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MISSION STATEMENT

TIAS ARMS is a non-profit, non-denominational organization that believes in providing a dignified, nurturing and compassionate environment for orphaned or abandoned children affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

TIAS ARMS Funds:
160 pairs of new shoes
for Never Never Land
children

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Volunteers



*Thank
you!*



Virtual Tea Party

Thank you to everyone who made our tea party a success this year. Thanks to our fabulous donors we raised over \$40,000, more than we have raised at any of our previous fundraisers. These funds will go far in helping the children in South Africa. Since we have been doing these online fundraisers for a while now, we have gotten much practice and this program was seamless, in large part to Malachi Clark for donating his time in helping make the Zoom platform run smoothly.

Our founder, Joanne Baker, is so good at finding quality volunteers and hooked them in. A highlight of the virtual tea was Joanne's lovely daughter, Kim Baker. She gave an informative presentation on tea. If you would like to hear more fun foodie lessons from her, check out her blog, "As We Eat." Hearing our volunteers and grantees sing was sure a treat too. I know it made me smile. Seeing videos from our grantees where they shared what they do at our tea was a good reminder of why we do what we do. The funds we raise go far for our children.

-Margaret Moodian, Board President



What's New

TIAS ARMS is making giving easier!

What is a QR Code and how does it work?

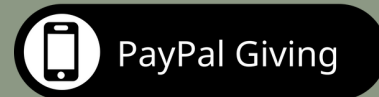
A QR, Code is a two-dimensional version of the Barcode able to convey a wide variety of information almost instantly with the scan of a mobile device.

We have added QR codes to our newsletters, invitations, emails and soon at our "in-person" Wine Gathering. We have a QR code that links directly to PayPal, see below. We also have a QR code that will direct you to PayPal Giving. What is the difference?

- PayPal Direct charges a fee of 2.9%
- PayPal Giving is for Charities and there are NO FEES.

TIAS ARMS will be using PayPal Giving for fundraisers. We continue to use PayPal for ticket sales. It is our goal to add Venmo and Zelle in the near future. We are very excited about moving to QR codes during our events to reduce check-out lines and create efficiency.

GIVE IT A TRY!



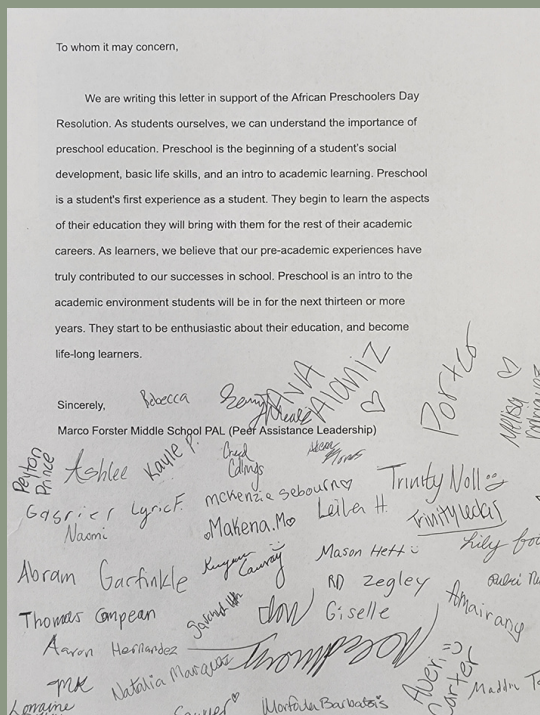
Tax Receipts

TIAS ARMS will be sending annual tax receipts versus multiple receipts throughout the year. The receipt will arrive via email the first of January. These receipts will be generated through QuickBooks. However, you may request a tax letter at any time by emailing donna@tiasarms.org.

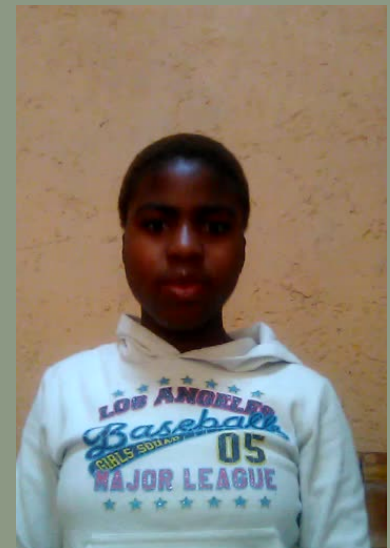
African Preschoolers' Day Resolution

TIAS ARMS has been advocating for an African Preschoolers' Day resolution. This would be an excellent way to promote democracy and stability; provide young children in Africa the care they need, and lay the foundation for healthy communities, lifelong learning, and awareness of one another. Margaret Moodian, former TIAS ARMS' board president, Anita Lampel, and middle schoolers from the pen pal program recently met with Senator Van Hollen's office to discuss this resolution. It was incredible to see how passionate the young students were, and it appeared to spark an interest in civic affairs. If you are interested in helping to advocate for this pen pal program, please reach out to us and we can get you involved.

Click on the links below to listen to the students speak about the resolution.



<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Wr8cZ3PMQjA>
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/MqySuiO1JLo>



Letter from CUSD students in support of the resolution.

Virtual Pen Pal Program

Because of the advocacy work TIAS ARMS board members have been doing, Margaret Moodian, the president of the board of TIAS ARMS, has been leading a virtual pen pal program with Congressman Mike Levin's office and the former ambassador to South Africa and Tias Arms advisory board member, Eric Bost. Middle School students in the PAL Program in Capistrano Unified School District have been communicating with a school in South Africa called Willow Crescent. The students have been sending videos to each other through an online program called Flipgrid. There was a celebration held in Orange County where students were given South Africa and United States friendship pins, which many wore to class afterward. Willow Crescent put on a launch party on May 21st, and you can watch this heartwarming celebration [here](#). This program helps students to understand other cultures better, makes them more aware of global affairs, and assists them in realizing that people from around the world are more alike than different.



Gone - Yet Not Forgotten

We remember Fr Gladstone Mvuyo Ndenze.

He was the General Manager at Khazimula Childrens Home for more than 13 years. He retired at 70 but sadly passed away from Covid just a few months into his retirement. Mvuyo always welcomed TIAS ARMS visits. He extended true gratitude for our funding and care for the children and their care-givers.

Beginning in 2007, the first children were welcomed by Mvuyo and his wife, Jabu to Khazimula. This remarkable and loving team were instrumental in laying the foundations for the care of vulnerable children at Khazimula. Mvuyo's invaluable contribution to Khazimula started with the sharing of his values: putting the children first, modesty, honesty, straight talk and respect for others. Under his stewardship, Khazimula has evolved from a shelter into a fully fledged Children Youth Care Centre.

Managing a staff complement of eight, and up to thirty vulnerable children at a time is no small feat. Over the years, close to three hundred children have been on the receiving end of his genuine care and concern for each one of them whilst they have called Khazimula home.



Here is a testimonial from a past Khazimula resident - Sphelele Mbhele. Mvuyo's guidance no doubt will have impacted many more children in a similar way.

"So moving out from the shelter in town, to a shelter out of the town (Khazimula Children's Project) really contributed a lot in my life. That's where I wasn't able anymore to do things my own way and own time... that was due to the discipline that the shelter had. I was also fortunate enough that the 3 years I spent there (2007, 2008 and 2009) was the year of my teenage stage, where adult guidance is mostly needed... to make sure that I grow up well and get disciplines that'll help me face each circumstance that life throws at me out there."

Khazimula continues to benefit from his forging of our relationship with the Department of Social Development, as well as his building of friendships and partnerships with our neighbors, members of the local community, and communications with donors and volunteers. Over the years, close to three hundred children have been on the receiving end of his genuine care and concern for each one of them whilst they have called Khazimula home. We are fortunate and blessed to have had Mvuyo onboard since Khazimula inception. TIAS ARMS will always be grateful for the care and love Mvuyo gave to the children.

In loving memory of Fikile Ngcobo from St. Joseph Preschool

Fikile was a gift to St. Joseph Preschool. The children and staff looked forward to spending every day with her. Although Fikile could not speak many words, she easily made herself part of everything that happened at school. She was loved by both the children and staff.

Fikile helped with everything as needed although she was hired as cleaner and cook. The Department of Health and visitors often commented on the amazing cleanliness of the school and toilets. And the kitchen belonged to Fikile although other teachers often helped her with the cooking.



Fikile's joy in being part of the school rubbed off on all the staff and children. On many of TIAS ARMS visits to St. Joseph Preschool, Fikile would be found taking time out to feed one of the smallest children or giving a tearful child a special hug. We were lucky recipients of grateful hugs from Fikile as well.

Fikile succumbed to Covid – she will be sorely missed by the children and staff at St. Joseph Preschool. TIAS ARMS will always be grateful to her for her loving care of the children.

Rest in peace, dear friend. Hamba Kahle. Nkosi muphe ukuphumula umpumalela wafuthi.



SAVE *the* DATE

TIAS ARMS WINE TASTING

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Beautiful Garden Setting in Anaheim Hills