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Caring for Orphaned Children, South Africa



- Can you imagine being 7 and not eating for four days?
- Can you imagine being 9 and having to wash your own clothes?
- Can you imagine being 11 and having to care for your three brothers and sisters?

This is the ordinary life of an AIDS orphan in Africa. This is already the life of about 2.5 million South African children.

Children of the Dawn was set up in May 2002 to support and strengthen rural community initiatives which focus on caring for HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. Children of the Dawn's goal is to give back a future to such affected children. To achieve this they have adopted the innovative model of supplying rural communities with the financial and technical means to care for these children **within the community** with a long-term, sustained and holistic approach, looking at the whole spectrum of a child's needs. Children of the Dawn believe in **community responses** to the challenge of orphaned and vulnerable children who are cared for within their extended family or community settings, instead of in over-subscribed and under-resourced orphanages.

High Five Club Support:

We have joined hands with **Children of the Dawn** to provide care and support to two orphaned and vulnerable children for 12 months. Our support of them includes



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schooling, nutritional support, clothing, hygiene, household goods, transport, health provision including management of HIV/AIDS symptoms, care of the children's' siblings, administrative support, and access to outings, leisure and educational activities.



We have also together provided a stipend (small monthly remuneration) for 9 months to the caregiver in charge of their Serare care centre where these 2 children access Children of the Dawn services.

Children of the Dawn are confident that with this seed funding from the High Five Club they will now be able to secure long-term support for these children, as well as funding for the caregiver, before the year is out.

Our support for the year totals an equivalent of £774.50 to fund this intervention. It never ceases to amaze us how a little goes such a long way in Africa, when the support is focused and reaches the recipients on the ground directly.

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