



Richmond Sunset Rotary Club

Service Above Self

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Richmond Sunset Rotary Club in British Columbia, Canada, has been involved with Refilwe Community Project since 2006. Our involvement extends to the Refilwe Hands of Hope School.

In 2008 Refilwe started the Hands of Hope School for the Grade 8 children from Refilwe in response to a special learning need. The Refilwe children have an educational limitation because of their vulnerable backgrounds and intermittent exposure to regular and good standard of education. The teachers assessed the children and established that 90% of the children are two or more years behind their ideal education development level. It became clear that Refilwe will have to address this need by building a school on the premises and to provide a more individualized approach in the classroom.

The Sandton and Randburg Rotary Clubs have been involved with Refilwe since 1998. The Clubs were involved by raising funds towards the building of the community hall, doing painting **and** electrical work, and provided books and equipment for the school and God Parents Project. As Rotarians they would not have done this work had they not believed that Refilwe was helping people who would not get help from any other source.

It is because of the involvement and recommendation of the Sandton and Randburg Rotary Clubs that Richmond Sunset Rotary Club decided to raise funds towards the building of the Hands of Hope School. This school will consist of primary, secondary and vocational sections and will provide services to children who are living at Refilwe and to children from the surrounding informal settlements. The construction of the school building will start in 2008/9.

The work of Refilwe is in line with the motto of Rotary: "Service Above Self". The project runs on good management and governance principles. The dedication and passion of those committed to the project are beyond reproach.

We have no reservation in recommending your support for this project that has continued to develop and deliver in what appears to be impossible circumstances.

Yours in Rotary,

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