



Thank you!

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1.) Words of appreciation: 2018 has been a remarkable year for Born in Africa. We turned 15 and we cannot count the number of blessings we have received which has ensured our organisation's success. After 15 years of working in the Bitou community we can proudly say that our foundations lay secure in the communities we serve and that given the support of all our supporters, we are ready for yet another 15 years!



We pay homage to all the families we serve. Currently we are supporting just under 400 children from Craggs, Wittedrift, Harkerville, Kranshoek, New Horizons and Kwanokuthula. The schools our children attend are Craggs Primary, Wittedrift Primer, Wittedrift High/Primary, Wittedrift High, Kranshoek Primary and Harkerville Primary, to name a few.

2.) Harkerville class rooms: Our sponsors and different Rotary Clubs around the globe, make it possible to support these local schools in many ways. In 2018 our biggest realisation was without a doubt the building of the 3 classrooms for the Harkerville Primary school. All children at the school benefit from this, and so does our mentor Sarija who now finally has her own space to work in. In collaboration with all sponsors and Rotary Plettenberg Bay we made a big change for this small school, thank you!



3. Mentors and assistant teachers: Thanks to our strong team of mentors, we have forged positive relationships with the principals and the teachers whose classrooms our children frequent 5 days a week. The three assistant teachers, supported by BIA, who work alongside the teachers at the school, are a big asset to the schools, the children's learning and form another important liaison between BIA and the schooling of our children.



All of this enables us to keep track of classroom progress, daily discipline -positive or negative, track sports progress and monitor arts and culture involvement of our pupils. It also becomes a lifeline should one of our children be in urgent need of our attention or care should something happen at school. For this reason, we are so fortunate to have the parents of these special souls, entrust them in our daily care, where we work with them after school, 4 afternoons of the week. Mentoring our children, shaping them into the stunning human beings they are meant to be, plays a major role in Born in Africa, every day. Themes to enhance their social skills, important information to offer them security in who to trust, homework assistance to help them with their schoolwork, the assistance during school projects, and more importantly, just offer that broad shoulder to cry on, or an ear to listen to personal dilemmas.



4.) Dream in Africa: Children growing up in the communities around Plettenberg Bay often deal with various challenges at a young age and therefore have different dreams and aspirations in life. Many give up hope for a bright future, but this is something we at BIA can't allow to happen. Through our Dream in Africa project we encourage all children to keep dreaming and with the amazing help from our sponsors, we can make dreams come true... Sometimes it's providing a child with his own bed, others we take out for lunch or a day at the water park, but it always paints a smile on a child's face when they see their dream come true!

Dream it...

Achieve it!



Believe it...





5.) Volunteers: All this is also possible thanks to our outstanding volunteers who make huge sacrifices out of their lives, to come and share with our children their knowledge of computer skills, life lessons, mathematics, reading, building self-esteem and so much more! It's so important to have a solid group of volunteers who are ready to take on challenges such as office administration, assist in classes when teachers fall ill, lead groups at educational camps, hand out uniforms and something as simple as translate a letter for

a child from his or her foreign godparents. Believe us, when we say thank you, we mean it, as without our volunteers, there is no Born in Africa!



6.) 15th birthday:

As mentioned in our opening, we celebrated our 15th birthday earlier this year and were truly thrilled when more than 150 godparents from all over the world made a special trip to Plettenberg Bay, South Africa to share in this momentous event. Many of them return visitors, some of them first time guests at Born in Africa, could meet their godchildren, visit their homes, see their children perform to their hearts content and these moments captured are moments which occur once in a life time. It's the moment

you have been waiting for, when you finally meet your godparents you have been writing to for so long. That moment you meet your godchild, who on pictures seem familiar, but now with a voice, gives a whole new meaning to your support of that child. There are no words of gratitude that we can mention, except perhaps that you- our godparents, sponsors, friends and family of Born in Africa- are changing lives.





7.) Study bursary program: When our children complete their 12 years of education, when that day truly arrives at their doorstep and all the hours, sleepless nights, tears and revision is something of the past, a lucky few further their education towards the onset of their tertiary education careers. Currently boasting more than 30 students studying at university, skills school, college or FET learning institution and celebrating the graduation of 5 of our students, it is evident that we are working towards our goal of promoting education. These efforts clearly pay off, seeing there is a new batch of 14 students who will embark on their journey of tertiary studies in 2019!

8.) Educational activities: We have also managed to instil morals and values while having fun and the perfect example of this was our annual "good versus evil" educational camps.



Hosting events such as these, as well as our educational holiday outings, promote comradeship, unity and a common goal amongst our children.

This goal was most certainly forged when our children's dreams were realised, when we hosted skills courses, career guidance outings and expos, swimming lessons, mathematical classes, computer skills and sewing classes.



So much fun was had while at the same time new information



was being acquired. This information is all part of what drives Born in Africa and inspires our board members both in South Africa and abroad to continue their important roles as administration support, directors, founders, spokesmen and -women, advisors and mentors.



"Together, we can make a difference!"

Thank you for your support!

The Born in Africa team

