary's Girls school in Johannesburg. The project has been running for over 25 years recruiting children from schools in Alexandra. It provides high quality teaching, in all subjects for the last four years of their high

Phetoho Education Projects continued

school education. Children attend on Saturday mornings and throughout the school holidays. The aim is to improve their attainment levels and thereby their chances of getting into a University, Further Education College or a job training scheme.

At the end of the first year the Gumboots funded students had some outstanding successes and sadly some failures. At the prize-giving ceremony two of the girls received awards; one for coming top in Maths and achieving excellence in Management Sciences and the other for excellence in English and Economics. Given the level of disadvantage of many Alex children's backgrounds, 100% success rate is unrealistic. Family issues and responsibilities and a range of other challenges can sometimes make it impossible for them to study. For some of these reasons two of the young women failed to attend regularly or keep up with the work and regrettably they had to be dropped from the programme at the end of the school year.

On a more positive note, at the start of this year we recruited two new very promising students. This was made possible with funding raised by one of our long standing donors. He and his new wife, instead of wedding gifts at their marriage last year, asked for donations to be made to Gumboots.

Our selected students arriving to register at St Mary's Saturday School



Phetoho Education Projects continued

As with the children at the United Church School we have a long term commitment to these students to support them for the full three or four year period that they attend at St. Marys. We are therefore very grateful to the few sponsors who have agreed to fund individual children.

Basis skills courses

Trustee Vivien Hunt raised funds for, organised and ran, courses in Personal Leadership, Computer Basics, Computers Intermediate, a CV Writing Workshop and the Khan Academy Math Club. Between 9th March and the 2nd April 2015, 140 individuals (of all ages) participated in the courses which took place at Ratang Bana and Leratong.

Each course was attended by 8 to 14 individuals. Younger people attended Personal Leadership and the Maths courses, whilst several groups of adults attended courses in Personal Leadership, use of the Computer, CV writing and job seeking.

Most participants had little or no knowledge of working with a computer so it was a huge achievement for them to tackle Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and use of email and the internet. Everyone had their own Gmail account by the end of the week and were confidently searching via Google.

Children and young adults attend the computer skills component of the course



Phetoho Education Projects continued

The five day Personal Leadership course covered the topics below with the goal of empowering individuals by building self-confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

- Values & Strengths
- Communication & Listening
- Presentation Skills
- Creative Thinking & Decision Making
- Problem Solving & Negotiation Skills
- Interpersonal Skills & Team Work
- How to give Feedback
- Goal Setting

Some wonderful initiatives came from individuals themselves following attendance on the courses, including starting to write a novel, setting up one's own business and passing on their newly learnt skills to other individuals. Many thanks are due to Vivien and Property Markets Direct who made this possible by a donation of £800. This is an extremely valuable exercise well worth repeating.

Vivien Hunt and Ingrid Moloji with a group of adult learners receiving their achievement certificates



Phetoho Education Projects continued

Changing lives through education - Nomsa's story

Nomsa, one of the star dancers from Sigiya Sonke, has been working at a desk job for a few years in order to support her young child. Last year she decided to pursue her long held goal which is to help others in need. With Gumboots support she has now completed a para-med course and is doing a fire-fighting course. Here is her experience of the course in her own words, "I was chosen as class representative and also got distinctions for all my subjects. It is a very exciting and beneficial journey and one that makes me realise my potentials and strengths. I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity."

Nomsa will now register at the Health Professional Council of SA. We are very pleased to have been able to help Nomsa achieve her full potential. She is a great example of what Gumboots, together with motivated individuals can together achieve. Quite simply put - this is what we are about.



Nomsa attending her fire-fighting course

The Caitlin Project

This year Gumboots UK supported (enter number) young women, (two of which come from Alexandra District and one from Pietermaritzburg), through their higher education with donations of £2,346 from the Caitlin Fund.

Six years since the tragic death of Caitlin Green, the fund set up in her memory by her mother Margz, continues to benefit and change the lives of three young women in South Africa.

Zinhle, who is studying Theatre Design at Tshwane University of Technology, is nearing the end of her degree after spending an additional year converting her diploma to a degree. The University has had periods of closure this year due to ongoing student unrest but all are hopeful that Zinhle will complete her course successfully.

Kamvelihle passed her maths and science exams and had sufficient points to apply for a Civil Engineering technical course which she has now started at the Edendale Technology College in Pietermaritzburg. She has a part-time job and uses the funds provided by the Caitlin Fund for travel to and from the campus and other necessities. She successfully applied for a grant for her studies. She is enjoying the course but is finding it extremely challenging.

Vuyelwa is in her final year at Rhodes University in Grahamstown and will definitely graduate at the end of this year. She will graduate with a BA in Linguistics and Journalism. She has decided to stay at University for an additional year to do a teaching diploma as she knows this will guarantee her a job. She also started studying Mandarin this year.

Zinhle attends her graduation ceremony with her family and Margz Green



The Caitlin Project continued

With help from private donors and the Caitlin Fund, Vuyelwa has also built herself a house in her home town of Pietermaritzburg after she and her family were evicted from their shack. She recently wrote "I remember when I was in high school, I had never seen myself where I am today even though I was always a big dreamer. My hopes and dreams were limited, even now they are, but I will never stop hoping and dreaming for a better life for myself and for my family, because dreams do come true. I had always wanted a house for my mother because we were always renting out rooms in other people's mud houses. Now, well now I live in a brick house, with foundations; how awesome is that"

Gumboots UK is extremely grateful to Margz and Caitlin for helping us to achieve our goal of changing young lives in South Africa through the medium of education and self-development.



Zinhle painting one of her set designs

Ratang Bana Family Support Project

This year Gumboots UK donated £6,310 to Ratang Bana, helping to support 460 individuals, mostly children, but also their carers where needed. Twelve staff work on the project altogether; Ingrid Moloji plus a small group of others are on small stipends and the rest are volunteers.

Ratang Bana (meaning Love the Children) 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.

Food garden volunteer gardeners and their productive crop of spinach!

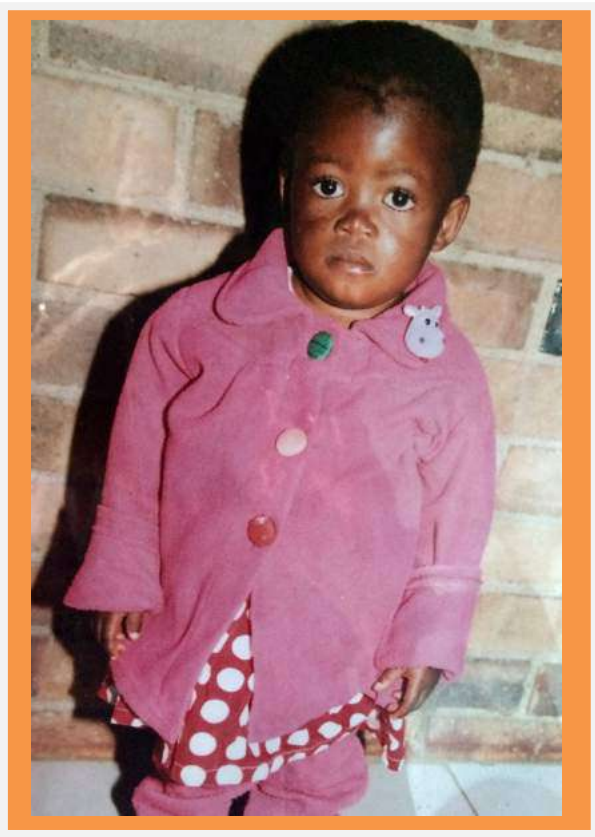


Ratang Bana Family Support Project

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We have more good news from Ratang Bana which continues to go from strength to strength. The food garden has expanded dramatically in size and scope and Ingrid is putting in place the practices she learnt during a visit to Madison USA, a visit which was funded and arranged by our sister organisation in the USA, Kidlinks. Ingrid had a well earned working holiday which was mutually instructive to both Ingrid and the Kidlinks host volunteers. She thinks she was spoilt - we think she thoroughly deserved it!

The food gardens have grown three-fold since the project was relocated to this site in 2009. In October 2015, Rand Water, (the local water supply company), visited and erected shade cloths over the garden and planted out vegetables with training for the gardeners and advice about mulching and irrigating. Rand water also donated a water tank and pipes, as well as water itself. In addition there is another area with shade cloth and steel poles donated by friends of Gumboots, so in spite of the extreme drought this past year, the gardens are all thriving very well and every day Ingrid is able to supply vegetables to needy families plus a surplus to sell!



Other initiatives at Ratang Bana are doing well - the learning centre is busy and the "Bana Blankets" project is flourishing. The grannies of Ratang Bana are finding a way to supplement their incomes through an innovative project initiated by Jane Simmonds, one of Gumboots SA's volunteers. They are hand-stitching picnic blankets that Jane helps to market and sell - and the proceeds go directly to the makers. The project was promoted at a breakfast in September 2015 for "Women of Influence" that was attended by two of Gumboots' project leaders, Peggy and

This little girl is orphaned, sick and very dependant on the support of Ratang Bana

Ratang Bana Family Support Project

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Beauty (Ingrid being unable to attend). It's rewarding to see that these hard-working and dedicated women are getting support from the wider Johannesburg community.

We continue to hear stories of families in dire need who are receiving support from Ratang Bana. One grand-mother came to see Ingrid about her desperate circumstances. Her daughter became involved in drugs and prostitution whilst still at school and now has five children aged 5 to 14 years old all by different, absent, fathers. Grand-mother looks after the children but she is unemployed and only receives government benefits for two children totalling about £30 per month - the other three children aren't eligible for benefits since they don't have birth certificates - a very common occurrence. Ingrid used Gumboots funds to replace the childrens' threadbare school uniforms, (children in SA can't attend school without a uniform) and she is trying to get the childrens' mother into a clinic for treatment and rehabilitation.

Another grand-mother had been looking after her grandchildren, three little girls of 11, 6 and 2 years old, in a one-roomed house after their mother died. When granny died last year the children were left without anyone to look after them; hungry and dirty. Ingrid stepped in and helped arrange the deceased lady's funeral. She then located the childrens' aunt who agreed to take them in despite having no job or money herself. Ingrid has however managed to ensure that the family is included in the project's feeding scheme where they receive one good cooked meal a week and she has ensured that they receive some other voluntary donations. Ingrid is frustrated at the lack of government support for families in such desperate need. She does what she can but she often feels overwhelmed by the extent of the problem. Ratang Bana is effectively acting as a branch of social services and the need for emergency funds is never-ending.

The year ended on a high note for two of our trustees, Angela Dyer and Karen Beard, who were able to spend some time at Ratang Bana organising a craft workshop for children. The children were hugely enthusiastic and engaged. They responded well to guidance and suggestions but once they knew what they were doing they came up with some great original ideas for crafts all made from re-purposed waste materials. It is evident that there is huge potential within these children for growth and change but what is needed is a commitment by those with skills and experience

Ratang Bana Family Support Project

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outside of Alex to make an input. Engaging the wider Johannesburg community in this process of change remains one of the most difficult to achieve goals for our projects.



Craft workshops creatives. The gorgeous necklace above is made from plastic bottles!



Financial Report

The Gumboots Foundation UK

Receipts and Payments Account - Period from 1st March 2015 to 29th February 2016

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
Personal and Corporate Income			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	2500	0	2500
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	11602	0	11602
Unrestricted Corp leadership	800	0	800
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	535	535
Restricted Corporate Leratona	0	24000	24000
Total Personal and Corporate	14902	24535	39437
Events Income			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	2705	0	2705
Restricted St Mary's School	0	7881	7881
Total Events Income	2705	7881	10586
Total Income	17606	32416	50022
EXPENDITURE			
Administration costs	-216	0	-216
Event Expenses	-313	0	-313
Paid UK invoice for unrestricted	-630	0	-630
Total Expenditure	-1159	0	-1159
Net amount available for Distribution	16447	32416	48863
Grants distributed	-28476	-26934	-55410
Transfers unrestricted to	0	0	0
Transfers from restricted to	0	0	0
Net Cash Movement	-12029	5482	-6547
Cash funds at 1st March 2015	33357	15173	48530
Cash funds at 29th February 2016	21329	20655	41984

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 29th February 2016

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
General Fund	15091		15091
Caitlin Fund		9102	9102
Restricted Leratona		0	0
Fundraising reserve	6000		6000
Phetoho Leadership Course	238		238
St Marys School		11553	11553
Total Cash Funds as at 29th February 2016	21329	20655	41984

Financial Report

The Gumboots UK Financial Year covers the period 1st March 2015 to 29th February 2016.

Gumboots UK was again in a strong position at the end of February 2016, well placed to cover commitments for the following year assuming current levels of fundraising continue.

Receipts and Payments Account 2015/16. The Gumboots Foundation UK (Gumboots) raised £50,022 and distributed £55,410 as grants to projects plus £630 paid in the UK for an SA project. Admin expenses were £216 and event expenses, £313. The opening balance at the beginning of the period was £48,530. The closing bank balance was £41,984 at 29th February 2016. These numbers are detailed in the Receipts and Payments Account 2015/16.

Unrestricted funds. Money received to unrestricted funds from personal giving was £11,602, from fundraising events £2,705, and corporate receipts were £3,300, making a total to unrestricted funds of £17,606 including Gift Aid.

Restricted funds. £24,000 in Corporate Sponsorship was received from Brita Waters UK, to pay teachers' salaries at Leratong. Income of £535 including Gift Aid, was restricted to support individuals identified by the Caitlin Fund. £5,668 was raised through

Financial Report continued

the Big Give Christmas challenge and a Christmas Market and also £2,213 from a wedding fund and both are restricted incomes to create a learning centre (Phetoho Education) and provide education through a Saturday school.

Total Funds received were £50,022.

Distribution of surplus

At year end total cash funds were £41,984, where unrestricted funds totalled £21,329 and restricted funds £20,655.

The unrestricted funds are allocated in their entirety towards the General Fund, which at 29th February 2016 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 £11,553 (Phetoho) and £9,102 in the Caitlin Fund waiting to be allocated.

Math Riddle

Question:

Tom was asked how old he was
He replied "In 2 years I will
be twice as old as I was
5 years ago." How old is he?

A challenging question posed to the learners on the Basic Skills Course

Activities and Fundraising Events

This year we received funds from four major fund-raising events. We received a further £881 from Nicole Reichman who did a sponsored cycling event in the previous reporting year, (having already received £249 into our account last year). So many thanks to Nicole for raising a total of £1130 for Gumboots by her sterling efforts!

A long standing friend and supporter of Gumboots, Jonathan Carr, got married in the summer of 2015 and asked for donations to Gumboots instead of presents. Thanks to the generosity of Jonathan, his wife Eleonora and their many generous and well-wishing friends, they raised £2213! We extend our congratulations to the happy couple and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Gumboots trustees Karen Beard, Angela Dyer and Vivien Hunt, together with lots of much valued support from our Birmingham contingent of volunteers, organised Christmas Craft Markets in Birmingham and London and raised £1969. Thanks to all for another successful year of crafting!

We were again successful in our application to take part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2015. Funds come from on-line donations made over a very competitive two day period in December 2015 where supporters must bid for matched funds from a limited pot. It's a first come, first served process and again our supporters rose to



Gumboots trustees, Angela Dyer and Karen Beard, running Christmas Craft Markets held in Birmingham and Maida Vale



UK Activities and Fundraising

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the challenge and we raised £5668.

We thank Brita Filters UK for their invaluable support in continuing to fund the salaries of the Leratong teachers and to other corporate donors, Our Studio Ltd and Property Markets Direct and also to the Limoges Trust who again made a generous grant.

A game of chess in the Ratang Bana Learning Centre



UK Activities and Fundraising

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As ever we are very grateful for the continuing support of our many personal donors, listed below, both regular and one-off, without whom our work would simply not be possible.

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J.Chester
Jonathan Carr
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M.Bouwer
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Nella Opperman
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Sharon Smith
Greg Solomon
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Bob Trew

Our Plans for 2016/17

The Trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK have agreed to provide funds amounting to a total of £55,773 for the year 1st March 2016 to 28th February 2017 to support the following projects run by our partner organisation, Gumboots SA.

The breakdown of those funds is as follows:

Leratong Pre-School

We have committed to provide £29,020 to be spent on staff salaries; staff medical care and retirement fund; food, provisions and maintenance; school outings and internet service.

Sigiya Sonke Youth Project

Given the uncertain situation, as outlined earlier in the report, this year our support is limited to £5,220 to cover stipends, rental for temporary premises, outings and events.

Phetoho Education project

We have committed to provide £9,963 to fund assistance with uniforms and stationery to help children attending state schools; fees, uniforms, transport and stationery to fund pupils attending the United Church School and fees for children attending St Mary's Saturday School.

The Caitlin Fund

We have committed to provide £3,940 which will help three young women, Zinhle, Kamvelihle and Vuyelwa to continue their studies,

Ratang Bana Family Support Project

We have committed to provide £7,630 to be spent on staff stipends; food, provisions and clothing for families in need and internet fees and tuition fees for the Saturday Leadership Group.

Our Plans for 2016/17 continued

We again plan to hold our Christmas Craft Market on the 27th November 2016 which has become a popular annual event in Birmingham.

We will be making an application to the Big Give to again join in with the Christmas 2016 Challenge.

We continue to work to grow our regular donor base (both personal and corporate) and to encourage our supporters to take part in and organise local activities and events.

Young Sigiya Sonke dancers gather at the former Dance Warehouse for their trip to the Alvin Ailey Ballet performance. Sadly our plans to raise money to help them refurbish the Warehouse have been thwarted but the project lives on at temporary alternative premises and we hope that next year sees progress towards securing permanent premises for this talented and hard-working group of youngsters

