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Please make check payable to: Hope for Limpopo, Inc.

Questions?

Email: info@hopeforlimpopo.org
Or donate on line at either:

www.hopeforlimpopo.org http://hopeforlimpopo.ning.com

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## AIDS FACTS - SOUTH AFRICA

- South Africa is believed to have a higher prevalence of HIV than any other country in the world, with an estimated 5.7 million people living with HIV/AIDS.
- An estimated 1.9 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS.
- Violence against women, including sexual violence, is widespread and a factor in the country's HIV epidemic.
- The worst affected children those in deeply impoverished households are losing their parents, their families, and their social network.
- The lack of a social security net and high levels of unemployment mean poor households and communities slip further into poverty and deprivation. Invariably the burden of coping falls on women, particularly girls and grandmothers.



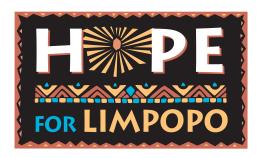
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INITIATED PROGRAMS



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## **ABOUT US....**

Hope for Limpopo, Inc. was created after Vaughn and Jo Ann Churchill returned from living in Eastern and Southern Africa as Peace Corps volunteers. They saw first hand the struggles and spirit of the people of Limpopo Province affected by HIV/AIDS. Throughout their time in Africa, Vaughn and Jo Ann corresponded with their friend, Nancy Amanti, back in the U.S.

Upon their return to the U.S. the three friends came together to devise a way to support much needed projects and programs that continue to provide medical, nutritional, and educational support to those affected by HIV/AIDS.



Kholeni - Vhutshilo Mountain School

## **OUR MISSION....**

Hope for Limpopo, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting impoverished women, children and families, many of whom are affected by HIV/AIDS in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

We strive to provide women and children with hope and opportunity by supporting education and community initiated programs in a manner that is consistent with the local tradition and culture.

Hope for Limpopo, Inc. works to support programs primarily through fundraising events, grants, donations and scholarships.

Hope for Limpopo, Inc. provides support for:

- Education and vocational training
- Nutritional and health information
- Assistance with eductional costs, school supplies and equipment
- Transportation to and from school, doctors, or hospital visits
- Community projects

Limpopo Province, South Africa

Nearly 90% of Limpopo Province is rural, populated by five million people with a high proportion younger than 15 years of age. The unemployment rate in the province is high. Water and electricity, sanitation and telecommunication are inadequate. HIV and AIDS infection is high. Rape and sexual violence are common in the province.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS....

Vhutshilo Mountain School

Of all the children in need of special care in South Africa today, those most at risk are the youngest survivors of the AIDS pandemic. Usually raised in extreme poverty by a grandparent or older sibling and frequently ostracized by their neighbors. These childen face a future without hope.

Vhutshilo Mountain School provides the youngest children with the highest possible standard of personalized care, stimulation and education.

Thohoyondou Victim Empowerment Program (TVEP)

The TVEP provides support and advice to women and children victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. The trauma center assists over 35 rape survivors a month. Amazingly, over 50% of these are children. TVEP offers counseling, medical examinations and anti-retroviral treatment to rape survivors.

Tshilidzini Special School (TSS)

TSS educates and boards 461 physically challenged, visually and hearing impaired children grades R-7. A subsidy of \$2 a day per child covers educational costs, room and board, medical emergencies and in some cases, clothing. Through education and proper care, TSS offers these children who would otherwise be shunned by their community, a chance for a better life.