

Press Release

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Metrofile helps children get an equal education

Through its ongoing support of Transoranje Institute, Metrofile has improved the lives of many learning impaired children

Once again proving its commitment to help wherever it can, Metrofile, the African leader in records management, is proud to be associated with yet another organisation involved in helping to uplift the lives of the less fortunate. The company has pledged ongoing support in the form of a monthly grant to the Transoranje Institute.

The donation, which cements the relationship between the two organisations further, will be used to assist in the education of special needs learners who cannot afford to pay for specialised education.

Transoranje Institute is a unique, non-profit organisation that is focused on the sponsoring of five special needs schools in South Africa. Its primary function is to raise funds for these five schools, which cater for deaf, hearing impaired, visually impaired, cerebral palsied and epileptic learners.

"We raise funds to help close the gap between the shrinking state subsidies and the ever increasing amount of learners, who qualify for exemption from school fees. Without our help, many special needs learners would not be able to be afforded an education in South Africa," says Karin du Toit, Executive Officer at Transoranje Institute.

The five schools which Transoranje supports are: Transoranje-school for the Deaf, Prinshof School for the Visually Impaired, Martie du Plessis High School for the Cerebral Palsied, Transvalia-school for Epileptics and Sonitus School for the Hearing Impaired.

"In total, Transoranje is involved with 1652 learners in the five schools, of whom more than a third are from families living below the poverty level. Apart from a monthly subsidy to the schools, we also help these needy children with clothing, toiletries, stationary, school and hostel fees. Our focus is to alleviate the strain that needy learners have on the budgets of our schools," adds du Toit.

"Children with learning impairments are just as intelligent as the average child and they deserve the same education and an equal opportunity in life. Transoranje Institute and the five very special schools it supports are an endless inspiration to us," says Leon Thompson, General Manager for the Metrofile Pretoria branch. "We have witnessed, over the many years of supporting Transoranje, that many of the learning impaired children leaving these schools with Matric certificates proudly in hand, successfully enrol at tertiary institutions and enjoy rewarding careers. Without this support programme, many of these learners would be left out of the education system altogether, but instead, with a bit of extra attention they grow up to be contributing members of society," he ends.

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Note to Editors

About Metrofile

Established in 1983, Metrofile is the market leader in Africa for information and records management (on and off-site). The only company to provide full end-to-end solutions, Metrofile services customers across all sectors of the economy.

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About Transoranje

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Kindly contact Transoranje Institute for Special Education directly for banking details.

FOCUS AREA:

We are the sponsoring body for 5 schools with disabilities: Deaf, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Cerebral Palsy and Epileptics. We raise funds to help the schools because of the shrinking state subsidies they receive and the ever increasing number of learners who qualify for exemption from school fees.

WE NEED:

- Financial assistance.
- Support for our projects.
- Assistance with maintenance of school buildings and hostels.
- Learner transportation.
- Assistive devices.