

Trustees' Annual Report

Thandadani – love one another

Registered Charity No. 1197152, registered on 15.12.2021

Aim and Purposes

Thandanani is committed to preventing and relieving poverty as stated in our charitable purposes. We seek to advance education for girls and women in Europe and Africa by providing them with free re-usable sanitary products in order to enable them to carry out their usual daily activities during their monthly periods. We also provide humanitarian aid, food, educational equipment and personal hygiene articles to people in need.

Objectives and Activities

We launched the project called “Vulnerable” in order to make people aware of the global problem of Period Poverty. Statistics show that not having access to sanitary products causes girls to drop out of school during their vulnerable days. Dropping out of school on such a regular basis deprives girls of getting a quality education.

Fundraising Strategy

Thandanani never asks people for a donation. We create Fundraising Packs for all our Projects and ask people to raise funds instead.

The Fundraising Pack for “Vulnerable” contains information about period poverty and how girls are forced to cope with periods without access to sanitary products. It asks individuals to raise £18 for a period kit containing 6 re-usable pads, 4 pairs of underwear, a bar of soap, a small towel and an information card for menstrual health.

The Fundraising Pack contains numerous ideas of how people can raise funds including hosting a Period Party. It can be a simple or a fully catered party with activities where the guests donate what they would normally have spent of a hostess gift.

Achievements and Performance

This year we have been able to purchase and distribute 80 period kits to girls in the secondary school of Silobela, Zimbabwe called Zvibomvu Secondary School. We worked together with the principal Mr G. Moyo who helped us identify the girls in need.

One of our trustees, Sithandazile Moyo (not related to the school principal, even though same surname), visited the school on 29 September 2023 in order to distribute the period kits to the girls. The girls and their families expressed their gratitude as well as the school principal. The principal asked whether the charity would consider to help boys with school uniforms, shoes and fees in the future.

A further 19 period kits as well as face cloths, bars of soap, groceries, clothes and first aid kits were donated to a residential care facility for adults with disabilities in Silobela. The first aid kits were donated by members of the Harvest Centre Church in Brandon, UK.

Motivation and Vision

The word “Thandanani” means “Love one Another” in Zulu and represents the faith foundation of this charity. We believe that each one of us can make a difference just by giving what we have which includes time, attention, energy, relationships, mental capacity, talents, and sometimes money.

We would like to thank everyone who helped raise funds, you truly made a difference in people’s lives

Structure and management

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The trustees are responsible for the overall management of all projects as well as fundraising. All trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration or expenses were paid to them. No trustee or a person connected with a trustee received any benefit from this work.

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