

Kidlinks World Inc.
Annual Report
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This is the first year that the Board of Directors has provided an Annual Report. Thus, we have included a summary of the work that Kidlinks has accomplished during the past several years. The Board's subsequent Annual Reports will be a summary only of that year's activities. Thank you for your ongoing interest in Kidlinks and our projects.

Kidlinks is 100% volunteer-run and donor-funded. We pursue our mission by partnering with grassroots initiatives that serve the children on a daily basis. We currently have three partner organizations in South Africa:

1. The Gumboots Foundation SA
2. Ikageng Itireleng AIDS Ministry, Soweto, South Africa
3. Ikhwili Schools in Kei Mouth, South Africa



These three partners enable Kidlinks to reach over 3,000 AIDS orphans and vulnerable children that are involved with our projects. These projects are discussed in more detail below. Our support is given in the form of regular financial contributions, creating and sustaining food gardens, constructing playgrounds, and educational assistance. Every year, Kidlinks' members, volunteers, and college students travel to South Africa to assist our partners and to strengthen our relationships and commitment to our projects.

We are able to financially support our partners and our projects through numerous fundraising events held throughout the year in Madison, Wisconsin and through the generous contributions from individuals and businesses. Kidlinks promotes cultural understanding and awareness by enriching the Madison community with information on the socio-economic realities of Southern Africa, HIV/AIDS, and the inspiring work that is being done to help AIDS orphans and vulnerable children.

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Past Accomplishments and Goals for 2011

1. Ratang Bana Childcare (\$10,000 needed for 2011)

Kidlinks recently adopted Ratang Bana as a new project in Alexandra Township. “Ratang Bana” translates to “Love the Children.” Ratang Bana was founded five years ago by Ingrid Moloji and Sister Mary. Both Ingrid and Sister Mary were social workers for a government agency. They became disillusioned with the poor quality of services available, so they started Ratang Bana to meet the growing needs of AIDS orphans. They are both social workers and orphan care coordinators.

Ingrid Moloji has an office with technical resources and a couple of assistants. To operate the Red Roses Football Club, discussed below, Ingrid has the assistance of football coaches, a volunteer who trains students to use computers and a driver named Ben.

Other Kidlinks projects in Alexandra Township (such as Sigiya Sonke) require considerable volunteer support from Gumboots Foundation SA. Ratang Bana is different in this regard in that Ingrid has developed a wide network of local supporters. This project, however, is in desperate need of funding.

Ratang Bana encompasses several efforts:

- **Child Support Projects**— Orphans and child-headed households are given personal adult support.
- **Ratang Bana Home** – 13 orphans reside and receive care at the home.
- **Ituseng Creche** – Young children are cared for and fed in a loving environment during the day.
- **Red Roses Football Club** – Children from disadvantaged homes receive hope and encouragement from adult role models. HIV education is also provided.
- **SPCA/Animal Support Project**—Children who are members of the football club are required to give back by seeking out malnourished, abandoned and abused animals in their community. These animals are then given to the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

Kidlinks needs to raise \$10,000 in 2011 to purchase a used vehicle for Ratang Bana. Currently, food packages are being delivered to orphan families by bicycle. This vehicle will also be used to transport children to school and for outings for the children.



2. Sigiya Sonke Dance Project and Food Garden (\$5,000 needed for 2011)

Sigiya Sonke is a dance group and youth project based in a warehouse on the edge of Alexandra Township. Kidlinks partners with Gumboots Foundation SA for assistance administering and monitoring this project. Jack Letsoela started Sigiya Sonke in 1993 and has been working full time on this project since 2008. Through the expression of dance and choreography, the Sigiya Sonke Dance Center lends support and a sense of belonging to young people in such a way that it has become a vital part of the community.

During 2009, two landscape architects from Madison, Wisconsin donated their skills and time to travel to South Africa with a group of students from California Poly Technical College to construct a sustainable food garden. Located adjacent to the Sigiya Sonke warehouse, this well-constructed garden provides fresh vegetables to the families and children who are members of the Center. Kidlinks has ensured that this on-going project provides hands-on instruction in growing and managing sustainable food gardens.

During the last couple of years, the Dance Center has expanded to become a Youth Center providing a safe place for students to flourish and learn. During 2008, computers were added to the Center providing an environment where young people can do school work away from typical crime-ridden overcrowded locations. Currently, the Center occupies the upper floor of the warehouse. With support from a single donor, Gumboots Foundation SA is negotiating to purchase the entire warehouse. This would secure the site for the future and enable the expansion of the building to include other worthwhile activities for children.

Kidlinks is planning a work trip to develop an outdoor park area that will be connected to the food garden. The park will have an outdoor classroom. This trip will take place in January 2012. Kidlinks needs to raise \$5,000 in 2011 for this project.

3. Ikhwili Schools (\$2,000 needed for 2011)

During 2005, Kidlinks recognized the need to take work groups to South Africa to assist with the implementation of specific projects we support. These work groups (as many as 20+ people for one project) built playgrounds, food gardens and a memorial garden. The first of these projects to receive our assistance was the Ikhwili Schools in Kei Mouth in the Eastern Cape Province. Under the direction of trained professionals, the volunteers created a playground that was constructed of natural and found or recycled objects, as is often the tradition in these areas. After the successful completion of the playground, a large food garden was planned and implemented. After completing construction of the initial phases of the playground and the food garden, Kidlinks' supporters have returned to ensure that these resources are maintained on a regular basis. Kidlinks adds further support to the Ikhwili Schools by providing funds for seeds, seedlings, and garden tools. We also pay the salary of a caretaker for the garden and the playground.

We are happy to report that during 2010 the Ikhwili Schools won second place for their food garden project in the Annual Department of Agriculture 4H program. As a result, they were awarded R3000 to help pay for supplies for their garden.

In October 2011, Kidlinks supporters will once again travel to South Africa, this time to build a library for the Ikhwili Schools. The Rotary Books for the World Project in Johannesburg will partner with Kidlinks to ensure success of this project. Kidlinks needs to raise \$2,000 in 2011 for this project.

4. Ikageng Food Garden Project (\$5,000 needed for 2011)

Ikageng Itireleng Aids Ministry was founded in 2002 by Carol Dyantyi. The goal of Ikageng is to create a large community for AIDS orphans living in child-headed households in Soweto Township. Current estimates identify more than 1.4 million children in South Africa who have been orphaned as a result of AIDS. Through the Ikageng network, children are provided with food, clothing, transportation, water, electricity, education, and health care--basic needs that allow them to become responsible, productive adults. Under the guidance of a "house mother," siblings are able to remain together, thus maintaining family structure and relieving some of the despair that these children already face. Currently, Ikageng supports over 1,700 orphans in 330 homes.

A few years ago, Ikageng was given a 30-year lease to use a 10-hectare plot (approx. 25 acres) for a vegetable farm. This plot is in an area that is surrounded by market gardeners who supply vegetables to small vendors and to the Johannesburg produce market. Currently, food packages delivered by Ikageng to over 330 child-headed households contain no fresh produce. So, Ikageng appealed to Kidlinks for assistance to set up a food production garden. Vincent Moahludi, an orphan who was supported by Ikageng as a young boy, has taken on the role of setting up this project. He is highly motivated and is now studying Agriculture at UNISA. Vincent was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from Food and Trees for Africa (FTFA) and \$1,450 from Kidlinks to provide him with training, tools, and needed materials. The garden was installed this past December (summer in South Africa). Sustainable methods of permaculture are being implemented at this garden. This project is the first phase of a long range plan to create a farm that will provide income to meet the needs of families supported by Ikageng.

Kidlinks is currently raising money for Phase Two of the Ikageng Food Garden Project. This phase will include a water harvesting system, fencing, garden expansion, and the purchase of a computer for Vincent. This computer will enable Vincent to work on a long range farm plan and to provide Kidlinks with regularly updated reports on the progress of the gardens.

Kidlinks need to raise \$5,000 in 2011 for Ikageng Itireleng Aids Ministry.

Financial Report

This report was developed by Kidlinks World and the UK Gumboots Foundation

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Kidlinks World Inc 2010 Financial Statement

Income

Private Donations	\$	1,080
Corporate Grants /Donations		650
Gross Income - Crafts		2,214
Fundraisers		10,433
Misc/Garage Sale/Craig's List		19

Total Income **\$ 14,396** 100%

Fundraising Costs

Advertising		0
Printing		23
Venue Rental		150
Food		368
Entertainers		1,825
Postage		116
Cost of Goods/Crafts		2,916
Other Expenses		119

Total Fundraising Costs **\$ 5,517** 38.32%

Administrative Expenses

Advertising/Education		33
Insurance		331
Permits/Gov/ Filing fees		20
Office Expense		137
Telephone		397
Misc.		6

Total Administrative Expenses **\$ 924** 6.42%

Grants to Projects

Alex Projects (Gumboots Administered)		3,881
Kei Mouth Schools		1,551
Ikageng		1,396

Total Grants to Projects **\$ 6,828** 47.43%

Funds Remaining **\$ 1,127** 7.83%