



There are 1.1 million orphans in South Africa alone and over 5 million people who are HIV+.
It is estimated that by 2010 there will be over 18 million children in sub Sahara Africa who will have lost one parent to AIDS .
(UNICEF 2003)

STARBRIGHT OBJECT

StarBright is committed to help orphans and children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. We are building an early childhood educational exchange program.

CURRENT SITUATION

There is little or no early childhood learning occurring in many day care centres and orphanages in South Africa. Staff at many centres are mothers who have minimal training and no educational experience. There is limited knowledge of how to implement an early childhood learning program.

THE PROGRAM

To sponsor Australian early childhood teachers to work beside South African parents and day care staff, to help train and resource their early childhood programs.
To bring South African childcare workers back to train in our childcare centres.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Starbright needs \$80,000 to fund:
The first Volunteers in 2007
Year 1 co-ordinator placement in January 2007
Kindergarten teacher exchange in June 2007
New Lemon Tree Children's Centre

Research shows that quality early childhood learning and care leads to higher levels of physical, cognitive and emotional well-being and better rates of lifetime learning and earning. Something that is vital for these children who will be leading Africa into the future.



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