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A Non-Profit Empowerment Project in Imizamo Yethu, Hout Bay
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National Lottery Commission grant

As trustees of SEEDS TRUST, the parent body of Little Lambs Christian Daycare and Educare, we approached the National Lottery Commission to assist us in meeting the ever increasing costs of operating the 300 pupil school in Imizamo Yethu, Houtbay.

This Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre has been operating for over 20 years, caring for and educating the children of the community.

Our commitments are:

- to continue to operate the school cost-effectively,
- to retain the quality of care and education,
- to ensure that we provide the children daily with nutritious meals,

and to do so in a manner that the school fees remain affordable to the local community.

Current economic circumstances are very challenging on all fronts.

At Little Lambs we are aware and concerned that our operating expenses exceed our direct income, and we therefore rely more and more on donations and sponsorship.

About 50% of our income is derived from school fees.

Increasingly parents are finding it difficult to meet school fee payments.

We are trying to manage these challenges, as best we can, by keeping the school fee increases as low as possible and by sensibly accommodating those parents that struggle to contribute.

The annual budget for teachers salaries, food, educational needs, repairs, maintenance and administration are tightly managed.

We target to control the overall operating cost increase to 6% p.a.

However, over the past two years, and particularly since the COVID19 pandemic, costs have increased significantly, particularly food costs.

The budget for 2021 indicates that we face a shortfall of about Rand 500 000, for which we need to secure donations and sponsorships.

As part of this process we commenced with the application for funds from the National Lottery Commission in January 2021.

Understandably, such applications require a huge amount of documentation, which we submitted at the Cape Town based National Lottery Commission offices.

The application adjudication process was very thorough and was handled very professionally by NLC.

Well, our application for funds succeeded and we were granted Rand 232 000 to support our operating costs, thus meeting half of the forecast deficit.

We are very thankful for this generous contribution.

- ***"Education brings hope for the future and gives self-worth and dignity".***
- ***"All people should have a right for these".***



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