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Dear Donor,

The past 6 months has been a time of ongoing growth and development in the life of Nokuphila School. The children continue to grow in every possible way and we are so thankful for the opportunity to be able to give input into their lives. As you know we have 80 learners from Grade 000 to Grade R and it is a wonderful opportunity for us to give hope to these 80 kids who humanly speaking, don't have much hope.

Apart from the normal teaching and daily class lessons, we have a full programme of extra-curricular activities every afternoon run by volunteers. Volunteers form a very important part in the life of the school. We have wonderful volunteers who teach music, ballet, crafts, sport, gardening or just have fun. Two weeks back, some volunteers assisted in taking the Grade R class to Grand Central Airport. It was the first time the kids had ever been to an airport and there was great excitement. I attach the latest photo gallery which shows the progress of the children and some of the activities that they participate in every week.

As you know, we started a Teachers Training Centre for Grade R teachers in January 2011. We started with 15 students from greater Tembisa and now have 40 students participating in weekly lectures. Megan Helsby, who is a qualified lecturer and associated with the Department of Education at Wits University, teaches three days per week at the Centre. Wits University will issue a Grade R Certificate to those students who successfully complete the requirements of the course. We are so excited to become almost a "satellite campus" of Wits. Who would have imagined that Nokuphila School would become a satellite campus of Wits!! It means that we are able to not only reach vulnerable children in Tembisa, but also serve the community by training teachers. It is very much part of our vision to holistically serve the greater Tembisa community.

Sarah Cairns and Lindsay Owen have started a group called Love Trust Ambassadors. Love Trust Ambassadors are individuals who assist us in raising support and funds for Nokuphila School. They organize events such as breakfasts or visits to the school amongst their friends and colleagues and network on behalf of Nokuphila School. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, or knowing more about it, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay at [lindsay@eventsnow.co.za](mailto:lindsay@eventsnow.co.za).

I enclose the latest brochure on Nokuphila School which outlines our capital needs and ongoing needs to grow the "Sponsor a Child" contributions.

Once again thank-you so very much for your invaluable support and commitment to Nokuphila School. Thank-you for making a difference in the lives of these children.

God Bless,

**MARTIN MORRISON**

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