

OUR 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.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

To our TIAS ARMS Community,

Once again, the TIAS ARMS board of directors extends an enormous and heartfelt *thank you* to all our generous donors! Without you, TIAS ARMS would not exist. You are the foundation and driving force behind TIAS ARMS and your kindness, generosity, and ongoing support has allowed us once again to fulfill the mission of our organization.

2024 was our most successful year of fund raising in TIAS ARMS history. We were, thanks to YOU, able to distribute approximately \$150,000! In 2024, the hard-working board and dedicated volunteers organized for the first time three fundraising events: Our annual tea party, our second jazz event, and our annual wine tasting event. These ever-popular fundraising events ensured we could once again distribute funding to our seven sites in South Africa.

To know that we make a significant difference in the lives of the children we effect is tremendously gratifying. Together with our partners in South Africa, we are the village, ever connected by compassion, that is helping raise the children who from birth face unimaginable hardship.

South Africa is the country with the highest disparity in wealth and income globally. The HIV/AIDS epidemic took hold in the 1980's and, while infection rates and overall mortality have decreased,

the plight of children affected remains at the forefront. In the face of these problems, we forge on, knowing our efforts are rewarded. We bring hope, not only to young individuals, but to a country at large.

Thank you again for your invaluable support as we look forward to another year of growth, prosperity, and purpose.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Belinda Stewart-Burger *President of the Board, TIAS ARMS*













Join us for Tea in in a beautiful garden setting in Anaheim Hills April 27, 2025



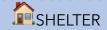


NEVER-NEVER LAND FULL-SERVICE SCHOOL

FROM TODDLERS TO GRADUATES!

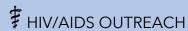


EDUCATION











Never-Never Land Full-service school has been a most beloved site supported by TIAS ARMS since its early days. The school is situated in an impoverished township near the town of Howick and provides not only tutorship under the guidance of Principal Zandile Olga Dladla and her staff, but also provides the only meal of the day for most of the children. The school also facilitates a HIV/ AIDS outreach program which helps the children with HIV receive the requisite care and monitoring.

The school's library (left), funded by TIAS ARMS, continues to grow from strength to strength. Initially under the guidance of retired librarian Carol Brebner, the role of librarian has been assumed by the wonderful Nosipho Ndlovu, seen below with Carol, Belinda Stewart-Burger (our president), and Zandile Dladla (principal).

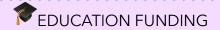




Never-Never Land school now has eight grades and TIAS ARMS continues to fund the teachers' salaries and the balanced, nutritious meals, grown in the school grounds, which the children enjoy every day. TIAS ARMS has watched the children grow from strength to strength. In 2024 the 7th graders graduated from NNL to high school.



TIAS ARMS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM









In 2024, TIAS ARMS launched its first-ever High School Scholarship Fund to support some of the seventh graders leaving NNL school. These gifted and diligent students have been with TIAS ARMS since they were toddlers, and with the support of our partners and our funding, they have excelled in learning throughout the years. Deserving of a good high school education, the graduating students have each been sponsored by a generous donor here in the United States for the duration of their high school years! The children are attending the reputable Heritage Academy boarding school in Pietermaritzburg, Kwazulu-Natal. We are enormously thankful to these generous sponsors!

Please contact Joanne Baker or Belinda Stewart-Burger if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

Having been accepted into their new high school starting in 2025, the students are proudly fitted with their new school uniforms. Still together as a Never-Never Land family, they have settled into their new dormitories which will provide them stability, safety, and regular meals.



ST. JOSEPH'S PRESCHOOL







SCHOOL FEE SUBSIDIES

TIAS ARMS has continued to support preschoolers from the surrounding villages near Howick. This early childhood education gives these children the head-start they need. They also enjoy a daily

cooked meal! At St. Josephs, the children learn English, as well as the essential skills and learning that will prepare them for public school. The dedicated staff ensure they are fed a daily meal and give them hours of stimulation, fun, and supervised play.



MIDLANDS HOSPICE



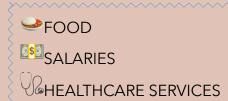




The high number of children infected with HIV are lovingly cared for by the staff of Midlands Hospice. TIAS ARMS augments this noble work by providing high caloric meals for the children in need. Monthly analysis of their weights and wellbeing is an essential component of ensuring we are succeeding in our mission. TIAS ARMS also pays for the salary of the hospice social worker and healthcare worker. Both of whom navigate the psychosocial challenges of HIV infection and AIDS.

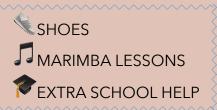


KHAZIMULA CHILDREN'S HOME





THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM







Khazimula, a Zulu word meaning 'to shine', has its origins as a shelter for homeless and street children in the town of Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Now nestled in a peaceful and serene valley, Khazimula has been a place of refuge for close to 400 vulnerable children since opening its doors in early 2007. It is not a surprise that the children in Khazimula's care have been severely impacted by the effects of HIV/Aids as KwaZulu-Natal is the province in South Africa that has the highest HIV prevalence rate.

Khazimula is currently home to 23 children and youth between the ages of 2 and 20. These children are all at different stages on their

healing journey depending on when they first arrived at Khazimula, with their spirits broken because of the trauma, abuse, and loss they experienced prior to being sent to Khazimula for nurturing care and protection. TIAS ARMS proudly supports Khazimula, helping them with residential care, education, school uniforms and psychotherapy, including sand play, and Marimba lessons.

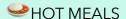


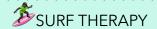




WAVES FOR CHANGE









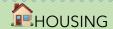
Waves for Change provides a child-friendly mental health service to children from over 40 priority and underresourced communities in South Africa (in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape provinces), where children experience chronic adversity and trauma, including the effects of HIV/AIDS. Waves for Change uses sport, particularly surfing, to deliver improved mental health support for children who are at a risk of developing mental health conditions. TIAS ARMS provides a daily hot meal which the children can enjoy after their surfing session, as well as transportation.

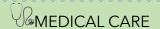
For those who wish to learn more about this amazing program, please consider watching a short YouTube video on Waves for Change:

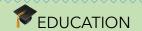
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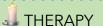


HOMES FOR KIDS IN SOUTH AFRICA (HOKISA)











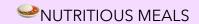
First opened by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu, TIAS ARMS continues to support HOKISA is their vital work of caring for children who have been traumatized in unsafe and poverty-stricken environments in the Cape province, South Africa. Based

in Masiphumelele, HOKISA uses our funding to assist in the provision of housing, school uniforms, therapy, and education. In the compassionate, stable environment of this children's home, children can heal and thrive.



GRANDMOTHERS AGAINST POVERTY AND AIDS (GAPA)







With thanks to our donors, GAPA gets a new stove!!

GAPA was formed in the township of Khayelitsha to address the needs of grandmothers who had lost their sons and daughters to an AIDS, many of whom were left to care for their orphaned grandchildren. Grandmothers Against Poverty and Aids has recently had more and more grandfathers join the network of senior self-help groups!

Today, over 600 seniors across Khayelitsha belong to the organization. Out of the seniors' concern for the safety of their grandchildren, an aftercare program was started in 2008 and continues today. Over 100 children between the ages of 5-13 are cared for and fed at our center daily. One of eight vital sponsors, TIAS ARMS helps support GAPA by continuing to provide seeds for their vegetable gardens and nutritious meals for the children.







The TIAS ARMS Board of Directors at our 2024 Jazz Event



Our Founder, Joanne Baker



GET INVOLVED

TIAS ARMS is always in search of volunteers to help with our fundraising events. All ages are welcome!

Please contact Joanne: (949) 375-0616 joanne@tiasarms.org

SUPPORT US

A little goes a long way - see how you can help!



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