



Hello all,

I hope you all had safe journeys back and your aches and breaks are healing well!

Thank you so very much for choosing to take part in Enduro Africa and supporting UNICEF in the process.

Your donations are being used towards a project called, 'The Supermarket Approach'. This aims to deliver a comprehensive package of HIV prevention, care and treatment for mothers and children by integrating the services available to mothers to be and their children. In short, your donations are enabling more and more babies to be born free from HIV.

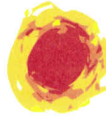
I know a lot of you are keen to see how these donations are being used. The South Africa office have provided me with a DVD to illustrate just how far your donations are going to go. I will be sending these shortly – if you haven't done so already (via me or Enduro) can you please email your contact details to fundraisinghelp@unicef.org.uk with 'Enduro Africa' and 'Ride One or Two' as the subject heading.

If you want anymore information about this, or anything else to do with UNICEF's work or getting involved with UNICEF further, please don't hesitate to contact me

On behalf of all of the children in South Africa that you are supporting, thank you once again for the superb donations.

Very best wishes

Alyrene Rosser



Nelson Mandela CHILDREN'S FUND(UK)



CHANGING THE WAY SOCIETY TREATS ITS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dear Enduro Riders

What a fantastic bunch you are! Those of us lucky to attend both events felt very humbled by the sheer energy and inventiveness of your fundraising – and for those of you who chose a different route by your personal generosity in funding your trip.

It looked like everyone was having such a great time and we are hugely grateful to Simon Smith and Mike Glover and their wonderful teams for making sure that you all stayed safe and came home in one piece, while also seeing so much of the magnificent country that is South Africa.

We know that your journey will also have shown you some of the reasons why your contribution is so important. Like so many charities in South Africa, the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund is working to counteract the effects of poverty on the health and future prospects of children.

As you know, life is tough enough when there is little money, and in many cases, extremely difficult for those children whose parents are ill or have died. Add to that the burden of being a disabled child and the picture is pretty bleak. But with your help the future is brighter. The money you have raised will be used to help disabled children to go to school and therefore have a chance in life. For example, REHAB in the Eastern Cape is working individually with children and their families to find them the right equipment so that they can become mobile, and to negotiate with schools so that they are able to attend. So rather than staying hidden away from sight at home they now can play with other children, learn and thrive – in other words, have a childhood with a future.

You have done a great thing – and we are delighted that you had fun doing it.

On behalf of everyone at the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund – Thank you so very much!!!

Best wishes

Kathi Scott
Executive Director
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Dear Enduro Riders,

On behalf of all of us here at Sentebale, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of those involved in Enduro Africa 2008. I hope that you all arrived back safely and are now rested and recovered after your adventures. Especial best wishes to those who were wounded in action: we hope you're now fully recovered.

It has been a pleasure being a part of this great venture from start to finish. You the riders were clearly an amazing bunch of people, and we are immensely grateful for your support.

Your incredible fund-raising efforts have surpassed all our expectations, and the money that you have donated to us will play a critical role in helping to improve the lives of children and young people in Lesotho. On their behalf we couldn't be more grateful.

Our work continues to grow and develop apace in our four key areas of work – HIV/AIDS, Integrated Community Development, Vocational Training and Special Needs. We are now working with 16 local partners, providing management and financial support to make sure that the children in their care receive the best possible care. Donations and generosity such as yours are vital to make this possible.

Thank you, and we hope to keep in touch with you in the future.

Yours truly

Geoffrey

Geoffrey Matthews
Chief Executive



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Nelson Mandela CHILDREN'S FUND (UK)



CHANGING THE WAY SOCIETY TREATS ITS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

December 2009

Dear Friend,

I wanted to write to thank you for your part in raising the fantastic donation of £86,650.18 we recently received from EnduroAfrica 2009.

This has been a really tough year for fundraising and you have all done brilliantly to raise so much money for the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund work in South Africa. It is undoubtedly testament to your creativity and persistence – very well done!

This is the time of year when there is so much focus on children – and making sure they enjoy this special time. By taking part in EnduroAfrica 2009 you will be helping us help those young children who have lost one or both parents in the HIV Aids pandemic.

It is estimated that 1000 children in South Africa become vulnerable every day because a parent dies or becomes too sick to care for them. And yet it is also estimated that 90% of these children do not have the disease themselves so stand a chance of growing into healthy adults if they are given the right support and advice.

Whilst the situation may be difficult it is not a hopeless one. With the money raised by EnduroAfrica the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund can work with community partners across South Africa to reduce the impact of HIV and Aids on children. With your support these children are being cared for and protected within their communities and extended families and given the chance of a happy childhood and future.

Thank you again for your wonderful support this year. On behalf of our staff and partners in South Africa we wish you a very Happy Christmas.

With very best wishes,

Kathi Scott
Executive Director
Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (UK)



“Making school a better place”



Dear Enduro Africa Participants

The fourth Enduro Africa off road motorbike charity ride in which you took part has left an indelible mark on the people of the Eastern Cape, particularly the children and communities you touched during on your “rest day”. Well done to you all for “surviving the experience” notwithstanding the odd bumps and bruises, which I am sure will be a topic of animated conversation down at your local pubs!!

This is the first year that Touch Africa will be receiving funding from this ride and I am sure as you have all experienced our brand at grass roots, you now know that every cent of the donation we are set to receive, will be put to extremely good use and make a tangible long lasting difference to those schools who will now be able to receive our assistance. You may be interested to learn that a minimum of 80% of our funding is ploughed directly into our projects.



For us at Touch Africa, we understand that Enduro Africa riders not only come to South Africa to have fun, but they prove over and over again their commitment to the charity.

We strive to continue to ensure that children are given back their dignity and provided with opportunities to learn and grow that they would otherwise not have had. Touch Africa’s Adopt a School programme is sustainable, transparent and has longevity.



“Making school a better place”

Many riders have already pledged additional funding and offered personal assistance by returning to South Africa to implement projects of their own in association with us. To all of you a huge thank, you are now officially a “Touch Africa Friend”.

WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN THE TRANSKEI

REVE SCHOOL - 6 October 2009

- Installed a crèche with tables, chairs, mattresses, blankets, toys and educational equipment
- Refurbished 130 desks by scraping, painting and putting on new wooden tops
- Delivered the 200 chairs promised by Mike on the 23 October
- Cost of the installation R41 300
- Items still required: Blackboards, sports equipment
- Shortfall R15 000 (+- 1363 pounds)
- Update: The crèche has been moved into the Church opposite the school to accommodate the increased attendance due to the new facilities provided





“Making school a better place”

NGQWANE SCHOOL – 7 October 2009



- Installed a crèche including tables and chairs, toys and educational equipment
- Touch Africa crew returned on 8 October to refurbish desks, finish painting and hang 3 doors
- Installed a jungle gym
- Painted classrooms
- Fixed the soccer posts
- Installed window sills
- Installed carpeting
- Richard White donated soccer kit
- Provided lunch for 300 people
- Handed over wind-up radios to be used as incentives for children to attend school and improve their results
- Cost of the installation R56 800
- Items still required: Blackboards, sports equipment, storage cupboards, curtains, ground leveling, installation of porches outside classroom, shaded area
- Shortfall R42 500 (+- 3863 pounds)
- Update: On my return on the 8 October to complete the painting and little snags I found the children happily playing on the jungle gym (they had arrived at 6am!!). The best news was that the day before we did the make-over there were 32 children in the class, the next day an additional 18 children came to school.





“Making school a better place”



To see what the riders in group two did on their rest day, log onto our website www.touchafrica.info and click on the newsletter.

I wish you a very blessed Xmas and a healthy and prosperous 2010.

Kind regards

Elise Fish



Dear Enduro Riders,

On behalf of all of us here at Sentebale, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of those involved in Enduro Africa 2009. I am sure it has been the adventure of a life time for many of you and I hope that you all arrived back safely.

The energy and enthusiasm that you have brought to this challenge has been an inspiration to all of us and the money that you have donated to us will play a critical role in helping to improve the lives of children and young people in Lesotho. With the help of your donations, we will continue our work – building and renovating children's centres and facilities, providing permanent accommodation and care for homeless children, promoting self-sustainability in orphanages through chicken farming and food production; providing winter clothing and support to mountain herd boys; running camps and teen clubs to support and educate children with HIV/Aids – and many more.

We were pleased to have increased the number of sustainable grassroots projects we support to 25 this year, including projects such as Beyond Bikes Association, a Sentebale initiative that was started as part of our education programme to provide vocational training skills to orphans and vulnerable children. It is now an independent charity that we are supporting to provide vocational training skills to teenagers. Children who have been involved said that the course has 'changed their lives for the better'.

Donations and generosity such as yours have made this possible – thank you!



With best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kedge Martin".

Kedge Martin
Chief Executive