



20 years of freedom!

In 2014, Waltham Forest Thuso in South Africa is proud to join the celebrations of 20 years of freedom and democracy in South Africa. The charity was founded in 2006 by members of the North East London branch of ACTSA (successor to the Anti-Apartheid Movement), who share Nelson Mandela's vision for the children of South Africa.

WFTISA's objective continues to be helping young South Africans from historically deprived communities remain in education, so that they can reap the fruits of freedom. To achieve this, we sponsor children at Thuto Lesedi Secondary School, 30 miles east of Johannesburg. Many of the children we support have lost one or both of their parents to HIV/AIDS.

With your support, WFTISA now helps 50 children a year stay in education until the final year of high school (year 12), so that they can reach Matric. A Matric pass opens the door to further education and jobs.



The Matric class of 2014

Our work now also extends to children at Lobethal Primary School in a rural part of Limpopo Province, as well as HIV/AIDS orphans supported by women's self-help organization Kopano Ke Maatla in Pretoria. We regularly send books, toys and other essentials to these children.

The Neil Chubb Prize

In 2013, WFTISA introduced a prize for the sponsored student who achieved the best results in the Matric examination. The prize is given in memory of Neil Chubb, a staunch supporter of WFTISA, who gave many hours of his time to help the charity and sadly died in 2012. In 2013, the first Neil Chubb prize was awarded to Thatedi Majoro who received a laptop computer.



Thatedi receives his prize

A hungry child can't learn

Many of the young people we support live in conditions of extreme poverty and we discovered that some of them were going without food. A hungry child cannot learn, so we made the decision to raise money for food alongside student sponsorship. In 2013, WFTISA provided lunch for 600 children, while 350 received food packs to take home at weekends. The school has 1,900 pupils – a significant number of whom could benefit from the food program.

Future projects

We are now raising money to send solar study lights to children at Lobethal Primary School in Limpopo. Rural areas of South Africa face frequent power cuts, which

means that children can't study and families have to rely on dangerous sources of light and fuel such as kerosene. As little as £7.50 will pay for a study light and £15 will buy a family lantern.

Thank you!

WFTISA would like to thank everyone who supports our work – those who sponsor children, donate time and money and buy plants, jam and jewellery from our stalls. We couldn't do it without you.

Special thanks to Gerard and Naima who host our annual garden party. In 2013, the event raised £1,123 for WFTISA.



Children in the lunch queue

How you can help

You can sponsor a school student for just £35 a year, make a donation towards our food programme or fund a solar light, by:

- ✍ filling in the direct debit form opposite to make a regular donation

- ✍ sending a cheque made payable to 'Waltham Forest Thuso in South Africa' to: The Treasurer, WFTISA, c/o 7 Rectory Road, London, E17 3BG

- ✍ or making a donation via the PayPal button on our website at www.thuso.org

Visit our stall next to the farmers market in Walthamstow Central every Sunday (weather permitting), where you will find the best value plants in Walthamstow, homemade jam, bric-a-brac and jewellery.

Buy one of Alison Brown's paintings at Pictorem gallery and a percentage will be donated to us: www.pictoremgallery.com

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