

# Special Projects 2017

Alma School needs you to make a difference in the world of a child with special needs. Please assist us in executing the following special projects:



- **Structural developments on the school grounds.**

Alma School not only teaches and educates our learners various basic life skills, but we also aim to practically execute and set an example of these skills and good behaviour. We strive to advocate energy and water saving amongst our learners, as well as personnel. We treasure nature and its resources we are so dependent on, such as water and electricity, to perform our daily tasks. As part of our nature conservation and energy saving drive, we wish to obtain **solar panels and water reservoirs** on the school grounds. Not only will this ensure energy and water saving in support of nature conservation ('going green'), but it will also, in the long run, alleviate the school's financial costs incurred by the use of municipal electricity and water.

- **Structural developments: maintenance on the school grounds.**

Alma School takes pride in our school building and grounds, therefore we hold the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings, assets and gardens in high regard to ensure its longevity. We also aim to maintain and create a pleasurable and inviting environment for our disabled learners adhering to their special needs. After many years, the time has come to replace the school's current **gutters**.

- **Building maintenance and upgrades**

Alma School needs assistance in the form of sponsorships and contributions towards the erection and fitment of a fully-equipped and functional **therapy centre**. This is one of Alma School's ultimate dreams, to be able to have a fully-equipped therapy centre situated on our premises to provide and improve therapy to all our learners. It will also assist those parents faced with transport difficulties, limited access to properly facilitated medical centres and financial burdens. We are proud to say that we have raised R1, 025 095.76 towards this project since the start of 2010 and are very proud and excited about the commencement of the building project for phase 1 in 2015. We are now focusing on raising funds towards the building project for phase 2. This development is estimated @ R2.5 million in total.

Apart from education, we also offer other support functions and services that have a great impact on the development of our learners, such as exposure and introduction to various sports. Specialised education, therapy and participation in sport goes hand in hand in ensuring each individual learner's optimal development. Practising various sports and regular exercising not only greatly supports and enhance our learners' physical development, but are also beneficial to them. Alma School wishes to embark on a venture re the erection and fitment of a fully-equipped and functional **sport centre** with gymnasium, storerooms, changing rooms, tuckshop etc. to adhere to our sport needs and vision. We are proud to say that the building plans are already drawn up. This includes the building cost estimate and impact survey studies of the grounds. Information available on request.

- **Alma School feeding scheme**

Alma School manages a feeding scheme that provides meals for less fortunate learners who cannot afford to bring their own lunch boxes to school on a daily basis. Currently approximately fifty-five learners are supplied with lunch boxes. The majority of learners are in such need that we provide them with two meals a day (sandwiches in the morning and lunch in the afternoon), as these are the only daily meals they will receive. From time to time, depending on donations, we also send food parcels home. By managing a feeding scheme, Alma School helps ensure well-nutritioned children with sustainable health and energy needed to attend and participate in school. Not only does this initiative alleviate the concern and financial burden on the children's parents, who are faced with serious financial challenges, it also alleviates the extra pressure put on the community to 'carry' and take care of less fortunate families in need. A detailed list with items needed is available on request.

**NOTE:**

**ALMA SCHOOL IS A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION WITH SECTION 18A TAX STATUS (TAX EXEMPTION APPLICABLE ON DONATIONS).**

All financial contributions must be made solely to Alma School's bank account detailed below.

**Banking Details:**

Standard Bank Gezina

Cheque Account

Branch Code: 01-48-45

Account Number: 411-050-575

Reference: Your contact number

