

## Appeal to support Tiny Treasures Educare Vermaaklikheid



Vermaaklikheid is a small village in the Southern Cape, where the permanent residents, are largely made up of poor families who are unable to afford the costs of pre-primary education for their children. The critical importance of early stimulation and learning to enable later school and life success is well documented, and additionally, a safe good child care, enables parents to work and thereby improve their home financial status.

For the last 11 years, a small preschool has been running informally in the village serving 17 children. Run by trained practitioners (Patricia Mxhalisa and Lezane Bam), the schools long term

funding recently ended and therefore have had to suspend services to children. The school provides an essential place of stimulation for the children, and therefore a small team of interested parties is focused on establishing the structures and raising the funds to get the school started anew.



The closing down of the old school has provided an opportunity to establish a new school (independent of the last one) with NPO registration, and to this end, a group of committed but non-affiliated members, has been established to raise funds and to register the Nonprofit entity to run the school going forward.

In the interim while these systems and formal registration are put in place, there are no funds to enable the school to run. We are therefore appealing for support to get the Tiny Treasures school up and running, to be able to provide this critical and life changing service for the small children of Vermaaklikheid.

Monthly costs are just R12 000 per month to provide salaries, nutritious food for the children, maintenance and a stimulating early learning programme. Improvements to the building and providing outdoor equipment for the children to play on, are all part of future plans but not included in this request. So, we appeal to all to consider supporting the school - monthly contributions are best as then we can ensure regular financial support which will provide a powerful impact for the children of Vermaaklikheid!

We already have a few committed contributors ranging from R100 – R1000 per month. Once off contributions would of course also be greatly appreciated. Funds will be carefully managed by the new board of 7 members (Anthony Black, Bosky Andrew, Justine Jowell, Anna Philander, Sally Shaw, Bibi Conradie and Robert Andrew as well as the teachers Patricia and Lezanne serving as non-members) and we can ensure oversight and strong financial management to ensure all funds are used for their allocated purposes.



We appeal to you to find it in your hearts and pockets, to support this important and critical service for the children of Vermaaklikheid. For contributions or more information, please contact myself, Justine (chair – [Justine@gem.co.za](mailto:Justine@gem.co.za) or 082 859 6333) or our treasurer Anthony Black (0836284405 [anthony.black@uct.ac.za](mailto:anthony.black@uct.ac.za) ) or any of the rest of the board – Bibi Conradie, Anna Philander, Robert Andrew or Sally Shaw. Or deposit directly into the interim fundraising account Name Anthony Black, Nedbank Current Account No. 1048041662 .

Please reference your name so we can thank you and please send us your contacts too. Thanking you in advance!