



**Golder Trust
for Orphans**



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Name of the Project:

Thembisa Embo Community Project / Hope Farm

Type of Project:

Grant Equity Project

Location:

Durban, South Africa

Number of Orphans Being Supported:

300+

Overview

The Thembisa Embo Community Project is a project located outside of Durban, South Africa that strives to support AIDS orphans.

It's primary objective, achieved through donations from individuals and various organisations, is to provide safe, loving homes for HIV/AIDS orphans by ensuring each child has a primary caregiver, a suitable dwelling, nutritious food, education, access to health care and counselling.

Caregivers Support

Thembisa is operated from Hope Farm, where Andrew and Rae Wartneby who run the project, live, work and care for orphans. The project recognises that every child has the right to a caregiver. Thembisa supports the caregivers by providing access to social services, a support network, skills training and practical assistance where required. Industrial sewing machines and automatic knitting machines provide opportunities for caregivers to learn a skill and when proficient to earn money.

Dwellings

The project has been able to patch badly damaged homes very successfully as well as building a few houses. The project has, through generous donations, been able to provide cement, roofing and wood to a number of caregivers. Most importantly, the project also coordinates volunteers to assist with labour as the caregivers are often old and unable to do any building themselves.

Food

This project was the pilot project of Thembisa and remains an essential part of the organisation. It partially relieves the burden on the caregivers who are feeding many children, and also provides a sense of belonging to Thembisa. The project receives food from local churches, individuals and private companies which it distributes every Wednesday. The project also has a successful vegetable garden.



Hope Farm chickens for sale.

Education

The project is able, through the generosity of individual donors, to pay school fees for a number of the orphans. In 2009 Thembisa partnered with World Changers Academy to present a successful life skills program.

Health

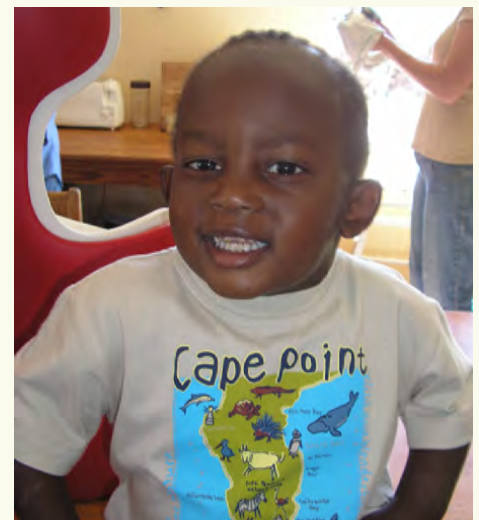
Thembisa promotes the mental and physical health of all the family members by ensuring they have access to health facilities. This may involve calling and directing an ambulance or transporting people personally. Caregivers and children are referred to appropriate centres for counselling and advice.

How We Helped this Project

Since 2006, we have been giving regular grants to Thembisa that have helped them more fully develop their farm (purchase of a quad bike), increase their ability to deliver food to the local community (purchase of a truck), and better care for the orphans who are staying with them (purchase of washing machine and dryer for their house). We also help to fund their annual Christmas party for local children. We are working with them to determine what kind of income producing project they may want to consider for the future.

Where to Find More Information

<http://thembisa.com/>



One of the children living at Hope Farm.

Recent Photos from Thembisa Embo Community Project / Hope Farm:



Clockwise from top left: Andrew and an orphan on the quad, Milk produced on Hope Farm, One of the children on Hope Farm, Children's houses on Hope Farm, Happy child at Hope Farm, The Golder cow.

See more photos from this project on flickr!
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