

Newsletter

“A new Year never promises anything but it is the start of a new beginning and as such it is in our hand to make promises we can keep and share with others. Let’s hope that we can achieve all of our dreams and wishes even if the New Year does not promise it to us.”

December 2020 - January 2021

These are difficult times for all businesses and we are so grateful to our sponsors, who still contribute and are willing to assist us in this life saving program! Any other sponsors willing to assist us with goods, food items or hygienic goods, please do not hesitate in contacting us at caretrust@gcnam.com

KANONO Combined School:

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Kanono Combined School has been established in 1961 and it is one of the oldest schools in the region with over 460 learners from grade 0 to 9. The school offers I.C.T. (Information, Communication, and Technology) as a subject but only theoretical classes. This is due to the fact that the school did not have a single computer. The school has the infrastructure to receive computers with the possibility of an internet connection. They received Wi-Fi in January 2019.

Early 2020, Gondwana Care Trust purchased the first 10 computers and basic

programmes were added with an anti-virus system.

Thanks to these computers, learners were able to continue online schooling during lockdown. Unfortunately, there are not enough computers for all the learners and we would like to raise funds to buy 15 more computers needed by the school for 2021.

FUNDS NEEDED:

We have received a quotation for 15 computers which amounts to N\$51 750, 00 excluding transport and border fee.

One computer costs N\$3 450.00, which includes the computer, the screen, mouse, and the necessary programmes for the learner to study and use the computer, plus an anti-virus program. The usual retail price is N\$8 500, 00 excluding programmes. The transport and border cost is approximately: N\$3 000, 00.

If you want to support thenGondwana Care Trust in this project, please contact Dgini at the Care Trust – caretrust@gcnam.com for further information.

Computer literacy is nowadays a requirement in tertiary education and the workplace. Kanono Combined School is proud to be one of the first schools to offer this subject in the region.

To add the practical side of the subject can only benefit the learners. So many learners were left with no means to study during the pandemic and 2021 might bring some new challenges so if you can assist these wonderful teachers to teach and help the students pass their year, please contribute towards Kanono Computer project!

THANK YOU

TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET: N\$55 000, 00.

This includes transport and border cost for 15 computers with screens, mouses and programmes, in order to use the computers. This includes anti-virus.

T.A.S.K:

Project coordinator: Ms Victoria Louw

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The Twaloloka and Narraville community still receive assistance with meals from TASK – The Gondwana Care Trust has been sponsoring bread towards TASK soup kitchen and will continue as long as the budget can allow it.

Some families were able to move into new homes but the TASK team extended their assistance towards other families in the area, as well as Narraville since November 2020. Many were in dire need of a meal and thanks to the wonderful energy and care from the TASK team, meals are served twice a week at this stage *as they are running out of funds.*

TASK resumed their assistance for now and many children are queuing in need of food. If anyone can assist TASK, please contact Ms Louw directly or contact us to contribute towards the project. You can donate and use TASK as a reference so we can allocate the funds accordingly. There are so many children in need of a nutritious meal in this area so they can also go back to school and have the energy to study.

The recent fire that broke out once again in the Twaloloka area, has destroyed 25 homes. The fire started in one of the homes and spread quickly to the others. TASK immediately jumped into action and prepared a soup so the residents who found themselves with nothing, may have a meal and carry on with salvaging any belongings. Many children live in this area and it is devastating for the families who cannot provide for them at this time.

We are trying to assist the community through TASK so that the soup kitchen can carry on serving a meal a little while longer!

TASK is out of funds and cannot sustain the soup kitchen any longer. Please use TASK as a reference for your donation. Thank you

PROUD HIMBAS - Opuwo:

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Dallas created The Proud Himba Foundation in 2007 as a means to help the school children of the area. Dallas started with 2 kids and now he is looking after 28 children on a regular basis. Proud Himba also assists the schools in the area and the orphan feeding program. The foundation organizes cleaning campaigns in the area and keeps in contact with the school needs of the area.

Proud Himba is part of the MealForTwo Program and once again we cannot thank all of our sponsors enough for enabling us to reach the far corner of Namibia to assist some extra-ordinary organizations in their nutritional program towards the community and the children of Namibia.

During the festive season, the Omarunga Epupa-Falls Camp Team was able to assist the community and repaired their water pump. The Proud Himba soup kitchen continued their assistance towards the children.

THANK YOU to Mr Henk van Blerk from the Gondwana Maintenance Team for the repair and assistance to the community.

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Message from the chairman of the Gondwana Care Trust, Mr Gys Joubert:

2020 was the most difficult year in Gondwana's history, yet never has the Gondwana Care Trust been able to do more. That is because of the unwavering support and commitment of my fellow trustees, pretty much all Gondwana employees and mostly the trust and commitment from you, the friends of the Gondwana Care Trust. We are humbled by all the support we received and deeply grateful for the impact that we could have, but unfortunately we are also reaching a point where we simply cannot continue to support all our projects. We understand, probably more than most, the desperate times that we live in, but once again we ask for your help. We will continue to do everything in our power to continue to help where we can, but we cannot do it alone. I believe the true character of a nation is revealed through how it looks after its most destitute and less fortunate, even more so in times when it is difficult to do so.

*Thank you
Gys*

The Lidar Foundation

Katutura, Windhoek

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Lidar Foundation is a center in the heart of Katutura, where many children find themselves living in the street and without a responsible adult's guidance and protection. Serley opened the center to welcome children and teenagers, who find themselves in difficult situations such as pregnancy, abuse or abandonment. The center helps the children with a meal, being either breakfast before they start school, lunch, or an early dinner.

The center organizes numerous workshops for young mothers so that they can gain some credentials and find employment. Lidar Foundation has remained open during the pandemic and during the Christmas holidays to provide much needed support to many young ladies and children, living in vulnerable conditions. The recent rain has blessed the country with the much needed rainfall but it has contributed to some flooding and for many it has brought challenges and the loss of personal belongings!

LIDAR is looking for assistance with second hand clothing and blankets to hand out to the families who have been left stranded by the floods in the Katutura area.

Would you wish to contribute, please contact us or Serley directly. Any other goods that you are able to donate, such as soaps and hygienic products, are very much welcome as well. Thank you.

Light of Hope

Co-ordinator: Mr Willie Theron

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Light of Hope is part of the MealForTwo Program as well, and has received some extra assistance last month during their outreach program towards the street kids of Okahandja. Mr Theron, based in Okahandja, co-ordinates our assistance in this area and distributes the sponsored meat to the associations during their outreach program. Thanks to Mr Theron, we are able to get feedback and can follow up and assist where needed. Again, the aim is not to manage but to empower the recipient to sustain the project in the long term.

Light of Hope provides the street children with a meal but they also clean and bandage any wounds the children have. The children are bathed and provided with some fresh clothing.

Light of Hope was also one of the recipient from the Back to School Christmas Bag Project. Thank you to all of our sponsors!

GRACE ORGANISATION

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The Grace Project is a non-profit, community-based project that reaches out to the marginalized people in different communities throughout Namibia. It contributes towards these people's basic livelihoods, providing them with necessities such as food, clothes, blankets, etc. The project also attends to their psycho-social needs by providing social welfare services such as counseling and referrals to individuals in need.

The Grace Project also distributes food packages to the families on a monthly basis, especially to

pensioners. Currently, about 170 households, which have been identified by board members as well as people in the community, benefit from this aid on an ongoing basis.

Gondwana Care Trust assisted the Grace Organization by donating N\$40 000, 00 worth of groceries for individual Christmas hampers for the elders so that they can enjoy the festive season! Thank you for this wonderful initiative.

HEAL THE LAND – Okahandja

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Through Pastor Willie Theron, the Trust is able to extend a helping hand to the most vulnerable in some parts of the Okahandja district.

Thanks to Pastor Willie Theron, many families around the Okahandja area are able to survive the ups and down of 2020. Food parcels are delivered to families in need during these difficult times, living in rural areas where job opportunities are not always available. Food parcels were also delivered to other parts of the country during the month of December.

Back to School CHRISTMASMAS BAG Project 2020:

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As every year, the Gondwana Care Trust is sponsoring the “Back to School Christmas Bag project” to enable Namibian children to be prepared for their new year at school, encourage the children to stay at school and most of all to put a big smile on their face when they open the Christmas bag which is not only filled with a basic stationery school set but with a gift specially chosen for them!

About 3 years ago, we decided to have a material bag done which could be re-used by the child and be a bit more environmental friendly. Schools, hostels, orphanages, and OVC Centers send us their list by September / October.

The list must include: name of the child, gender, age, grade/year and any special needs so that we can pack and personalize the bag and pack the right toy and stationery kit for the child.

Each bag has the child’s name written on it, and according to the age and gender a toy is added to the bag. We have a basic stationery kit included which comprises of pens, pencils, crayons, ruler, eraser, plastic folder, exercise book, and for older grades we would include a calculator if we have.

For the younger kids, we include a coloring book and a reading book with a handwritten message in the book. For the older kids, we would include a roll on, body cream, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap and a small towel.

We managed to pack almost 2 500 bags and we are very grateful for everyone who assisted us in reaching so many children all over

Namibia. You will find the list of recipients, who received bags, below. Thank you to all the ladies and gents who took the time to help pack the bags! It is a *process* and packing the bag must be done with love as each bag is packed individually!

The Back to School Xmas Bags are for sale all year round and for N\$200.00 you can support a child that will receive the bag on your behalf.

Thank you to Global United for their continuous support and their financial support towards the Christmas bags!

Thank you to DHL for their donation of 164 Notebooks and 40 Sun visor hats & 40 colouring books. Thank you Waltons for the 80 packs of crayons! World of Hygiene for their donation of shampoo, body cream, soaps and toothpaste with toothbrushes.

Thank you to African Marketing for their support with 2400 packets of Haribo sweets and Caprisun juices to add to our Christmas bags.

Thank you to Kaleidoscope for the hygienic products that we could add to the bags! Your response was amazing.

Thank you to LEARNING NATION in Walvis Bay for their support, their wonderful service and the continuous assistance with discounted rate towards the project. We are very grateful for the special rates so we can fill the bags with toys and educational material for the kids of all ages.

Thank you to Sea Pride for the 2000 tins of fish, Namib Mills for the 1 kilogram of instant porridge, Seawork for the amazing 2000 packets of pasta, soups, water bottles so that the children can have water during school hours and a special thank you to Mrs Goretti Jansen for your

support and kindness and the wonderful donation of crisps we could add to the bags to spoil the children.

Thank you to all our partners and sponsors for their financial support, Deep Catch, Global United, PSG, Esmee Beauty Salon, TASK, Mr & Mrs Dreyer for the office space rent free, Ms De Tavernier, Kisty Svenja & Paul Seitz, Verena Naumann, Claudia Schluter, Anja Neuhaus, Goethe Institute, Capricorn Group, Dr Alois Tschofen, Ms L A Hovelmann and a few anonymous sponsors who made a special effort to support the project.

Thank you to Coastal Couriers for the support and the super efficient and fast service. Thank you for your support and the great discounted rate you provided to the Trust to deliver the bags to Windhoek.

Please find a list below of our community partners which receive assistance during the Covid-19 crisis:

Heal the Land, Khaibasen, Light of Hope, Nau Aib Old Age Home:

160+ children, 44 Adults.

These three organisations run in Okahandja and are connected to a local church. They provide cooked meals to vulnerable and homeless kids in Okahandja. They are also affiliated with the Nau Aib Old Age Home in Okahandja and provide cooked meals to the elderly in the old age home.

Dagbreek Special School:

26 Children, 7 Adults.

Operates in Windhoek and provide education, food and shelter to kids with disabilities.

Mammadu Trust:

60 Children.

Operates in Otjomuise and Windhoek and provides food and education to orphaned and vulnerable children in the community.

Bridge of Hope:

140 Children.

Operates in Katutura, Windhoek, providing food parcels and cooked meals to vulnerable children people in those communities.

Khomas Homeless Development Trust:

+80 Adults and 20 Kids.

Operates in Khomasdal and Katutura, Windhoek providing cooked meals to homeless people in those communities.

Senior Park:

160 residents.

Old Age home in Pioneerspark, Windhoek. MealForTwo donations go to the elderly, who need food assistance, and for the old age home kitchen.

Lidar Foundation:

250 Children and 100 Adults.

Provides food and youth empowerment and educational activities for orphaned and vulnerable girls in Katutura- Central.

Hope Village:

88 Children.

Provides a loving home and food to orphans and abandoned children living with HIV and other debilitating illnesses. Operates in Katutura, Windhoek

PAY Center:

120 Children.

Operates in Katutura, Windhoek. Provides nutritious meals, education and physical activity programmes daily to kids coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Huis Maerua:

24 Children.

Operates in Windhoek. Houses and feeds children with social welfare and troubled backgrounds.

Elshaddai Caring and Feeding:

120 Children and 30 Adults.

Operates in Keetmanshoop. Provides nutritious meals daily to kids and adults coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dorcas Soup Kitchen:

100 children and 20 adults.

Operates in Keetmanshoop. Provides nutritious meals daily to kids coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Geduld Primary School and Immanuel Hostel:

200 children.

Operates in Grunau. Provides education, shelter and food to kids from the Grunau and surrounding area.

Witkrans Primary School:

162 children and 8 adults.

Provide nutrient meals for underprivileged children from the Witkrans area.

Natascha Pre-Primary School & Day Care:

46 children.

Operates in Okuryangava, Windhoek, provides food and care to vulnerable children from the community.

Grace Project:

180 families.

Operates in Khomasdal, Windhoek. Distributes food parcels to vulnerable families, especially pensioners.

Proud Himba.

Based in Epupa, the project was founded in 2007 to extend help to the school children of the area. It not only looks after 30 children on a regular basis but also assists schools and the orphan feeding program.

MAD (Make a Difference Charity):

28 families.

Based in Tsumeb, they look after 28 families on a regular basis, which mostly consist of disabled youth and elderly, visually impaired or sickly elderly from the Kuvukiland settlement.

Men on the Side of the Road.

Operates in Windhoek and Swakopmund. MSR assists job seekers in acquiring skills to assist them in finding employment. The GCT assist MSR to provide food parcels to active members of the organization, who attend regularly (monthly) held community meetings geared towards sharing information on possible jobs or training and any other information that they need to have.

Spitzkoppe community.

The indigenous communities of the Spitzkoppe area are largely reliant on tourism in the Spitzkoppe area for income. Since the pandemic, these communities had no income and means for sustainability.

The Gondwana Care Trust assists 56 families with food parcels.

Twaloloka community.

Since the communities of Twaloloka lost their homes to the fires in the community, the Gondwana Care Trust, together with other likeminded organisations and soup kitchens has assisted the devastated communities with food.

Please contact Dgini for further information on how to donate – caretrust@gcnam.com

Thank you to all the wonderful individuals for their contributions. Thank you! Should you still want to contribute with a cash donation, please find our bank details below. Please add your name/Food relief as a reference for your contribution or winter clothing.

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We have a few more projects lined up, please contact the Trust if you would like more information.

We cannot thank you enough for your support!

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