

Alexander Forbes

COMMUNITY TRUST

Building
Sustainable
Community
Initiatives.



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The Alexander Forbes Community Trust has since establishment donated R18,5m to more than twenty community initiatives in seven provinces. This includes initiatives that benefits people with disabilities, income-generating activities for women in rural areas, creating a habitable environment for the aged by renovating old age homes as well as supporting orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) through day care centres.

Interesting statistics by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) Report 2005:

- It was reported that a total of 15.2 million children around the world are orphaned to HIV/AIDS, 12.3 million are in sub-Saharan Africa. About 82% of the global figure and 1.2 million was estimated to be in South Africa.
- It was found that 240,000 South African children under the age of 15 were HIV positive and only 18% had access to antiretroviral (ARV) treatment.
- 64,000 babies were born to HIV-infected mothers in South Africa
- It was estimated that the number of orphans in the sub-Saharan Africa will increase to 18 million by 2010.

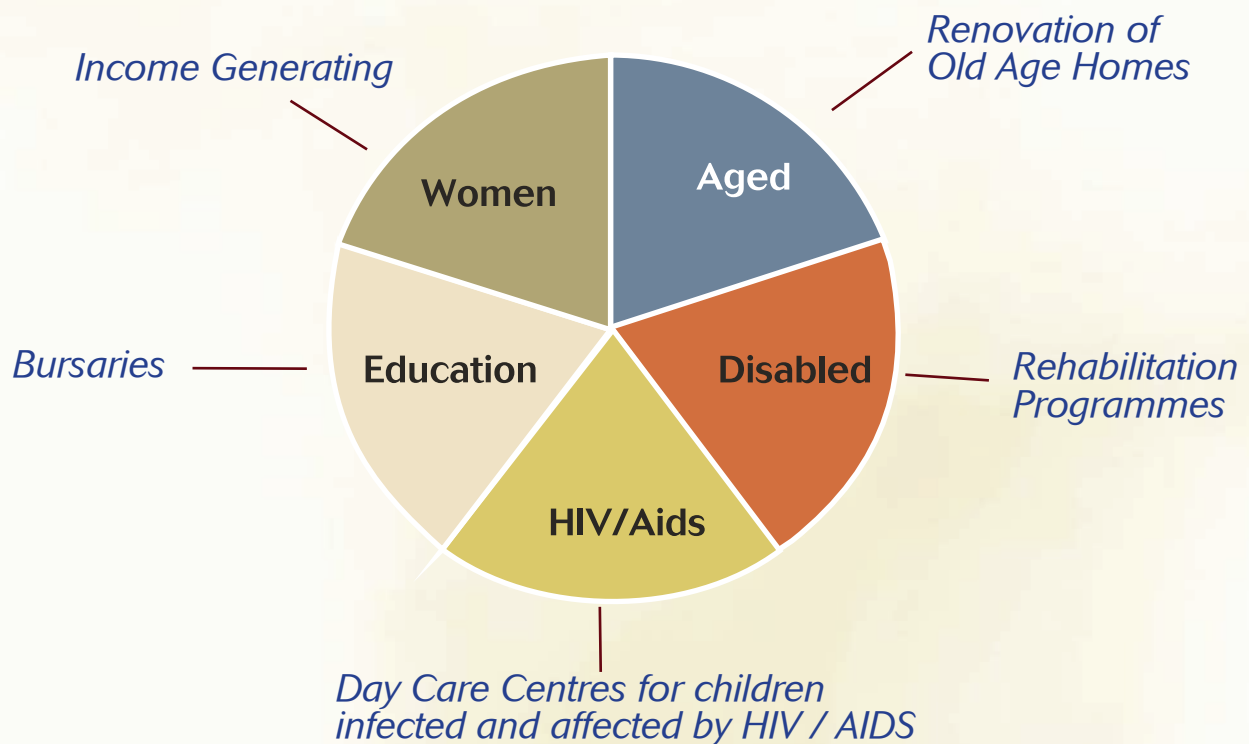
Surely, we all have a role
to play in supporting
these vulnerable
children

The Trust also has a bursary scheme that currently supports 52 students studying towards Actuarial Science, B.Comm (Risk Management & Insurance) and Bachelor of Business Administration.

Some of the students who qualified are pursuing careers within Alexander Forbes. These students would greatly appreciate to be mentored by champions in the corporate world.



The Trust's focus areas



EVP @ Alexander Forbes

Employee Volunteering Programme (EVP) is an initiative aimed at encouraging participation in community development projects. It is implemented via the Alexander Forbes Community Trust in line with the Values Project.

There has been an overwhelming response from our employees to partake in the upliftment of communities

December 2008

Bruce Campbell, Julie Fredericks and Mpho Nkeli handing out Christmas gifts and stationery at the Mapetla Day Care Centre in Soweto.





The Cre8 team enjoying some painting at the Headway Centre for people with brain related injuries. The team continues to donate cleaning agents, long life milk, biscuits, toiletries and cash on an ongoing basis.

Nicole Nisbet and her team from Alexander Forbes Health utilised their Occupational and Physiotherapy clinical skills to provide the project beneficiaries at Headway with a day that was filled with both physical and cognitive activities therapeutic aim, while incorporating a fun aspect.



The staff "clear-up" operation which took place during the December holidays resulted in more than thirty boxes filled with toys, books, stationery and clothes donated to a number of charities nationwide. Khata Day Care Centre was invited to the Sandton office to collect their donations and the children were ecstatic.




January 2009

One of the outstanding initiatives that was supported is the Jongilanga Day Care Centre in which the Port Elizabeth staff played a significant role in ensuring that it receives funding from the Trust after its application was initially declined.

The staff has gone out of its way to ensure that the centre fully meets the funding criteria which amongst other things, included being registered by the relevant governmental department. It has now been allocated R190,000 which will be used to care for children affected/infected with HIV/AIDS. Alexander Forbes received extensive media coverage in Port Elizabeth.

Staff from the Retirement Funds in the PE office adopted two little girls who are orphans and are being cared for by Siphokazi, an unemployed neighbour after they were ostracised by their extended family. The staff has committed to making a financial contribution on a monthly basis towards supporting these children .

They have managed to raise R1,455 during the December holidays. All kind of support will be welcome.



BONANZA: At the presentation function at which Alexander Forbes handed over a cheque of R190 000 to Jongilanga pre-school were (from left) Mirriam Mbekela, Don Ray Malable (Alexander Forbes Group Transformation), Nosipho Peter and Malcolm Stewart (Alexander Forbes PE – Risk Services Business Leader)

Cash injection for pre-primary school

R190 000 for aids programme

ILIZWI REPORTER
JONGILANGA pre-school in New Brighton received a R190 000 bonanza from Alexander Forbes recently. The money will assist the school in taking care of HIV infected and affected children and their parents and also to feed children and empower the infected parents about the HIV Aids pandemic.
"On hearing of this courageous community-based initiative the immediate response of Alexander Forbes

staff in Port Elizabeth was to include the pre-school as an Alexander Forbes Community Trust project, said Mandy Marx, Central Functions Supervisor at Alexander Forbes Port Elizabeth.
Marx said the immediate challenge they faced was that the school was not registered with either the Department of Social Development or as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO).
As such the school could not meet the requirements of an Alexander Forbes Community

Trust beneficiary.
He said the staff at Forbes Port Elizabeth took it upon themselves to have the Jongilanga Pre-School initiative registered with the department, and officially recognised as an NPO.
Marx said during the process of registering "the remarkable thing was that even before we were allowed to help officially, members of Alexander Forbes staff volunteered their time and resources to assist the children with chairs, tables, blankets and other essentials."



Such a caring spirit should be inculcated in our business to ensure that we continue to contribute meaningfully to the development of our communities.



March 2004

Gardening at Bizweni

The staff in the Stellenbosch office rolled-up their sleeves and replaced their pens with garden tools to help clean the garden of the new premises of the Bizweni Centre for Children with disabilities. This comes after they had taken the children out on an exhilarating tour of the local aquarium.



Taking time off for a good cause



Jurie Erwee, MD of Alexander Forbes Risk Services (AFRS), Julie Fredericks, Chairperson of the AF Community Trust and staff from the Durban office took time from their hectic schedule on the 13th March to make a difference in one of the Trust's projects situated about 140km from Durban.

The Siyabona Trust has recently been adopted as one of the AF Community Trust's beneficiaries. Siyabona manages nineteen crèches also known as Early Childhood Development Centres in the Vulamehlo village. The centres cater for 160 children affected/infected with HIV/AIDS.

The AF Trust donated R100, 000 which will benefit these children in the form of food, medical care, transport and other basic necessities for those attending school.

Over and above the contribution made by the Trust, AFRS donated R10, 000 which was used to buy stationery, toys and dry-macs.

AFI is Awesome!!!

The Alexander Forbes Insurance Social Committee organised a "Baby Shower" for New Beginningz, a shelter for abandoned babies and toddlers.



The little ones were showered with lots of gifts and love from the dedicated AFI volunteers. The cherry on top was the beautiful mural painting in the "baby room".



We need more of these types of interventions. Let's all roll-up our sleeves and help build healthy communities