



***A charitable trust supporting education in South Africa***

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## **Annual Report 1 October 2005 – 30 September 2006**

The Mamelodi Trust is a UK Registered Charity, established by Trust Deed on 1 July 1999. The objects of the charity are to support the advancement of education in Zakhele School in Mamelodi, South Africa, the Mamelodi Teachers' Centre and any other educational institution in Mamelodi at the discretion of the trustees.

The Trustees work within the UK to raise awareness amongst supporters and within the education and political sectors and to raise money to support education in Mamelodi. It also exists to provide support and encouragement for those working in the Mamelodi schools and to facilitate links between these schools and appropriate contacts in the UK. Funding is normally made available to the schools for expenditure according to locally defined needs and priorities.

The Mamelodi Trust commenced its seventh full year as a Registered Charity with a balance of £36,180.57.

During the year a further £13,223 was raised. £2,973 was contributed by individuals of which £2,195 was via standing orders and CAF Bacs credits. £1,990 was raised by Naace at their Half Year and Annual Conferences. Following her visit to Mamelodi in August 2005, Jenny Murray organised a Mamelodi Quiz night in Nottingham and raised £936. At a further event she raised an additional £286. Derbyshire County Council raised £417 for the Trust at the Bolsover Food Fair. Jonathan Wells from Sam Learning Ltd raised £700 by running a sponsored half marathon. A number of other presentations and fund raising events made significant contributions to the Trust funds. During this year, tax refunds on Gift Aid donations for both 2004/5 and 2005/6 financial years were received totalling £4,173.

During the year, the majority of the Trust's financial transactions were conducted via the CAF Bank account and a total of £618 was received in interest. The Lloyds TSB account was kept open solely for the receipt of existing standing order donations.

All financial transactions in South Africa continue to be made through the offices of the British Council in Johannesburg. Named officials are responsible for maintaining accounts and releasing funds, as required to the school for specific projects. In this way, the Trust is assured of financial control in South Africa. The Trust applies a key principle, however, that the priorities for spending should be firmly in the hands of the local people in Mamelodi.

For the first time, The Trust was able to support more than one school and grants to schools were made as follows during the year:

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| Zakhele Primary School          | £6,000.00  |
| Meetse A Bophelo Primary School | £10,500.00 |
| Sikhanyisele Primary School     | £5,000.00  |
| Tshegofatsong Special School    | £500.00    |

Zakhele School were able to purchase reprographic equipment and paper to improve the quality of materials used by the pupils, to purchase an additional cooker for the midday meal and to fund additional school expenses. Meetse A Bophelo School purchased a wide range of educational materials including books and mathematics and science equipment. The Trust also funded a formal audit of accounts at the school and advice on good accounting practice for senior management. Sikhanyisele School purchased mobile book boxes which could be used around the school to supplement existing resources and Tshegofatsong Special School were able to renew playground equipment.

The Trust funded the travel costs of two teachers from Ringwood Primary School in Hampshire to work in Zakhele School and Meetse A Bophelo School during part of their summer holiday. They took educational resources from the UK and worked with teachers in their classrooms helping them to develop their teaching skills and extending their repertoire of activities for pupils. This was the third visit for one of the teachers and links between schools in Mamelodi and Ringwood School are now well-established. It is clear that professional development for teachers, and management training for school leaders, remain important areas for development in South African schools and the use of Trust funds to support these is highly appropriate.

During summer 2006, Gill Taylor, a retired Derbyshire LEA advisory teacher worked for several weeks in Meetse A Bophelo School on professional development activities for teachers. She gave demonstration lessons using a range of resources and worked with teachers to develop their skills. Although she funded her visit herself, it was through the Mamelodi Trust that she has become involved in South Africa and, following her return to the UK, she has worked closely with the Trustees to ensure they are able to benefit from her up to date knowledge.

At around the same time, a second visit to Mamelodi was made by Jenny Murray, an advisory teacher from Nottingham LEA. Jenny funded this visit herself and worked in Zakhele and Meetse A Bophelo Schools sharing expertise and helping staff to make effective use of resources.

In 2005, Helen Bacon, an educational social worker in Derbyshire LEA, worked for four months in Mamelodi providing a range of educational and social support. This visit was funded by Helen herself together with private donations and facilitated by leave of absence by Derbyshire County Council. Her work in Zakhele and Meetse A Bophelo Schools contributed significantly to the work of the Trust. Helen now lives in Pretoria and is now acting, as required, on the Trust's behalf in Mamelodi. She is a regular visitor to the schools supported by the Trust and is available on the ground whenever the Trust needs information. It is extremely useful to have direct contact with Helen as communications with schools can often be difficult.

The Trust met with Tim Makofane, Principal Education Manager, Tshwane South District while he was on a visit to London in January 2006. The Trust's priorities were shared with Tim who also gave good advice on how his officials might work with the Trust to maximise the impact of funding in individual schools. He was keen to make use of the Mamelodi Teachers' Centre to disseminate good practice and thought the Trust could assist in this respect. He confirmed the need for professional development of teachers and school leaders and, knowing that Steve Bacon and a British Council official had visited the Matthew Gonwe Leadership Development Centre in Johannesburg, asked that the Trust consider working with that Centre to support school leaders in Mamelodi. In the absence of further initiatives by the British Council, and lack of commitment by Tshwane South officials, no action has yet been taken in this respect.

In June the Trust was represented at a reception in South Africa House hosted by the High Commissioner to celebrate 12 years of freedom in South Africa. The Trust was subsequently asked to meet privately with the High Commissioner and a meeting took place a month later. This was an opportunity to update the High Commissioner on the work of the Trust and to learn of other education initiatives in which the High Commission was involved. At her invitation, a second and informal meeting with the High Commissioner took place a few weeks later. The High Commissioner agreed, to visit one or more of the schools supported by the Trust when she was next in South Africa. Such a visit would be a real morale boost for schools.

Derbyshire County Council, as part of its cultural link programme with Mamelodi, arranged for two artists from South Africa to work in Derbyshire from January to September 2006. Most of their work was in schools where they promoted art, music and dance and made a significant contribution to pupils' awareness of South Africa and its history. While this initiative was not funded or managed by the Trust, extensive support was given to the programme and many opportunities to promote the work of the Trust were taken.

Several presentations about the Trust and South Africa were given at various venues during the year. These have not only raised money but also met one of the Trust's objectives to increase awareness of the needs of South Africa.

The Trust ends its seventh year on a confident note. It is much encouraged by the support it has received in the UK and the impact of its work is clearly evident in the life of several schools in Mamelodi. This year was significant in that this was the first time the Trust has been able to extend its support beyond a single school. However, the Trustees are concerned to ensure that the support in Mamelodi is sustainable in the longer term and growth will be carefully managed. The Trust is planning for an active year in 2007 and looks forward to being able to contribute to further significant developments in education in Mamelodi.

## **Notes**

The Mamelodi Trust is Registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom.

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