

Taking action to educate and empower

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. Indeed, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in our country facing the greatest challenge it has ever faced since democracy.

There are many uncertainties; the duration and effect it will have on our community demands our unsurpassed service. Without doubt, the coming year will be difficult for everyone, but more so for those who had little to start with even before the spread of COVID-19.

Our new financial year commenced on 1st April 2020. We've pledged to support 92 welfare and development organisations, with a funding benefit of R 12,1 million.

One of the beneficiaries is Thanda Aftercare, based in Mtwalume on the South Coast. The organisation works to break the cycle of chronic poverty with pioneering education programmes that inspire a life-long love of learning and enables children to develop within their own community.

In order to best fight the pandemic, education at all levels is imperative. We are proud of Thanda Aftercare as they have taken steps to educate and inform the community in order to protect themselves.



In addition, they have built tippy taps for hand sanitation upon entrance and departure of the Thanda Community Centre, which will allow the children to visit in small groups for a meal and an hour of run-around outside activities before leaving. Through play, Thanda will drive home the need for good hygiene and social distancing.



I cannot adequately express our deep appreciation for your continued support to the Community Chest.

I appeal to you to please maintain your support of our most vulnerable communities through the Community Chest and if at all possible, to increase your contribution in order to cushion, to some extent, the dire circumstances that could potentially unfold in the months to come. Your support is needed more now than ever before.

May we succeed in addressing the challenges that are ahead for communities, the country and the world at large, to win the war against Covid-19.

Every blessing,

Gordon McDonald

Executive Director



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