



# SOHO

SAVING ORPHANS  
THROUGH HEALTHCARE  
AND OUTREACH

WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER



SOHO AND FRIENDS PRESENTS  
**AN EVENING OF**

**H O P E**

Hope for the future • Hope for the present

*Livestreaming from Oakwood University's Media Center*

**March 17, 2022 • 7pm CST**

The gift of Hope is like a breath of life. After 15 years of serving orphans and vulnerable children in Eswatini, SOHO seeks to expand its reach to address the growing needs intensified by Covid 19 and social unrest in the small Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly, Swaziland). The

resources needed to heal, educate, feed and nurture children come from compassionate hearts that give funds to grow Hope.

Artists from three continents have come together as Friends of SOHO to acknowledge this important

milestone and to help us generate the resources to meet the greater needs that confront us. In this Newsletter, we want to share stories of where HOPE saved lives and to share with you an Evening Of HOPE with SOHO and Friends that will be truly memorable.

# PRODUCERS



Alvin Chea  
*Guest Host*



Sonya Sampson  
*Producer  
Guest Artist*



Gail Masondo  
*Co-Producer  
Musical Director*



Sibusiso Victor Masondo  
*Co-Producer  
Musical Director*

# ARTISTS



Anika Anderson



Babbie Mason



Beth Nielsen Chapman



Gcina Nhlapho



Naledi Masilo



Noelle Parrino



Roxana Pavel



Verona Pillay



Aeolians



The Chitans



Brenden and Mpoomy



BLACK VOICES



Committed



SOUL THIRST

# STORIES OF HOPE

## A REFUGEE FAMILY FINDS HOPE

When the Frederick family fled Rwanda, they had little more than the clothes on their backs. They left their fear of oppression behind, but also all connection with existing family members.

The husband, wife, and ten children came to Eswatini where they found sanctuary on the premises of a church that allowed the father to maintain the facility in exchange for shelter and the ability to grow sweet potatoes on the grounds.

The children were parceled out to various schools with Naomi, the eldest finding acceptance at Harold's Academy. SOHO learned of the family when there were reports of the children fainting at school because of lack of food.

Naomi saw herself as key to the family's future and survival. But the fees to attend High School and taking exams were well beyond anything the family could afford. At school, not only did she have the challenge of coming up with school fees to remain in class, but she was the butt of unkind jokes because she had no school uniform. Her well-worn clothing told the story of her family's dire poverty.

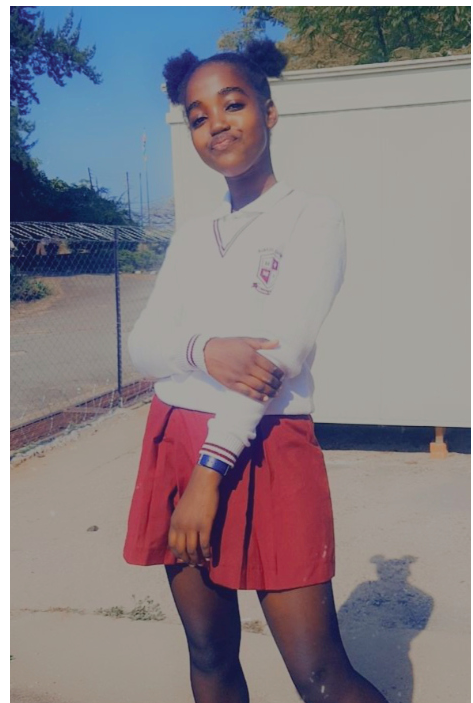
A kind SOHO donor in Indianapolis, learned of her plight and sent \$500 to pay her school fees and to purchase uniforms. SOHO received funding for food parcels from a small church in Washington state and our Outreach Coordinator began delivering monthly food parcels that made it possible for the children to be adequately fed.

Naomi has just completed her Form Five thanks to the help of sponsors and she looks forward to continuing her education with a dream of helping her family dig out of their pit of poverty.

HOPE has changed her appearance, her attitude, and her vision for the future. SOHO thanks sponsors and donors who give so that children without hope can have a place at the table of opportunity.



*Food distribution helps those in need.*



*Naomi*

## AGAINST ALL ODDS

Few people thought Ncamiso Mkhwa would survive as a baby. When he was brought to our attention at a SOHO mobile clinic, it was difficult to determine his gender with the malformation of his urinary area. Gogo Tsabile Similane saw a child with no hope and her heart was touched. She took Ncamiso under her wing, and became a dedicated mother to him in spite of caring for many more orphans at her homestead in Hlatikulu.

Since 2010, SOHO partnered with her to support a child whose courage

enabled him to endure so many surgeries that she lost count. Ncamiso is the youngest child in a family of six where his siblings all had health complications. Both parents are deceased.

As he grew, Ncamiso displayed determination to do more than survive. He planned to excel.

Each time, he was asked, he would proudly indicate that he planned to be a Preacher and a Doctor. The faith of this child saw him through a period of bullying at school because of the need

for incontinence briefs. He wore two pairs of pants to camouflage the bulges in his clothing, but children heckled him incessantly. His small stature made him a ready target.

Gogo Nde, enrolled him in an English-speaking school and the heckling stopped. Today, he is a bright, spunky teenager who hopes one day soon, not to have further need for supportive undergarments. He is full of hope and joy and he sparkles with enthusiasm as he looks toward the future.



*Ncamiso, a miracle child.*



*Ncamiso with Gogo Nde who has been mother to him*

## INTSABA UPDATE

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The January and February rains have kept the farm drenched. According to Dr. Tom Chittick, Agricultural expert working on development of the agricultural component of the farm, this was an excellent time to plant macadamia nut trees.

When the farm was acquired just over two years ago, brush fires had destroyed over 500 of the 1100 trees in the

orchard. Because these were the youngest trees, they were burnt to the point where they had to be uprooted! With a goal of making the Children's Village and the Farm sustainable, Tom hopes to develop an orchard of close to 3000 trees that would provide nuts to be sold as well as for consumption at the farm. We are grateful to Tom for this recent generous contribution to the agricultural program.



## HDLC UPDATE

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Children with special needs are often profiles in courage. Ziyanda who has clubbed feet absolutely loves being at the school. Even though she has a disability, she runs like a child who is "normal", and forces herself to engage in activities with the other children. She loves every meal at school and is very vocal about how much she enjoys HDLC food.

During our Activity Day, great effort was made to ensure that all children participated in routines. As difficult and complicated as it was, our handicapped children loved participating in the activities. Exercise and play is a very

important component in teaching children social skills and improving motor sensory stimulation.

Children enjoy singing and praying during morning assembly and for their food. We try to teach them proper etiquette, such as how to sit, how to use the toilets, and the importance of hygiene, and prayer. HDLC will provide education that will impact the total development of its students.



# ***EMERGENT NEEDS:***

***1. Donations needed for care of SOHO supported girl. Trying to raise \$750 to help an orphaned girl who was gang raped and is facing eviction from her home because of her inability to pay rent as she is till hospitalized.***



***2. Shipping container: \$5000 to ship 20ft clinic designed in a container to serve the children in eSwatini. The container to clinic conversion was done by Andrews University School of Architecture.***



***Should there be any excess donations given, monies will be placed in SOHO's emergency fund.***



# CALL TO HOPE: There Are Many Ways You Can Help

## Food Fund

Food parcels for homes with vulnerable children

## Child Sponsorship

\$38 per month for school fees, meals, transportation to and from school

## School Uniform Fund

School uniforms are required for all children and often they miss school because they have no uniforms. Complete uniforms including shoes cost \$125 per child \$\_\_\_\_\_



## Emergency Fund

SOHO serves orphaned and vulnerable children who are often in crisis due to abuse, injury, lack of food or other resources. Our Emergency Fund enables us to meet urgent needs that arise.

\_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$150 \_\_\_\$300 \_\_\_\$500

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly contribution. \_\_\_\_\_ One time contribution

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