

Comments from the Arcadia Rotary Club

Contents of the boxes are very relevant to the needs. There is a desperate shortage of pens and pencils and equipment. There are usually 40—50 learners per class. Box distribution is a challenge in rural areas, due to poor access. The project has highlighted the desperate need that exists at schools in the rural areas. All teachers and learners expressed a sincere sense of appreciation for what the Rotary Club of Northampton Becket has done for them.

To Summarise

A need has been identified. Appreciation has been shown. We, at Becket, have received letters of thanks from both pupils and teachers. Wishes have been fulfilled.

But more help is needed.

Help

This is where you could assist.

A classroom Box with all its contents will cost £50.00 and this will include the cost of shipping via a container which will carry something like 800 - 1000 boxes.

6000 schools have been identified in the Eastern Cape Region of South Africa alone as being in need.

This is just the tip of the iceberg - there are so many schools in so many countries that could benefit from classroom boxes.

WAYS TO HELP

Adopt a school - and fill boxes for that school.

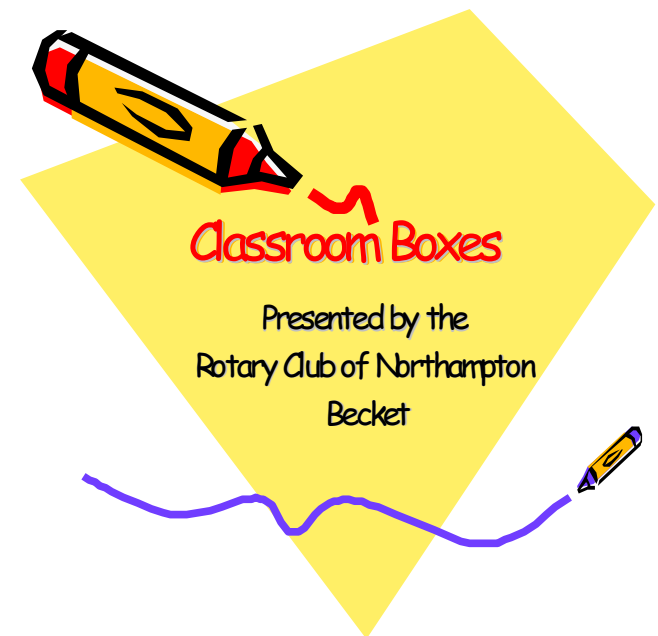
Form a link with a school.

Just fill a box.

Provide funding.

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Have you ever thought about a child going to school, not having a desk or a chair or even a pen or paper. In our enlightened age it is difficult to contemplate.

The Rotary Club of Northampton Becket thought about this. Like most people, we were blind to the fact that there were schools with so facilities.

Our perception changed on a visit to Malawi where we visited schools which had very few of the basics.

Children were sitting on dust floors, with few or no desks. Other equipment was minimal.



But there was one outstanding factor - all the children wanted an education. They were aware that if they did not receive an education, then their prospects were

This seems to contrast somewhat with children in this country who have all the facilities and opportunities available to them, but do not always appreciate them.

In 2006 our International Committee decided that we should investigate providing basic materials and contacted the Rotary Club of Arcadia in East London, South Africa for some ideas of what would be most beneficial to local village schools.

They provided us with a wish list of items that would be beneficial to the school children.

70 boxes were sent to South Africa along with a consignment of medical equipment from Northampton General Hospital, all in a sponsored container.

The boxes were distributed by members of the Rotary Club of Arcadia.

It seems these boxes were a Godsend to the recipients - the only problem being that these were not enough.



Some Responses from the Teachers

Staff and parents appreciate what you have done for us.

You have uplifted the standard of education.

These items will make teaching and the learning environment better for both teachers and pupils.



The boxes being received by the teachers and pupils.

