



AFRICAN ANGELS COMPANY PROFILE

EDUCATION WITH A DIFFERENCE



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION



Introduction

African Angels Trust, established in 2007, is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation.

African Angels operates the African Angels Independent School in Chintsa East, 31km outside East London, in the Eastern Cape.



Contact Details

Name of Organisation:	African Angels Trust
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NGO and NPO Registration Numbers	NGO Registration number: 061-372 NPO Registration number: 9300028481
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Objectives

- To deliver a superior primary school education to economically, socially and previously disadvantaged children.

Method of Delivery

- Small classes with a maximum 1:20 teacher to learner ratio
- A strong focus on the whole child and their social **and** academic wellbeing and achievements
- Regular parent teacher meetings
- Non corporal discipline strategies
- Integrated experiential learning experiences including attending the National Science Festival in Grahamstown and routine excursions
- Exposure to computers from Grade R

Achievements

- Establishment of the African Angels Independent School in 2011
- Providing superior primary school education some of the most disadvantaged children in the Province.
- Attracting and sustaining key corporate donors such as Mercedes Benz South Africa.
- Engaging with parents in a responsible, adult and socially aware manner
- Sound financial management with excellent cost management and minimal administration costs.
- Monthly reporting structure to donors, supporters and parents
- Annually prepared financials by a qualified accountant



Challenges

- **Teacher Retention.** The School is situated in a rural location with a very poor access road, and currently the organization cannot match Government offered salaries. To be able to attract and retain excellent quality teachers we must be able to offer matching Government salaries to be able to continue to offer the superior level of education.
- **Transport.** The student population is transported from their homes in Chintsa East some 10km from the school. In the absence of public transport, taxis remain the only transport option for parents and costs are prohibitive. African Angels subsidizes daily transport at a cost of R1970 per child per year. The transport cost for 2015 is forecast to be R163 510.
- **Growing Our Donor Base.** Until 2017 the school expands up one class per year, requiring an additional R120 000 per annum for each new teacher. Growing the African Angels Donor Base is a high priority for the Board.





AFRICAN ANGELS STAFF AND STRUCTURE

African Angels has a total of five full time staff and two part time staff, all of whom are directly employed supporting our current 2014 school population of sixty three children in teacher, teacher aide and transport roles. Six out of seven of our staff are women.

Our Board comprises of a Chair and two trustees, with two parent representatives who communicate with the Board members on a regular basis. Regular Board, teacher and parent meetings are held through the year.

HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT

- 2007 The African Angels Trust was established as an educational sponsorship program, to assist socially, economically and previously disadvantaged children access quality education through existing schools in East London.
- In 2010 the Board realized that the program could not be scaled up, was heavily reliant on transport in and out of East London, and that existing schools were over-subscribed and were unwilling to accept learners from out of area. The decision was made to open a school in Chintsa East, renting classrooms at a previously occupied educational facility.
- In 2012 the African Angels Independent School opened with Grade R and a combined Grade 1 and 2 class. Learners were enrolled locally, and removed from East London based schools.
- In 2013 Mercedes Benz became the core funder for the School, sponsoring three teachers in 2013 and four in 2014.
- In 2013 the School expanded to Grade 3, and in 2014 to Grade 4 with a total of sixty three learners.