



Wish list for SOUTH AFRICA 2011 Project COLORS International

How Can YOU Help?

The Director for Project COLORS will be in Nova Scotia for the entire month of June 2011 to promote our South African projects. This is a great opportunity for you or your company to assist this small non-profit charity by helping us collect certain items in need which you may have lying around your home or office or purchased with an overhead admin budget or extra funds.

In-Kind Donations:

Presentation/Visual Aids: COLORS is in need of a **projector** that is able to attach to a laptop to aid in presenting to local groups of women and aid workers in the communities in which we work. Where language is sometimes a barrier, visual aids are necessary to ensure that the message gets across on health care, child care and other important topics.



Medical & Dental Projects: We supply First Aid Kits and Dental kits to each of the care centers we are working with. To keep these kits fully stocked, we are in need of the following items: **toothbrushes, tooth paste, First Aid kit boxes, Band-Aids of all shapes and sizes, gauze, antiseptic wipes, small scissors, small flashlights, cotton swabs, tweezers, thermometers, anti-histamines, eye drops, rehydration packets, anti-fungal creams, rubber gloves and medical masks.**



Cameras: COLORS is always in search of digital cameras to use for our projects. We also use donated cameras to teach kids how to take photos and provide local ladies with a means to document their work.



Solar Lights: COLORS is happy to be promoting the use of solar technology in our projects. In Madagascar we distributed amazing solar lights and flash lights to family's that live in complete isolation with no power. The happiness was overwhelming as they no longer had to burn the trees for light at night. Please donate any **solar powered items** and we will find a good home for them.





Memory sticks: These memory sticks are vital to our youth mentorship program. Once a youth completes their 2 weeks with us they can leave with a memory stick filled with valuable photos, their new CV, community donation letters and project plans.

INK: Please sponsor us ink for our printer as we need to print out training and educational information for the communities and volunteers. **Printer unit: HP Officejet 5610- all in one**

Gift cards: COLORS always needs last minute day-to-day supplies that we haven't had donated, so Gift cards from **Staples, Superstore and Wal-Mart** are always a huge help to us!

Other Donations:

'Agents of Change Aid Workers Fund' - Sponsorship for staff: We have no paid staff since we are committed to as much as possible (98%) of funds going straight to the projects we support. We truly need a company or trust to sponsor staff as we often have gaps when there are no volunteers and our director has only a small monthly stipend of \$200 CAN. Please help us find a supporter to help COLORS in this endeavor.

Transport Gas & Repairs Fund: The townships where the crèches are located are about a twenty minute drive from the project base. Over the week, the gas expenses add up to commute back and forth. The more we can get into the townships and work directly with the youth, the more we can help impact their lives. Please help us find a sponsor to help us get back and forth to our projects sites in the townships, where we run our youth mentorship programs, teach and aid in crèches, and provide a nutritional programs for children in need.

Cost: \$100 CAN a month

Youth to be sponsored: Teenagers in South African townships do not have the same opportunities as North American youth to attend university or other career training. Sponsorships from charity projects are often the only way these youth will have a chance to learn career skills that can allow them to meet their full potential and support their families. We are very careful about the children we pick for our sponsorships so please consult with our office if you would like to take on a child as this might be the biggest opportunity of their life.

Cost: \$2000- \$4000 CAN, depending on the student and studies

Healthy "Lala" Fund: The toddlers and infants from each crèche that COLORS works with take their naps ("lala") every day on either a dirty blanket on the floor, or a flimsy, stained, germ-ridden foam pad. Many of them have already compromised immune systems due to malnutrition and disease, and sleeping amongst this dirty bedding is only adding to their health issues. Please help us purchase mattresses with nylon/waterproof coverings which can be easily cleaned after inevitable "accidents", and new fleece blankets to keep them warm in the cold winter months.

Cost: \$100 CAN per crèche

REMEMBER, no one person needs to finance any one project on their own!

Think how easy it would be to gather a group of concerned friends or colleagues: each person needs only to contribute what they are comfortable with, which can combine to a very significant contribution! Your dollars in South Africa can go a lot further than they can at home, so even a small amount is a huge help, and your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the members of the communities you help.

You can pick a specific project that you find to be particularly important, or you can leave your contribution in the knowledgeable hands of the COLORS team to find the best use for your donation.

If you are interested in learning more about Project COLORS or other ways to help, please visit www.projectcolors.com. Please contact our director personally at :

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DROP OFF:

From now until end of June supplies can also be dropped off or mailed to:

COLORS: 83 LESLIE RD, EAST LAWRENCETOWN, NOVA SCOTIA, B2Z 1P8

(across from Lawrencetown beach)

Thank you for caring!

