



## - Mondsese Youth Opportunities Trust -

### *Proposal for the purchase of a Toyota Quantum; and support for our daily school lunch:*

**MYO is a Rotary afternoon education programme dedicated to educating promising, underprivileged learners to become good future citizens of Namibia. Our education system is in crisis, and these students who show that they are willing to work and succeed in spite of their poor education circumstances, need our help and support.**

Located in the heart of Mondsese, the main Swakopmund township, MYO supplements overcrowded and under-funded government schools by delivering a holistic after-school program that educates the *whole* child. We target high-achieving learners from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, and we add the educational qualities which their basic classes at school lack. Our 120 learners range from grade 4 to 8 and are mainly from the poorer suburbs of Mondsese and the DRC. They receive extra instruction in English, Mathematics, Reading, Life Skills, Computers, Sports and Music, every day after school. *We cultivate positive thinking and high self-esteem in our learners. We plant the seeds for a future generation of emotionally healthy, ambitious, well balanced, and forward-thinking Namibian leaders.*



MYO is a nonprofit, registered Namibian trust that *operates entirely on donations*. Our learners do not pay to be in MYO. Their parents simply could not afford it. (We calculate that each learner costs us approximately N\$10 000.00 per annum.) Therefore donated funds must cover the operating costs for our whole organisation. These costs include:

- Lunch for the learners
- Transport costs for the learners
- Material resources for the learners (textbooks, workbooks, writing utensils, etc.)
- Basic facility upkeep (electricity, water, repairs, etc.)
- Salaries for the teachers and support staff costs\*

\*As a Trust, we are extremely careful with our funds. Therefore we rely on volunteers (Weltwärts Programme) and paid teachers of note, who are willing to work for far less compensation than what they could expect to receive from government or private schools.

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Charities and Trusts are always in need of funding and unfortunately we are no different. We genuinely need your support in order to continue educating and cultivating Namibia's future leaders. We pride ourselves in running a very organized and efficient program on our modest funds, with careful bookkeeping and auditing, which is continuously regulated by the board members. Our balance sheets are always available for scrutiny by donors.



Specifically, at this stage, we have two main needs. The first is for a new bus. We educate 120 learners each afternoon and we collect the learners whose schools are far from our project at the end of their school morning and bring them to MYO in time for lunch, and classes which begin promptly at 2.00pm. At 5.15 when our school afternoon ends we transport the learners who live far from our school home. In winter darkness comes early and we must ensure their safety. We have two buses at present but the old bus needs to be replaced as repairs have become expensive.

Secondly, the costs of our food programme have increased greatly, and we ask for help in this area. We ensure the learners have a daily, nutritious lunch so that their bodies and minds can thrive. To this we add a piece of fruit. For many of our learners this is their main meal of the day.



**The cost of our lunch programme is approximately N\$135.00 (=9,37 EUR) a year and the cost of a new Toyota Quantum is approximately N\$470 000.00 (=32439 EUR) on today's market prices.**

Sincerely

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