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The Gorgas Project in Alabama

The Gorgas Project in Alabama, USA, held a silent auction fundraiser for the GTO. The Gorgas project, WSP, Golder's largest project in history, had more than 20 people going to the site to support the design, construction and operations of the Paste Plant and Closure Project. Part of the project scope was to accommodate people flying in and out.

Now that the project is in process and the number of people coming in is significantly less, the project is releasing one of the rented houses. The silent auction was for various pieces of furniture, including beds, desks, appliances and even a TV. The Gorgas site team organised the auction and raised \$1320 USD for the GTO!



The Love Trust - Nokuphila School (Johannesburg - South Africa)

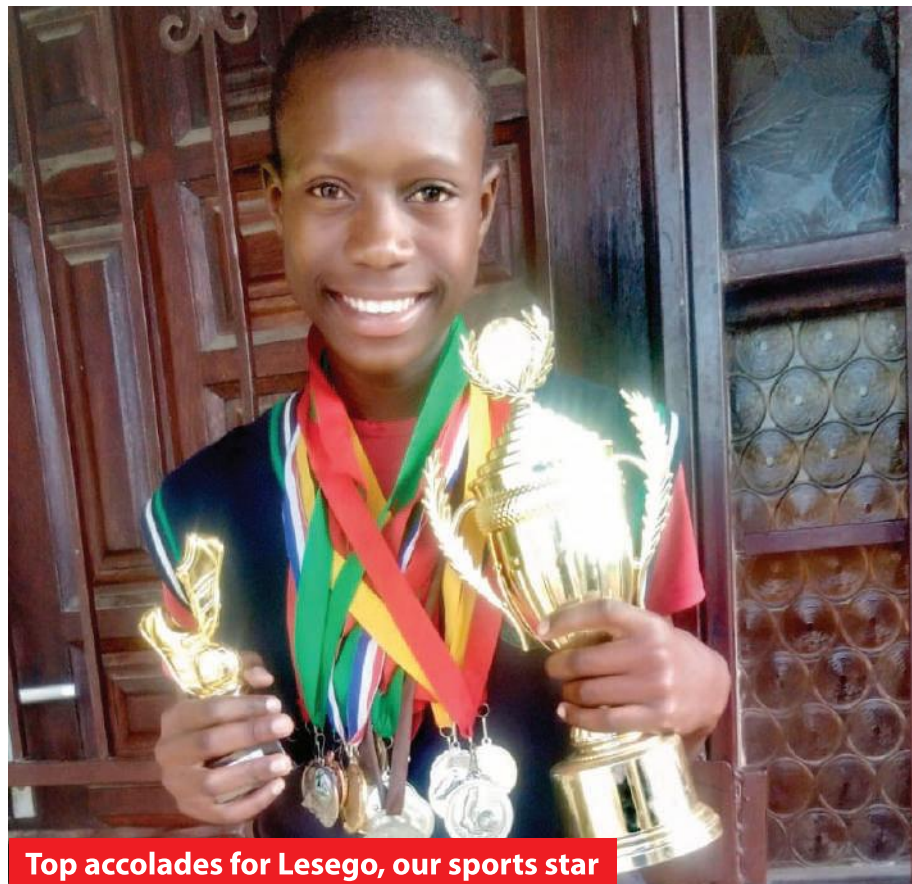
On 21 July, the GTO team attended the Nokuphila School Open Day Run, owned by the Love Trust. Their curriculum considers the learner holistically: academically, physically, socially, spiritually, emotionally and psychologically. Their steadfast belief in bringing about change through education to children from poor and vulnerable communities, significantly impacts the children and their families. 60% of the learners come from single-parent homes supported by family members and a government grant. The school provides two nutritious meals with snacks daily; food hampers are also distributed to families in need.

On average, 358 children are enrolled from Grade 000 to Grade 7, and 60 people are employed across professional teaching, administrative and support roles. Their pass rate is 98-100% on average, which is remarkable considering the disruptions during the pandemic, as the children did not have access to online learning like students from privileged schools.

The Love Trust is determined to create a solid and sustainable sports environment for every learner at the Nokuphila School. The GTO was part of one of the first sports initiatives and built 4 all-purpose, all-weather tennis and netball courts. There is a need for more sporting equipment and sporting kits. Sports encourage a healthy lifestyle, mind and body, and sports development overcomes many social divides.

We were so proud to hear about a former student, Lesego, who attended Nokuphila School from grade 000 to grade 7, who showed promise and was appointed soccer team captain. The responsibility and affirmation instilled a positive attitude, influencing his interactions and behaviour.

Today, he is in Grade 9 and attending Tsosoloso ya Africa Secondary School. He plays for the prestigious U17 Sundowns Football club as a centre-back and boasts several medals, trophies and awards. Lesego's soccer career has provided him access to new places and people, exposing him to experiences outside his environment. Lesego has had the opportunity to shape himself, and thanks to the support and belief in him provided during his tuition at Nokuphila, his future is looking bright.



Top accolades for Lesego, our sports star

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Rhotia Children's Home and Tented Lodge (Karatu - Tanzania)

In 2006, Joris and Marise created The Rhotia Valley Children's Home Foundation in the Netherlands, seeking financial backers to purchase land and construct a lodge on one hill and a children's home on the opposite hill. Today, the foundation is still working hard to collect donations for school fees and to invest in the children's home's sustainable farm.

The project's motto is "two hills, one goal".

Before the pandemic, visitors could enjoy a Lifetime Safari while directly contributing to the well-being of the children's home. 20% of the revenue from the lodge goes directly to the children's home and 2 of the local schools.

However, due to worldwide Covid restrictions, the lodge had to close and recently reopened to visitors worldwide. The GTO helped support the children's home during this time.



Rhotia Valley Children's Home is a safe, loving home for orphans from the local community. They help children who do not have a family build a promising future! The children are cared for by the mothers and social workers who live with them at the children's home. The project has also helped create jobs for the local community at the lodge, the bakery, the dairy farm, and the local coffee corner.

Rhotia Valley now has 39 children in their care who follow an education at different levels (primary, lower, middle, HBO, and University). The primary school and lower school children are transported daily by their school bus because of the distances involved; for secondary school, college and university, boarding is more appropriate.

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