

KHANYISELA

THE NORTHERN
DRAKENSBERG PROJECTS



Sound
Beginnings
for a
Brighter
Future



“ Education and development are seeds one to the other: The key is the humanisation of schools and the development of a comprehensive curriculum based upon the whole individual. ”

Steve Biko



KHANYISELA MEANING:

**en-light-en [in līt'n, en līt'n]
(transitive verb)**

To make clear to the intellect or conscience; to shed the light of truth and knowledge upon; to furnish with increase of knowledge; to instruct; as, to enlighten the mind or understanding.





Why the Northern Drakensberg Khanyisela project?

The Cavern Berg Resort has long been involved in providing aid to schools, crèches and the communities in the Amazizi area. Together with donations and assistance from other resorts, guests, friends and businesses, we hope to give the local children a sound foundation on which they can build to assist in the long-term prosperity of our area, and our country.

The story began with the Sivuleleni Pre-School, which was built in 1994 with assistance from Eskom, and founded by Clara Hadebe, who was solely responsible for all areas of operation and caring for the 40 children attending the school. However, without sufficient funding or skilled personnel, this facility was struggling to survive. It was through Loretta Mecklenborg's interest and donations of money and equipment that Sivuleleni received a new lease on life. By the end of 2004, it had become a wonderful example to other Pre-Schools in our area, some of whom approached us for assistance. The Khanyisela Project has developed from there.

What do we aim to achieve?

In support of the South African government initiatives, the Khanyisela Project works to improve the lives of over 350 pre-school children in the Amazizi community, across 9 Pre-Schools. We are focused on the children's education, social, emotional and cognitive development as well as health and nutrition.

The Northern Drakensberg Khanyisela Project aims to:

- Assist in the creation of a network of educational facilities in keeping with national and international standards.
- Provide learners with a solid foundation for life-long learning, ultimately creating a community with a sense of self-respect and empowerment.
- Stimulate the local economy by contracting small businesses/individuals from the community for the services required by the project.

Our assistance, with your help, can enable meaningful change to the development of this area and the country as a whole. As a non-profit organisation, we are able to make this positive contribution through the support of donors and funding agencies.

FACT:

The first few years of a child's life forge the outcome of a child's future.

How do we focus our activities?

The Northern Drakensberg Khanyisela Project focuses primarily on:

- Training and equipping teachers with the expertise needed to develop the children's full potential
- Upgrading and ongoing maintenance of school facilities
- Supplying sufficient educational toys and books to each school
- Providing a nutritionally balanced meal to every pupil, every day
- Promoting parent and community participation in the management and implementation of programs
- Stimulating the local economy by contracting small businesses/individuals from the community for the services required by the project.

Want to lend a helping hand?



All donations to the Northern Drakensberg Khanyisela Project go straight to the cause where they are most needed.

Khanyisela is associated with the Hearts of Hope (HoH), a Section 21 Registered Non-Profit Organisation, which assists in providing financial controls and tax exemption status for educational donations.

HoH is required by law to provide independent audited financial statements each year, which they are required to submit annually to the National Department of Social Development and the South African Revenue Service.

For more information on Hearts of Hope, visit www.heartsofhope.org.za or email info@heartsofhope.org.za

If you would like to support the children of this wonderful community, donations can be made via:

Direct Deposit:

Account Name: Hearts of Hope
Account No: 022972188
Bank: Standard Bank, Rivonia
Branch Code: 001255
Reference: "Drakensberg"

Credit Card:

Please call +27 36 438 6270 for a credit card authorisation form

Contact for Donation:

Please email projects@cavern.co.za

A tax certificate is available on request

“ We believe that there is a great need for holistic education of a world class standard in our community. Conditions in these rural areas are poor and the teachers lack resources and infrastructure. We feel that an established private school, which is properly staffed and managed, will go a long way to giving children the necessary grounding to reach their maximum potential. ”

Why not Sponsor a Child to attend the Royal Drakensberg Primary School?

Established in 2007, Royal Drakensberg Primary School is a small independent school which caters for Grade 000 to Grade 3. The school aims to provide learners with a solid foundation for future learning and was established by local families to address a real need for quality education in the area. Our goal is to grow the school to 60 learners. Of the 25 learners enrolled this year, 11 attend on scholarships arranged by local resorts, business owners and friends as part of the Khanyisela Project. The school is a beautiful microcosm of South African society, catering for a wide range of backgrounds and abilities.

It has been an incredible journey as we have watched the children blossom and flourish in this nurturing environment. Once children have spent 5 years at Royal Drakensberg, we believe that they will have a solid foundation to attend either Bergville Primary or other excellent schools in KwaZulu-Natal.

We would love to see more children from this area benefit, but as an independent school, we do need funds to realise this dream. In 2010, we hope to be in a position to assist another 4 learners. Families are awarded financial assistance to a maximum of 80% of the fees and the balance is then payable by the parents.

Contact Megan on megan.bedingham@cavern.co.za if you would like to make a donation to the school.

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