



'No child's education left behind'

Mali Langa and MLCF donate laptop packages to children's shelter during covid-19 pandemic

Johannesburg, June 30th, 2020 – Through the needs identification by The Mali Langa Children's Foundation Trust (MLCF) and businesswoman, Mali Langa, 16 children aged 11 years old (and upwards) at an orphanage home in Emalahleni, received laptop packages to assist with e-learning during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

The donations could not have come at a better time! As schools across South Africa face uncertainty of remaining open with COVID-19 infections spiking, not all children have access to the technology for home-schooled e-learning.

"Inspired by The MLCF's motto 'Educate. Inspire.' and Youth Month, the foundation identified a need within one of our existing projects for access to the technology needed to do schoolwork, and to access remote learning. By donating 16 brand new laptops, we want to set up future leaders with the tools for their education and ultimately reach for their dreams. We like to believe that for 16 kids, we made that journey a little bit easier," said Mali Langa, founder and director of The MLCF.

"In addition, we are currently engaging with the homes to determine their data and internet connection needs so that will be part of the donation as well."

Drawing funds and volunteers from Langa's businesses, including TASK Interior Styling and TASK Logistical Services, each donation pack included a brand new laptop, a laptop bag, wireless mouse, as

well as a set of three hand-crafted silk face masks and hand sanitizers. The teenage boys and girls also received hygiene product basics in their pack.

“I think this is one of the biggest surprises of their lives. It is something we really needed, but it was just out of our reach. Mali has really made dreams come true. This will help our kids even after the lockdown ends, as it is something they need to learn how to use in the big world out there,” said the Project Manager from the children’s home.

Langa adds: “As South Africa propels itself through the 4th Industrial Revolution, it is vital that the next generation be fully digitally conversant, through the efforts of The MLCF, we want all kids, especially the needy to have their chance at a bright future.”

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About The Mali Langa Children’s Foundation Trust (MLCF):

At The Mali Langa Children’s Foundation Trust (MLCF), we implement the same philosophy that we do in all Mali Langa’s other endeavours, favouring partnerships and collaboration. We welcome anybody out there to reach out to the foundation to bring to the table what they can, propose fresh new projects, and walk with us hand-in-hand and leave lasting footprints in the lives of children that are in need of love and inspiration.

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