

# Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea : District 9370 South Africa

## Proposed Global Grant for Early Childhood Development

### Equipment Supply, Security Upgrade, Building Renovations and Practitioner Training In Classroom & Resources Management, Health & Safety and Basic Bookkeeping



#### 1. Preamble:

The Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea (District 9370) applied for a Global Grant to formally educate child carers up to practitioner level NQF-4. This grant, GG1981740, was approved on 1 February 2019 and is currently in progress. During the assessment phase it became abundantly apparent that, besides the educational requirements of carers, suitable educational equipment & furniture was sorely needed. Further, the safety & security of the children is in jeopardy and needs urgent attention. The buildings also need renovations, in particular, the toilet facilities and kitchen cupboards and equipment. It was further noted that the newly trained Practitioners would need additional training in classroom management, health & Safety and basic bookkeeping. It is to be noted that this proposed project is intended to be part of our current approved grant. As financial support was not forthcoming, it was decided to embark on a separate Global Grant application. We have been advised, and are of the opinion, that it is essential to offer our newly trained Practitioners and their pupils, comfortable work areas and suitable educational equipment as well as to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and staff.



It has thus been decided, by the Rotary Club of Kenton on Sea, to apply for a further Global Grant to address these very needy shortcomings. This proposed project falls within the Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus, i.e. Basic Education and Literacy. It is aimed at six pre-school facilities currently being used by the ECD Practitioners that are receiving training through our approved Global Grant No 1981740. All these facilities fall within our immediate surrounds within previously disadvantaged communities. They all lack suitable educational equipment and furniture. Their premises and play areas are in dire need of upgrading, general repairs and maintenance. The security and safety of the children is of grave concern to us and needs attention.



#### 2. Mission Statement:

- Target Group – Facilities that are being used for teaching by the Practitioners currently under training at the informal pre-schools in Ekuphumleni, Marselle and Klipfontein areas. At this stage a total of 6 schools are being targeted.
- Aim – To provide suitable, safe and comfortable places of education i.e. premises, play areas, equipment and safety.
- Motivation – Neither the Local, nor the National Departments of Education currently support pre-school education. Thus, the need for urgent intervention, and action, to address this serious shortcoming. The buildings and premises being used are owned by the Local Municipality, who show no interest in upgrading them, quoting financial restraints. We are currently in negotiations with them to ensure that they understand the need for maintenance once the proposed renovations have been completed. Note that the necessity of equipment control & maintenance is included in the curriculum currently being undertaken by the Practitioners in training.
- Outcome – A sustainable process of quality pre-school education within comfortable, adequately furnished & equipped, safe & secure surrounds. This, we believe, will inspire & motivate the children leaving pre-school and ensure that they are ready to enter Grade R (1<sup>st</sup> year) of the formal education system.

#### 3. Survey:

A survey of the buildings has highlighted the desperate need for building and safety & security renovations as well as the need for suitable furniture, equipment and educational apparatus. The 6 pre-schools that have been targeted are all registered as Non-Profit Organisations (NPO's) with the Eastern Cape Department of Social Development. All building and security repairs and renovation will be undertaken by reputable registered builders and service providers and will be supervised by suitably qualified persons.



#### 4. Estimated Costs:

Six Pre-Schools to be targeted:

- Supplying of school furniture and equipment = US\$ 18 250
- Renovation and repairing of buildings & security = US\$ 63 000
- Practitioner Training = US\$ 6 500
- Total Grant Value (estimated)** = **US\$ 87 750**

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