

# CRP'S FALL/WINTER FUNDRAISING DRIVE



CHILDREN'S RESILIENCY PROJECT

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## The Value of Life

*There Is Yet More to be Accomplished*



*Zinhle, which means "Precious," is another life saved by friends and family of the CRP*

We cannot diminish the value of one category of **human life** without diminishing the value of all **human life**.

President Ronald Reagan

With the vast numbers of orphaned and abandoned children (50,000,000 estimated according to

UNICEF), it is easy to be caught in the seemingly futile efforts of the Children's Resiliency Project's to rescue and find homes for these children. After all, *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village will only be able to house 42 children upon its completion.

Before he died, Senator Jesse Helms, a long-time protagonist against funding for AIDS in Africa, helped pass the largest Aid package for Africa (PEPFAR). In his plea for support, he encouraged people not to attempt trying to grasp the numbers, but rather ask themselves how they would respond if this illness were sweeping their communities and their families. Sub-Saharan Africa is far away from American shores. Imagine that Zinhle was living in your community or came from your family. Without a doubt, you would help. This type of scenerio modivates (continued – see "Starfish" p. 4)



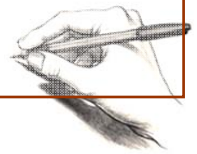
Senator Helms

Dear Friends,

Since our return to South Africa, we have been busy hosting mission teams. The last group left a few days ago. We are also hosting a few volunteers, who have been a great help to the project. Keep us in your prayers as we endeavor to move forward. Our short-term plans include building three more homes. Our long-term goals include building a new children's village. We appreciate all you do to help us save these children. We know it pleases God and hope you feel truly blessed by helping us. Please continue to be faithful.



*Gazi Abantwana Izinyawo,*  
Bob



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## Dying Before Age 5

### Child Mortality in SA Still High



THINK ABOUT IT  
58,000 Will Not Have A 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday

"Levels and Trends in Child Mortality," a 2011 report issued by World

Health Organization, shows that 12,000 children were saved each day in sub-Saharan Africa last year; yet, in South Africa child-mortality rates remain close to 1990 levels. Last year 58,000 children died before their fifth birthday. The report shows the number of deaths among every 1,000 births in South Africa was 60. Last year, this number

was 57. The UN's Millennium Development Goal is to reduce the number of deaths to 20 for every 1,000 births in 2015. HIV/Aids and the limited care packages seem to be hampering progress in reducing the childhood mortality rate. The report also noted that between continued – see "Child Mortality Rates p. 2"

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## Child Profile "Asizwe Zondi"

Sandile Sithole was born December 23, 2005. Sandile (*San-dee-lay*) arrived at *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village in August 2010. His mother died when he was two. He had been in several foster homes before arriving. He now lives with Gogo (Zulu for granny) Minah, who loves him dearly. He attends preschool and appears to be a happy child. His favorite song is "If We Are the Body" by Casting Crowns and requests it everyday on the way to school. He also loves



to open the van's windows on the way to school even if it is cold. Like all the other children, he loves to swim and jump on the trampoline. You can sponsor this child for as little as \$25 per month at [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org).



## Child Mortality Rates

1990 and last year, the mortality rate for children under five dropped from 88 deaths in 1,000 to 57. Countries leading the way are Niger, Malawi, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The report shows that newborns and infants continue to be most at risk. More than 40 percent of child deaths occur within the first month of life and 70 percent in the first year. Anthony Lake, executive director of Unicef, states that though progress is being made, "we cannot forget the chilling fact of about 21,000 children a day dying of preventable causes." Heather Zar, head of the department of paediatrics and child health at UCT and Red Cross Children's Hospital, stated her concern about South Africa's high child mortality as well, "We will not be able to achieve Millennium Development Goal targets of reducing child mortality; however, there have been important interventions in the past few years in South

### Top Five Causes of Child Mortality in South Africa

- |                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. HIV/Aids               | 42,749 |
| 2. Low Birth Weight       | 11,876 |
| 3. Diarrhea Diseases      | 10,786 |
| 4. Respiratory Infections | 6,110  |
| 5. Malnutrition           | 4,564  |

Source: MRC Policy Brief

Africa that I think will reverse the trend in child mortality. These are better and improved coverage of prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission programs, early use of antiretroviral therapy in HIV-infected children and the introduction of two important childhood vaccines to prevent pneumonia and diarrhea." Fidel Hadebe, spokesman for Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi, also expressed concern over high mortality rates, but stated measures, such as HIV/Aids treatment guidelines and the establishment of the Office of Health Standards Compliance, which include infection prevention will help. For more information, visit [www.iol.co.za](http://www.iol.co.za).

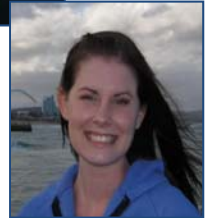
## Over \$50,000 Raised For New Homes

If one were to ask Pastor Ritchie Miller as to whether or not his sore back, blistered feet and countless cramps were worth his effort in the 2011 Comrades Ultra Marathon, he would answer, "How much money did we raise to build homes for orphans?" Though it is

unlikely to know the exact amount because some funds were received undesignated during his run, those donors sponsoring him gave more than \$50,000 toward building new homes, which will cost an estimated \$105,000. Yes, it was worth it. Thanks, Ritchie!



Ritchie After 56 Miles



## ATTENTION MARATHON RUNNERS

### ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA



The CRP has long term goals that include building new children's villages in South Africa. We are starting a new fund to acquire

property. Because last year's Comrades was a success with Pastor Ritchie, the CRP is recruiting new runners for the 2012 race. With the support of Avalon Hope, the CRP will purchase a round-trip economy ticket for runners who raise \$5,000 for the project (all donations are tax deductible). Also, runners can have their entire expenses paid while in South Africa or opt to bring a friend

on an economy ticket if they raise at least \$10,000. Please keep in mind the following:

**- Funds must be deposited in CRP's or Avalon Hope's accounts prior to 4/15/12.**

**- Trip will be between 5/27/12 and 6/10/12.**

**- Deadline for Comrades registration is 11/10/11.**  
[www.comrades.co.za](http://www.comrades.co.za)

For more information email Dr. Graham at [sacrp.bg@juno.com](mailto:sacrp.bg@juno.com).

**Our Newest Volunteers**  
Chris Duncan from McDonough, Georgia and Hailey Baisch from Meridian, Idaho are *Indawo Yethemba* Children's Village short-term volunteers and will be serving here until next year. Volunteer are needed for next year. Proper screening and sufficient financial support are required. If interested in our short-term volunteer program for the fall of 2012, email Dr. Graham at [sacrp.bg@juno.com](mailto:sacrp.bg@juno.com).



**URGENT NEED**  
Contact Dr. Graham  
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## Current Financial Needs

<b>Mower</b>	<b>\$5500</b>
Land Acquisition for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children's Village	\$300,000
Construction for 3 Homes	\$55,000
-price per home estimate: \$35,000	
Furnishings	\$15,000
-price per home estimate: \$5,000	
Solar Water Heaters	\$2000
2012 School Fees	\$800
Current Operating Expense per month	\$3800
Insurance	\$5000

## Supporting Indawo Yethemba (Place of Hope)

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Online Donations at [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org) (select "Give Now")  
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Receipts of Gifts to CRP Available Each January

CRP Does Not Exchange Donor Information



EVERY TIME I  
LOOK INTO THE  
EYES OF A  
PERSON DYING  
FROM AIDS, I GET  
THE FEELING  
THAT IT IS JESUS  
LOOKING INTO  
MINE.  
MOTHER THERESA



## Starfish (Continued from page 1)



Sizakele and Ayanda Teaching Sunday School

the board of the CRP. The project does not seek to rescue all of Africa's orphans; on the contrary, it simply attempts to follow the starfish principle. Millions of starfish wash ashore throughout the world every year; yet, people continually throw them back. All of

them cannot possibly be rescued. The difference does not rest in the ones that die upon the shores but rather the ones who return to the sea. The CRP continues to return starfish to the sea. It cannot rescue all of them, but with your continued support, it will

continue to rescue children like Sizakele and Ayanda, both of whom had been raped and abandoned. Now, they live in a Christian home, where a Godly granny loves them unconditionally. Here they are pictured teaching a Sunday-school lesson at their church in Durban. Is the CRP futile in its attempts to rescue and find homes for abandoned and orphaned children? Sizakele and Ayanda have expressed their gratitude to the Grahams many times. These children can be sponsored for as little as \$25 per month at [www.sacrp.org](http://www.sacrp.org). These funds are used not only to feed and shelter them but also to pay for



How does one get the starfish back into the ocean?

school fees. South Africa does not have "free education." Even its state schools charge fees. For example, Ayanda's school fees are just over \$1,000 to attend an average school in Pietermaritzburg. Yes, these schools want to help the CRP, but they also have to pay their teachers and pay their bills. All of these elements are important if project continues with its ultimate goal of increasing their quality of life.

The Children's Resiliency Project is an IRS-Approved Public Charity: Contributions are Tax Deductible (EIN 20-2157091)

### Increasing the Quality of Life for Africa's Orphaned Generation

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*"Suffer the little children to come unto me...for of such is the kingdom of God." Mk. 10:14*