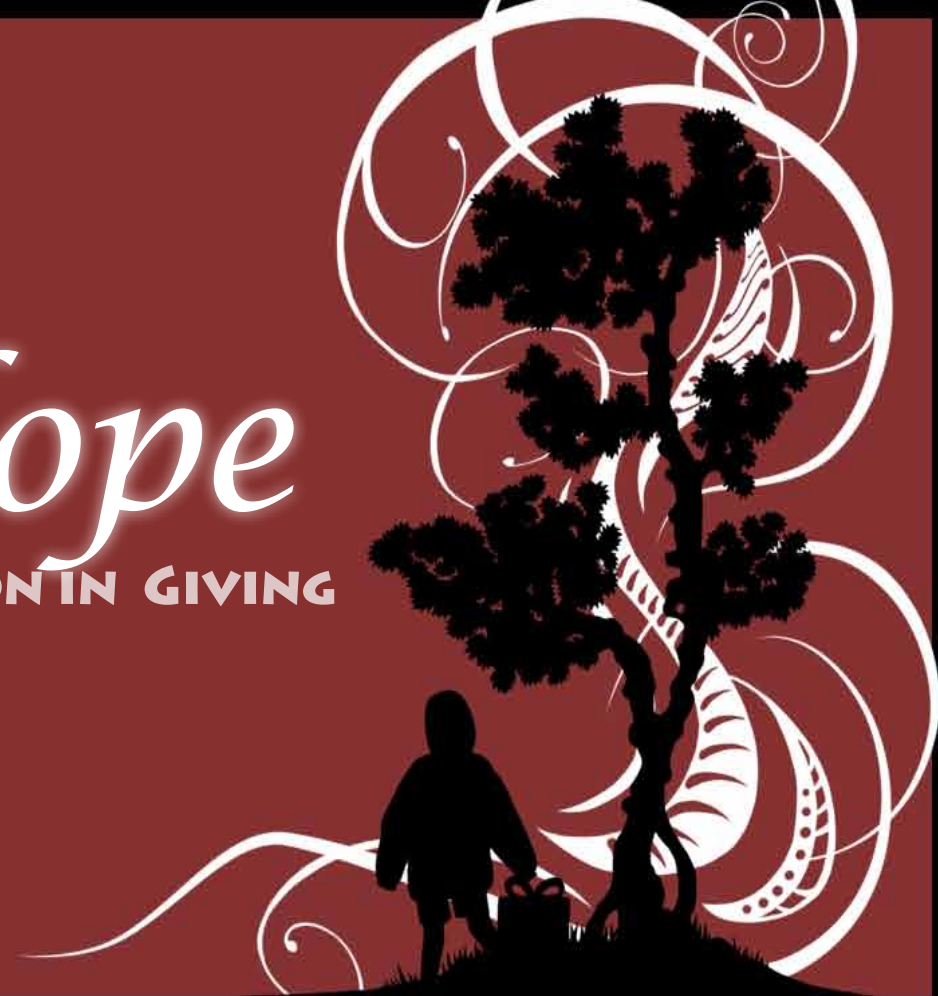


THE G.R.O. FOUNDATION'S

Gifts of Hope

A REVOLUTION IN GIVING



2008 CATALOGUE

Give Hope.

This year, let's give in a meaningful way. Let's give gifts that bring HOPE , PROTECTION **and** security to the most vulnerable of our global family. The G.R.O. Foundation's Gifts of Hope are a revolution in giving — where EVERY GIFT, no matter the size, directly supports students and families in southern Africa that need it the most. Let's TAKE BACK THE SEASON AND MAKE IT ONE OF TRUE GIVING.

How to Give Hope.

1. Choose gifts that INSPIRE you.
2. Choose a person you would like to HONOR.
3. VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.grofoundation.org
4. Purchase your gifts using our SECURE ONLINE SHOPPING CART.
5. Choose how we deliver your GIFT OF HOPE CARD to your recipient.
6. It's never been easier to GIVE HOPE.



The Family Scholarship Fund

\$35, \$100, \$450

In Leribe, Lesotho many students fail to make it to graduation faced by overwhelming social struggle. The tuition fees for public education are often too high for a family to afford, leaving some of the brightest and most talented students without an education. Orphans of HIV/AIDS and students caring for sick parents are left without guidance in building their future.

Your gift can provide a student with a partial or full academic 'Family Scholarship' sponsorship, linking them to our peer advisors, academic support, career guidance and Lifeskills sessions. When you educate someone you are giving them hope, opening their world to endless possibility. Per student: **\$35 per month, \$100 for a quarter year, \$450 for a full year scholarship**



Library Fund \$20

The G.R.O. Foundation is seeking to provide a full library at Molapo High School for all students in need. The library project will provide two copies of each book for every subject so that students who cannot afford needed texts will have access.

A donation to the library fund will assist us in providing the knowledge students need in order to be successful in their education.

"1 in 3 children never see the inside of a classroom." - UNICEF





University Application Fee \$30

Less than 5% of African High School graduates are enrolled in higher education. Your gift will allow one of our graduating students to apply for post-secondary education at one of Lesotho's Universities or Technical Colleges.

Currently, 100% of our graduates are enrolled in post-secondary opportunities, including trade school, technical school and Universities. We help this happen by providing strong career guidance, linking our students with post-secondary funding, and paying the Application and Enrollment fees.

Last year, your gifts sent Alotsi Ntjamang to Lesotho National University to study medicine.



Books for a Student in Need \$40

Most students in Lesotho cannot afford to purchase required school books which greatly affects their academic success. Students must share texts among large groups, or in many cases rely on the notes they take in class. Your gift can ensure that each student has a book with which to study, greatly increasing their chances of success.

The G.R.O. Foundation is also working with Molapo High School to re-use texts and make older versions available to students through the creation of a new library. Please see our 'Library Fund' if you wish to contribute.

"In Lesotho, a 15-year old now has about an 80 percent chance of dying of AIDS"
-UNICEF



Computer Training for a Student \$40

For a Basotho student, learning to use a computer and the internet is a life-changing experience. Your gift of \$40 allows a Family Scholarship Student to access the schools computer program. They will learn valuable software and internet applications, giving them access to the online world of opportunity and information to assist them in pursuing their education and life dreams.

Facebook Users: Add yourself to The G.R.O. Foundation group. We will keep you updated on events, projects, volunteer needs and announcements.

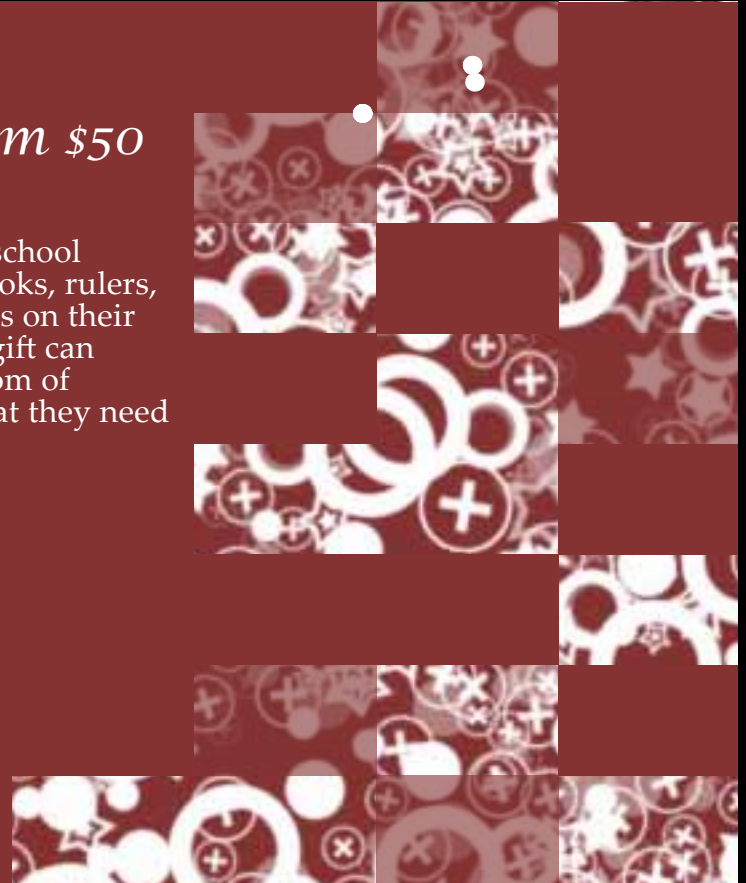
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Educate Students



School supplies for a classroom \$50

Many students in Lesotho lack the most basic school supplies. Providing a classroom with notebooks, rulers, pens and other necessities allows students to focus on their schoolwork and improve their study skills. Your gift can provide basic school supplies to an entire classroom of students at Molapo High School, giving them what they need to succeed.

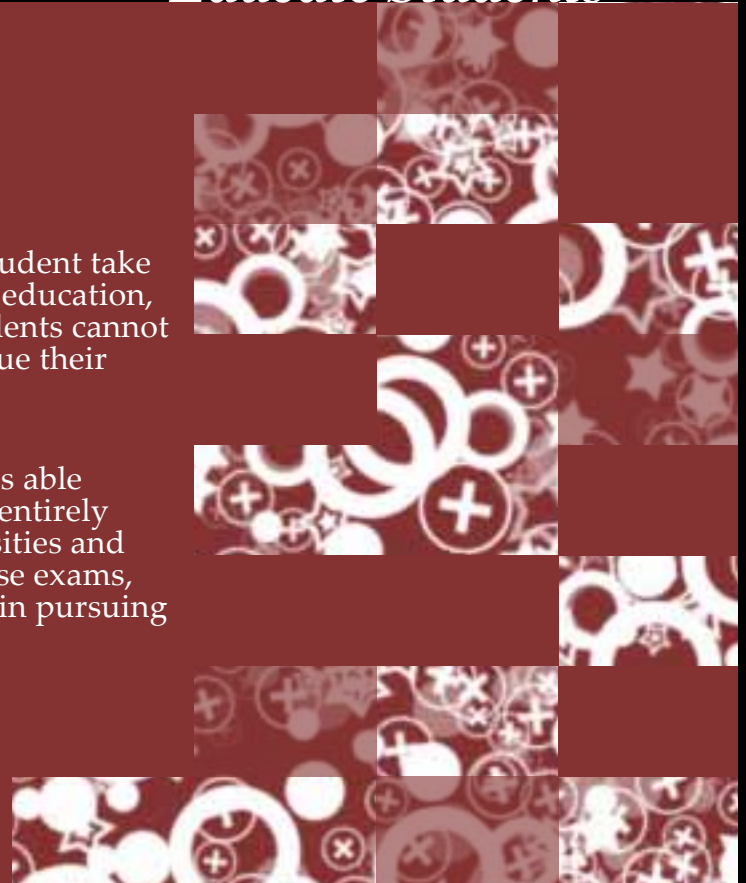




Exam Fees \$80

The Lesotho school system requires that each student take two important exams during their senior high education, the junior and senior certificate exams. Many students cannot afford to pay for the exam fee and must discontinue their studies.

A gift of \$80 can ensure that a student at Molapo is able to afford their exam fee and allows them to focus entirely on their studies. A student's entrance into Universities and Colleges is highly dependent on the results of these exams, by providing their fee you are assisting a student in pursuing their dream.





Crisis Kit Fund \$40

Sometimes in life things happen unexpectedly and our students and project partners may experience times of crisis. In Lesotho, with an overwhelming rate of HIV infection, the death of a family member or illness can strain support systems to their breaking point. Times of drought and the harsh winters threaten food security and safety, leaving many families without hope.

Your gift can provide a helping hand in vulnerable times by contributing to our 'Crisis Kits'. The fund has been used for students to receive medical treatment during a meningitis outbreak, transportation to family funerals and emergency food and fuel during the winter.



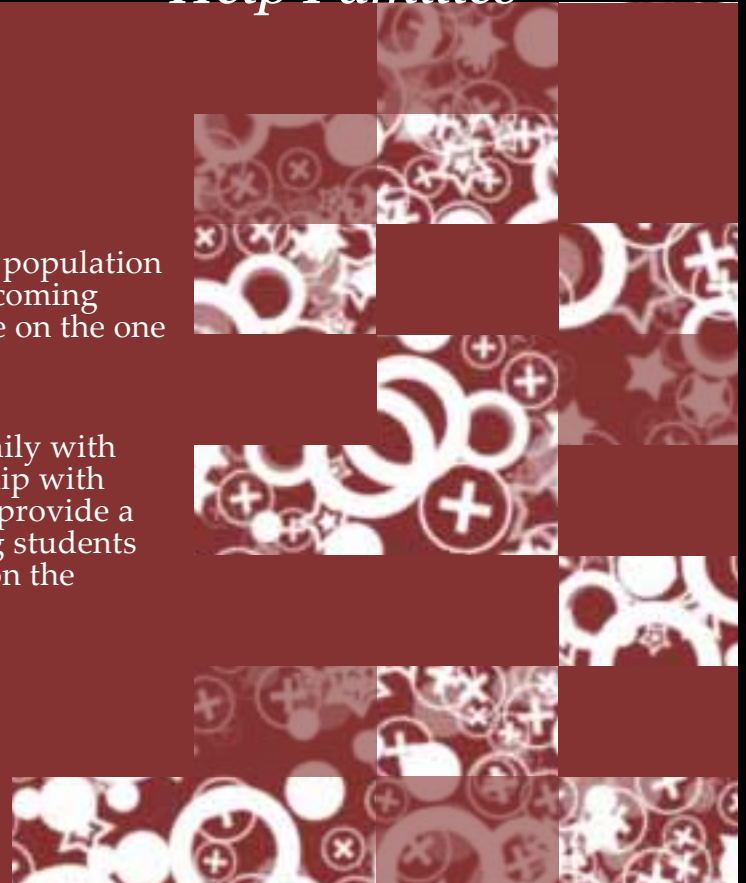
Help Families



Family Food Basket \$50

The World Food Program states that 56% of the population in Lesotho lives on less than \$2/day. Students coming from vulnerable homes are often forced to survive on the one meal a day provided at the school.

Your gift can provide a student and his or her family with a holiday food basket through our local partnership with Anwary's Supermarket in Leribe. One basket can provide a family with a two month supply of food, allowing students to focus on their education and families to focus on the holidays.

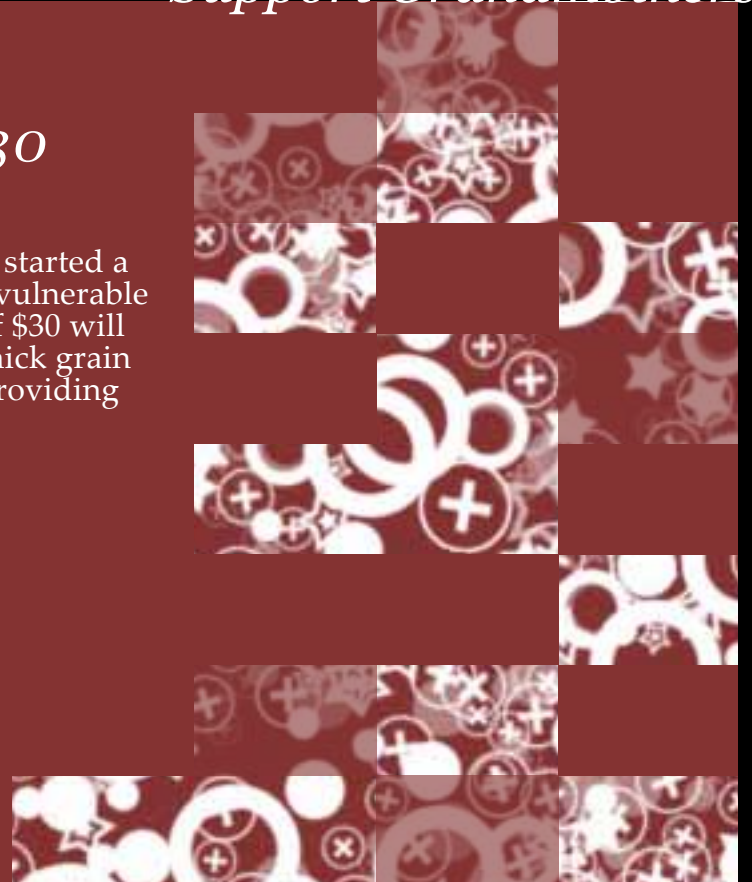




Chickens for Grannies \$30

The Grandmothers Support Group has recently started a poultry project which raises funds to support vulnerable orphans and families in their community. A gift of \$30 will provide the grandmothers with 15 baby chicks, chick grain feed, and agricultural supplies to assist them in providing support to their community.

Your gifts support orphaned students, women living with HIV and AIDS, and grandmothers caring for orphans.

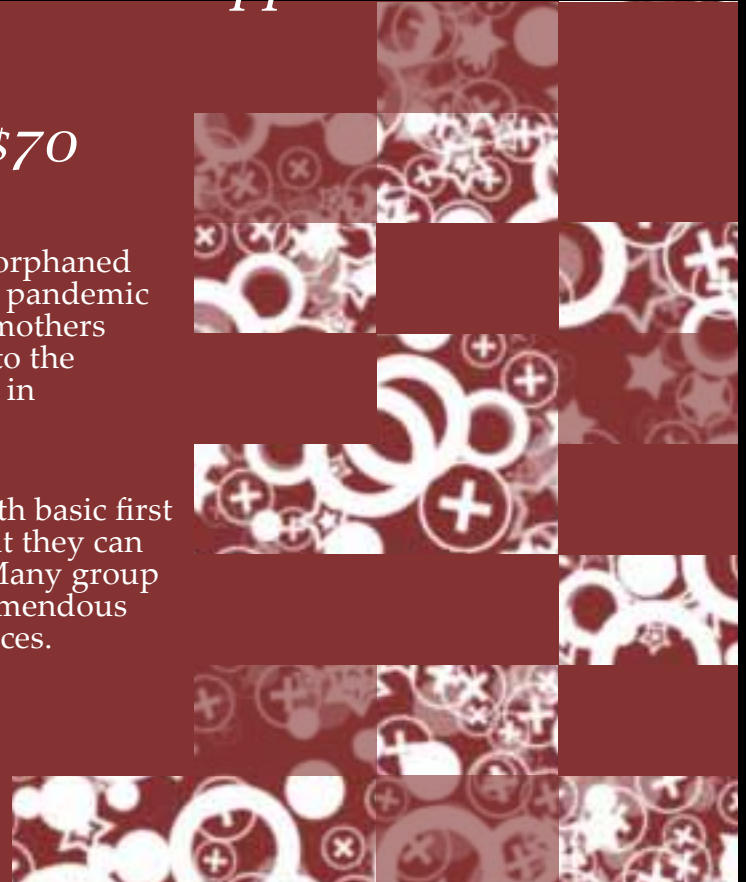




Grandmother Care Kit \$70

Many grandmothers in Lesotho are caring for orphaned grandchildren and sick relatives as the AIDS pandemic continues to heavily affect the region. The Grandmothers Support Group of Leribe has formed in response to the pandemic and the number of local children living in vulnerable conditions.

Your gift can provide the grandmothers group with basic first aid supplies, vitamins and other necessities so that they can support destitute families in their communities. Many group members are retired nurses and can provide a tremendous amount of community support if given the resources.





Thuli's Jewelry Start-Up Kit \$20

Many of the women in the community suffer from HIV and are seeking ways to support their treatment and provide for their families.

Give an unemployed woman a fresh start — provide her with a start-up jewelry kit which includes everything she needs to start making jewelry. The kit contains tools, beads and supplies and also links her to training sessions with Thuli's Jewelry handcraft cooperative.

Check out their jewelry available for purchase at www.globalsistergoods.com (Lesotho)





Business training kit \$75

In a country with over 50% unemployment rate, arming people with skills and training provides them with hope for the future. The G.R.O. Foundation seeks to send our counterparts to business and continuing education programs in Leribe in an effort to continue their career development.

Your gift can provide a local partner with a 6-month business course focusing on valuable internet and business management skills. Utilizing these skills, our counterparts can continue their work as community leaders, project managers and advocates for real grassroots change.

Subscribe to our blog. Read letters and stories from Lesotho, our project partners and our team in North America.



Empower Women



Thuli's Jewelry

(Available for Purchase at Global Sistergoods)

The Thuli's Jewelry co-operative has recently expanded into the international market via our partnership with Global Sistergoods, a fair trade organization based in North America.

Several Thuli's Jewelry Designs are available directly from Global Sistergoods at www.globalsistergoods.com



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The G.R.O. Foundation Growth Fund

\$25

In the developing world there are no shortage of groups and local projects in need of support. The G.R.O. Foundation continues to respond to locally expressed needs and seeks to provide support to locally managed solutions. A contribution to our growth fund allows us to think towards the future, making it possible to move forward on larger projects such as a student boarding facility, online fair-trade community, and expanding the number of communities we engage in.

Both US and Canadian citizens will receive a charitable tax receipt for their contribution.



How to Give Hope.

To place an order and give a gift of hope in honor of your friends and family, visit us at www.grofoundation.org. Use our convenient and secure online shopping cart to choose your gifts of hope. Once you have selected your gifts, The G.R.O. Foundation will send a personalized card to the person or organization in whose name you are giving, describing the gift and its impact.

Canadian and US citizens will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your gift within 2-4 weeks of your donation. Canadian citizens will receive a charitable tax-receipt from OHAfrica, our charitable partner that issues receipts on our behalf. US Citizens will receive a tax-receipt from The International Humanities Center with which The G.R.O. Foundation is a grateful project of.

Learn more about our gifts, our projects and our work at www.grofoundation.org or contact us at giftsofhope@grofoundation.org

