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Annual Report

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For Year Ending 31 July 2008

Sethani UK is a charitable trust, formed in 2004 in response to the needs seen by members of Winchester Family Church, UK, during several visits to KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, from 2002-04.



Background

Sethani UK works internationally to provide grants to relieve poverty in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa through our partner, Sethani South Africa.

Sethani SA is a community-based organisation working to empower the community and to relieve poverty in KwaNgcolosi, a semi-rural tribal area of KwaZulu-Natal. The area has poor infrastructure, high unemployment and lacks educational resources. Many of the community have been affected by HIV/Aids leaving children orphaned and living with extended family who are willing to care for them but unable to provide financially.

The majority of the community live in huts, some with access to electricity and water. Education is available for all but schools are entitled to charge fees and children are required to wear uniform and to provide much of their own equipment. This is beyond the means of many families and can result in children not attending school. Members of the community in need of support are referred to Sethani by schools and local community health workers.

Partnership

In our fourth year of operation, we have continued to work in collaboration with our partner organisation, Sethani, South Africa, to identify and provide for those in need. Sethani, South Africa, co-founded by Debbie Wells and Eric Shezi, is registered as a public benefit organisation in South Africa and works with the community in the KwaNgcolosi area of the Valley of 1000 Hills, Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Sethani runs Bongimpilo Creche, providing 70 pre-school places for children in the community and has its own buildings nearby, comprising a Resource Centre with library and computers, hall, meeting rooms and offices.



One trustee visit was made to the project during the year and it was encouraging to see so much progress. Over 20 people from the local community are now employed in either the Creche or at the Sethani Centre, whose buildings were full of people involved in a variety of activities; using the computers in the Resource Centre, counselling, organising food distribution, running choirs, youth clubs, football and netball leagues and the first ever cricket team in KwaNgcolosi.

Our grants have played an increasingly significant part in the funding of Sethani SA, providing over 10% of the total R1 million Sethani SA budget in their 2006/7 financial year. We are delighted to report that thanks to generous donations, our grants to Sethani SA have now exceeded half a million rand.



Income 2007-8

Our total income of £26870 for 2007-8 has been achieved through donations of £26668 and bank interest of £202. This significant increase has been largely due to generous donations by Eton College and Lochinver House School. The trustees would like to thank these schools and all our individual donors for their generosity.

As the UK administrative costs have continued to be covered by the trustees, 100% of income has been available for grants.

Grants

Grants totalling £22370 were made to Sethani, South Africa during 2007/8.



We contributed towards the costs of the Creche graduation party, as the oldest children move on to formal schooling.

Eton College provided us with generous funding which has enabled the purchase of the minibus pictured on the front page, easing some of the transport difficulties. Subsequent donations from Eton have also provided funding for some of the running costs associated with the minibus. Lochinver House School have also provided much-needed funding for a wooden hut which will be located in the grounds of the Sethani Centre, providing extra space and enabling more activities to take place simultaneously.

A grant was given to contribute towards the cost of IT support for the Sethani Centre's computers and educational software, ensuring that the computers provided by other funders can be fully utilised by the community. Funding was also given to enable emergency food parcels to be distributed in to those in crisis situations, increasingly essential as global food costs rise.

Project updates

The UK team is in regular contact with Sethani SA and financial reports, updates and photos of the project are sent by the South African team. News is also posted on the website.

Future funding

Discussions with Sethani Project Managers have highlighted the need for funding for school shoes, sports equipment, crèche and orphan support. All of these items will be featured in the next Gift Catalogue, together with Youth Camps, which will be a new addition to the catalogue this year. New employees have given Sethani the opportunity of running camps in which local youth can take part in a range of activities geared to their needs and we hope to be able to provide funds to support this. The rising cost of staple food items such as maize and rice has made the continuing provision of emergency food parcels even more essential and this item will again feature in this year's Gift Catalogue.

We also encourage UK Internet shoppers to support us by purchasing goods via our webshop at BuyAt/Sethani.com, which results in a percentage of the commission from the sale being passed on to us at no extra cost to the purchaser.

Thank you

To all who've supported us this year, your donations are very much appreciated and are making a significant difference in the lives of those in KwaNgcolosi.



Sethani UK – Income 2007/8

Donations	£26668
Bank interest	£202
Total	£26870

Sethani UK – Grants to Sethani SA

1 August 2007 - 31 July 2008

Passenger vehicle	£20,000.00
IT support and software	£700.00
Grade R graduation gifts & gowns	£140.00
Food	£1,500.00
Grant to cover SA cost of transfer	£30.00

Total £22,370.00

Grant 7 Oct-07	£22,370	@ 13.26	R 296,782
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