

November 2008 Newsletter

From Two Sisters Trust & Orphanage for Aids Orphans

"It is my responsibility to teach the children that I care about, humankind, that they are important and that they do matter" Patrick Chamusso founder of **The Two Sisters Orphanage & Charitable Trust**

November: Fund Raising Target for 2009 Helping & Contributing:

Approximately 200 children; 40 children of 3-7 years old & 160 of school age are now cared for by the Two Sisters Orphanage & Trust. The number rises every month as more parents die from Aids.

At the annual board meeting in October 2008, it was outlined that over the next 12 months the Orphanage needs to raise funds of at least:

Japanese yen 3,000,000 / US \$30,000 / Euro 25,000 / GBP£ 20000/ 100,000 NIS / 320,000 SAR (with exchange rate approximations)

That's about: Japanese yen 1,500 / US\$15 / 13 Euros / £GBP10 / 45 NIS 165 / SAR per child per month.

Not a massive amount of money so we can achieve that and a lot more working together.

Donations can be sent directly to The Two Sisters via encrypted secure credit card or to their bank account.

The link for the donations page on their website:

<http://www.twosisters.org.za>

Bank Details: ABSA White River Mpumalanga, South Africa

Account Name: Two Sisters, Branch Code: 632005, Account Number: 4062610447

Brief Information:

The Two Sisters Orphanage was set up by Patrick in 1999 within the Mganduzweni community of White River Mpumalanga. This is a rural area with 60% unemployment rates, where the HIV/Aids virus has affected approximately 40% of the 250,000 local population.

The Trust & Orphanage:

Staffed by local black & white volunteers & funded entirely through donations - money, food & other necessities, the orphanage exists very much on a "hand to mouth basis and enables the children to stay and be fed, cared for and educated within the familiar surroundings of their own community, staying with foster parents from the community - rather than being left to fend for themselves.

As a registered Trust in South Africa, Non Profit Number NPO 037 -388 every penny donated is accounted for and used directly for the benefit of the children.

Not a lot of money to raise - in South Africa the money goes a long way, but for The Trust this kind of figure to be raised represents a challenge. Therefore every donation is appreciated and makes a difference, whatever the size.

This year the figure has included a bigger financial weight, as The South African

Government is to start charging school fees for each child when term begins in February 2009.

Two Sisters Current Budget Needs - "where your donations will go towards" :

Basic Running Costs: 18000 SAR per month

School Fees: 18000 SAR for the year

"We have 45 children aged 12 and above who, next term, will have to pay school fees of R20 per month. We have 6 children, who are in private education and their school fees are R600 per month."

School Uniforms:

"There are 160 children of school going age and from January 2009 they will require new school uniforms including shoes at approx R200 per child."

School Books for the Year: 5000 R 25 rand per child

Educational, Love & fun:

26th November Christmas Party:

"We have been donated some Lego which will be suitable for the children, say, 8 years and upwards. I have been to see a couple of local supermarkets this afternoon for toys for the, say 3 – 7 year olds. That is not hopeful at the moment so we may need to purchase the shortfall. We are currently planning for 200 children. We aim to give each child a packet containing chips, sweets, biscuits, donuts, choc bar, packet drink, etc and also will provide large Christmas cakes. The party will be held on the last Wednesday in November, just before school term finishes – 26th Nov. We are now approaching our longest school holiday as it will be height of summer."

DONOR Receipt of Funds:

If donors would just drop a line to the email address patrick@twositsters.org.za stating name, address and amount of gift and, the Orphanage will acknowledge receipt.

If you would like to know more, visit the web site, or visit The Two Sisters Orphanage or actually speak to Patrick Chamusso

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Thank you for your support to Two Sisters.