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Making dreams come true

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Noah currently provides, supports and cares for more than 30 000 children in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng. You too can get involved and be a part of the solution to the pandemic of orphans.

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There are currently estimated to be 1.8 million orphans in South Africa and this number is predicted to rise to over 2.5 million by 2015. HIV/AIDS mainly infects heterosexual, sexually active young adults so the people who are dying are primarily the young parents of our country. It was estimated that 1000 people a day died, thus creating approximately 450 new orphans daily. This is in addition to the already 1.8 million orphaned children under the age of 15 in South Africa. South Africa currently holds the title of the country with the highest number of Aids infections. If more children are orphaned by Aids it is going to create a humanitarian challenge on a scale that no nation has ever faced.

Nurturing Orphans of Aids for Humanity (NOAH)

Noah is a registered non-profit organisation established in response to the HIV/Aids pandemic in the country in 2000. Noah helps and enables communities to care for their orphaned and vulnerable children by building Arks and empowering people through training, improving opportunities for education and ensuring food security for better nutrition. The Arks are led by a dedicated committee of community leaders who mobilise volunteers to care for the vulnerable children around them. This group is trained and finds and registers orphans in their community. They help them to obtain birth certificates and apply for child support grants.

Your help will be appreciated

The public can help Noah to give children a chance to dream about a better future and to give them the opportunity to achieve those dreams by volunteering their time, collecting toys, clothes and materials and making donations to Noah. There are endless ways to support Noah: you can adopt an ark, help make wish lists come true, paint walls, help with the planting of a food garden or take the children on an outing.

Visit www.noahorphans.org.za, e-mail Joslyn Walker on joslyn@noahorphans.org.za or call 083 413 5514 or 011234 2270 for more information.

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Noah's wish list

- School uniforms
- School shoes
- School books (exercise books)
- School equipment (pens, pencils, crayons)
- Educational toys such as puzzles
- Computers
- Arts & Craft materials
- Outdoor Play equipment (jungle gyms)
- Sewing machines
- Food parcels
- Clothes
- Fridges/Freezers
- Gas stoves

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Joslyn Walker, fundraiser at Noah says Noah brings together partners from all walks of life to provide inspiration and support to children. "We are proud of our record of partnership with government, private business and leaders in the community. Most importantly we celebrate the volunteers that are the driving force behind our success and we invite people to become a part of this by volunteering time, resources and knowledge."