

## ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO BERNARDO SUNRISE

### Grant Application

<b>Name of Organization</b>  Oasis Haven, U.S.	
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<b>Organization's Tax I.D. Number</b> 90-0498536	<b>Tax Status 501 (c)(3)</b> Yes   x   No
<b>Organization's Mission Statement</b> Caring for abandoned children, placing them into families and equipping others to do the same.	
<b>What is your organization's budget</b>	\$35 051.00
<b>Amount of Grant requested</b>	\$14 300.00
<b>Date Funding Needed</b>	2018 financial year
<p>Purpose of Grant (please provide a complete description of the <u>specific</u> program)</p> <p>The purpose of the grant is to provide quality specialized education to 10 South African Children in Johannesburg South Africa. A common phenomena found amongst children in Child and Youth Care Centres is that they struggle academically throughout their school years. When young children do not receive sufficient stimulation from a consistent caregiver in their formative years their cognitive development is negatively impacted which ultimately affects their ability to learn in a school environment. It is also very common for children who have experienced trauma to struggle to keep up academically in the school environment. As children's brains and bodies are still developing traumatic experiences can lead to many changes in these areas of development. Neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse can affect the normal development of the brain which leads to academic challenges. If children are placed in school environments that are appropriate for their academic needs where they are able to receive the correct stimulation and type of learning environment they will have the capacity to reach their full potential.</p> <p>Oasis Haven currently has children in three different special needs schools. They are as follows :</p>	

#### Sparrow Combined School:

This school accommodates children with special academic needs. Their focus is on preparing learners for the future through academic achievement and the development of thinking and reasoning skills. Our children who have been placed in this school have struggled to cope in both mainstream schooling as well as remedial schooling. All three children placed in Sparrow School have flourished academically and on the sports field.

Sparrow High School also offers a FET skills training qualification for learners from Grade 10. Our oldest boy has recently started with the FET skills training in order to equip him for a trade once he leaves school. This will enable him to become employed and put him in a position to care for himself financially once he ages out of the system.

#### Forest Town School:

This is a school for both disabled children and children who have remedial educational needs. We currently have one child in this school in Grade 7. The reason for choosing this school is that when some children come into our care they are already in Primary School but usually have huge educational gaps. Forest Town's remedial style teaching is able to help them close those gaps during their primary school years giving them the best opportunity to move back into mainstream schooling once in High School.

#### Global Academy:

This is a home school support centre for children who are not coping in mainstream schooling. The centre offers very small sized classes where learners can get a huge amount of one on one attention. We currently have two children doing their GED qualification with skills development at this school. This qualification will allow the learners to become employed more easily as there is a skills shortage in SA.

#### Swan Nursery School:

This Nursery School is open to children of all levels of academic and cognitive functioning. We have 4 children in this school as they have the ability and inclusive teaching style that enables our younger children to catch up academically and developmentally. They also have great success with children who cannot speak English which is often the case with new children coming into our care.

#### Fees:

Access to funding in South Africa has become increasingly difficult in recent years due to the turbulent nature of the economy with South Africa recently being downgraded to junk status. This has negatively affected not only funding from corporates and individuals but also government funding. In an attempt to stay afloat and not compromise on the care, quality of education and future prospects of the children we are needing to access funding designated specifically for education. We are in need of education sponsorship for the children in our care and believe that the above mentioned schools are best meeting their needs. Being able to keep these children in these specialized schools is paramount to their development and to our mission of nurturing whole people who will be able to make something positive of themselves inspite of their troubled pasts.

**The total annual fees for children attending these schools is R186 000 (\$14 300.00)**

"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of a farmworker can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person

from another” – Nelson Mandela

**If your organization is not headquartered in Rancho Bernardo/Poway? What geographic area do you service. Which programs will be served by the grant funds?**

The funds would be received and receipted by Oasis Haven, US, which is located in the Rancho Bernardo/Poway area. They would then be wired directly to Oasis Haven, South Africa, as a designated donation toward our Special Education Program. The money would be paid directly to the schools to cover the annual education costs.

**Your target as to these groups- check all that apply**

<b>Youth</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Seniors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Disabled</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Active Military</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Education</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Veterans</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Number of people benefiting from this specific program**

Six

**Describe how the community will be served.**

At Oasis Haven, we believe that investing in the education of the children entrusted to our care is an investment in the future of South Africa. As each child discovers his/her gifts, skills and unique abilities, they become equipped to use those things to care for their families and their communities.

**How can Rotary be recognized as a contributor? If you are unable to publicly recognize Rotary, please specify the reason.**

We are able to leverage our social media, collateral material, website and other Public forums to recognize Rotary as a contributor. We are also able to issue tax Receipts and letters of recognition to all donors.

**Can individual Rotary members be involved? If yes, please describe:**

Yes through our sponsorship website as donors, through participation in our annual fundraising event, and in partnership with Rotary Clubs in Johannesburg, South Africa.

<b>List anyone in your organization connected to Rotary that we might use as a reference.</b> Laura Mello, RB Sunrise Rotary Club member
<b>Are you able to participate in a Rotary event? If so, how can you help?</b> Yes our team would be able to volunteer our time and help at any Rotary event.

**Submit the application by going to our website [www.rbsunrise.org](http://www.rbsunrise.org) or email to [mailservice@clubrunner.ca](mailto:mailservice@clubrunner.ca)**