

UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES

Grants and Donations



"There is nothing I fear more than waking up without a programme that will help me to bring a little happiness to those with no resources, those who are poor, illiterate, and ridden with terminal disease." These are the words of Nelson Mandela, a man who took great pride in helping others. As a company that believes in investing in our country's people, Transnet also regards initiatives that uplift and improves communities as a key priority worth supporting.

UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Community-based and non-profit organisations play a crucial role in uplifting impoverished communities, where people mostly don't have the means to help themselves. By providing much needed care and services, they help empower people to live productive, healthy and fulfilling lives, and offer hope for a bright future when prospects are dim.

HELPING ORGANISATIONS TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED

Working towards a healthier, more productive, sustainable country, Transnet acknowledges and supports the powerful impact that non-profit organisations and community-based projects have on communities. These initiatives give the Transnet Foundation an opportunity to contribute to the development of South Africa's people as well as government's goals of addressing the skills shortage challenges by equipping our youth.

MORE THAN JUST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Transnet Foundation, which drives Transnet's CSI initiatives, spends close to R160 million per year on community projects and sponsorships. Over-and-above the CSI flagship programmes such as the *Rural and Farm Schools Sports Programme*, the *Phelophepa Health Trains* and *Sharp Minds! Get Ahead in Life*, a portion of the CSI funds is allocated to grants for special projects.

COMMITTED TO SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMES

To enhance the impact of our donations and to reflect our business model as well as our results-driven corporate culture, Transnet focusses its resources on projects that draw upon the specialist skills and experiences of our people. By contributing to social and humanitarian programmes, we help build stronger, healthier communities through better human services and support systems. Requests outside these focus areas are also considered if the organisation demonstrates sound corporate governance and good business principles.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- In 2012, R250 000 was donated towards the school fees of ten disadvantaged learners living with disability.
- Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic reflection (MISTRA) received R1 million in support of research, academia and policy development to enhance the team's research skills and promote heritage preservation.
- The Slovo Centre of Excellence in Johannesburg will receive R600 000 over three years (from 2012) to support their developmental programmes.
- Nompumelelo Institute of Leadership provides life skills development and education to disadvantaged youth in KwaZulu-Natal. Over R200 000 was donated towards a weekend excursion for maths and science grade 12 learners.
- R1.2 million spread over three years was pledged to the Walter Sisulu Paediatric Healthcare Foundation for cardiac intervention and surgery for six children.

PROGRAMMES – AND PEOPLE – THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM OUR HELP

Making a Difference Trust: This initiative, started by Karolina Andropoulos whose daughter succumbed to cancer in a public hospital, enhances the quality of care in paediatric units in public hospitals. The actuality TV programme Carte Blanche realised the plight of public hospitals and has been involved and driving this project since 2008. In 2010 the Transnet Foundation pledged R3 million over three years towards the construction of paediatric surgery units in five major state academic hospitals including Chris Hani Baragwaneth, Charlotte Maxeke, Steve Biko, King Edward VIII and Universitas.

Care Bears Pre-Primary and Wings for Life in Vanderbijl Park: These two educational institutions cater mainly for learners with autism and also accommodate learners with brain damage, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, physical disabilities and learning barriers. Transnet gave new hope to ten students during Mandela Day by covering their school fees.

Masizakhe Home-based Care: This organisation, based at Mbutye in Elliotdale, takes care of abused women and orphaned and vulnerable children and gives them the necessary support. Transnet stepped in to offer much needed funding, in the form of a R50 000 donation, so that they could continue to offer community healthcare.



Rhodes University Library extension project: The Rhodes University Library operates on an open library policy and prides itself on making its comprehensive information resources available to the wider community of Grahamstown. Transnet donated R5 million to build the Science Faculty Library. This is an important part of our drive to boost mathematics and science education in South Africa.

The Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic: This centre occupies a unique position not only in the community of Alexandra, but in the social history of South Africa itself. It serves an impoverished community of around 700 000 people. The centre receives 90% government funding but still relies heavily on other donations, to continue offering the community the healthcare services they need. The Transnet Foundation donated a 10-seater Toyota Quantum so that the centre could transport healthcare staff to patient's homes for home-based care.



HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING OR MAKE A DONATION

Please visit our website for more details on funding requirements and donation policies – see website details in the column on the right. We are always eager and excited to get involved in more uplifting projects and touch more people's lives, and also to connect with other well doers who share our passion for improving the quality of life of those who are less privileged.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King Junior

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