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Wish List

Because changing the atmosphere of Johannesburg is a community effort.

Premises

Although we do a lot of work in the community itself, we have an urgent need for a premises for our headquarters to be based from. We need a safe place to store donations, pack grocery packs and to have our free clothing store run from.

- Property around Cosmo City/ Kya Sands area that is safe yet close to distressed communities
- Monetary donations towards renting such a property
- Monetary donations towards staffing needs
- Fitting the free clothing store with rails and racks once a sufficient premises is found
- Office furniture

Food Projects

Our grocery outreaches are the projects in which we connect with the community and get to identify their needs.

There is no use for teaching a man to fish if you do not make sure he has food to sustain him while he learns.

Please contact us for dates as our grocery packs are distributed on a monthly basis.

- Non-perishable food such as maize meal, canned foods, soup powders, rice, pasta etc.
- Perishable foods such as vegetables, and fruits
- Crisps, sweets, fruit, and snacks for children
- Blankets to add to grocery packs this winter
- A small truck or bakkie as the car we are currently lending for this outreach is reaching it's end
- 3 outdoor foldable trolleys- the groceries are very heavy and volunteers carry them a far distance to recipients

CV Creation

We not only believe in helping people by feeding them but also empowering them to find their own jobs. The CV Creation and coming Free Clothing Store will work hand in hand to empower persons to create a sustainable income for themselves.

- Laptops to type out CV's
- Printers, ink, paper and Photostat machines or access to them to print the finished CV's for beneficiaries
- Printing of CV Application forms

Christmas Boxes

Each Christmas thousands of children wake up to the hope of a Christmas present and find nothing as their parents simply can't afford to buy them anything. We aim to bring Christmas to as many children as possible by providing the parents with gifts to give to the children- as if they had bought them- which stimulates family relationships.

- Shoe boxes filled with 1 age appropriate toy and sweets to the total value of R80
- Sweets, toys, boxes, wrapping paper to make up our own
- Monetary donations towards this project

Stationery Packs

Part of empowering the nation to escape the grips of poverty is empowering children to do well at school so that they can follow their career dreams.

- Stationery packs including writing pads, exercise books, pens, pencils, scissors, colouring pencils, highlighters, glue, stationery bags, school bags, calculators, typex, rulers etc. can be donated to this project
- Monetary donations towards buying all of these items

Furniture Redistribution

Prom time to time we are donated furniture to bless needy families with. We love being able to give a mother a bed for her child or to provide a table for homework to be done on but sometimes our lack of transport stops us.

- Small truck or bakkie to transport pre-loved furniture to households which are in need of them.

Girl you CAN do it & Men's Tribe

Many times children growing up in poverty do not know that they can become whatever they would like to be. They do not know how to attain career dreams as they have very little role models and mentors in this regard. We aim to inspire children to dream again and to help them pursue whichever career they choose, regardless of their current financial circumstances.

- Food for children and volunteers at these annual events
- Prizes to help stimulate conversation and attendance at these events
- Soccer equipment for the boys and make up for the girls at these events
- Gifts for each child to make the day extra special
- Sound system, extension chords, gazebos to make the behind the scenes possible at these events
- Vehicles to transport these items in

Staffing Needs and Volunteers

We can't do anything that we do without the help of staff and volunteers. Our human resources are often our most valuable resources as they are the ones that make projects a success and bring all of our efforts together.

- Our charity is currently run by the CEO who is one of the founders of Johannesburg Dream Center. She does all of the admin, planning, graphic design, procurement of items and fundraising by herself. She has the help of a team of volunteers but unfortunately they have jobs/ are looking for jobs and are unable to help during week days at the level that she requires. We are looking to hire a full time assistant for her to help her run the free clothing store and offices so that she can focus on the higher level requirements of running our various projects.
- We are also in need of the help of an app design team to create a volunteer opportunity and upcoming events app for us. This will help us to better communicate our needs with our volunteers to optimize the use our volunteer resources.