



# Annual Review



2008

*transformation  
through education*

## Investing in education and leadership

**Southern Africa's development depends on strong leadership in key fields including health, education, business and water technology. Canon Collins Trust builds the skills and expertise of professionals who will be able to provide this leadership and drive development at community, national and international levels, meeting the challenges of poverty, disease, economic growth and climate change.**

Since 1981, Canon Collins Trust has enabled thousands of southern Africans to pursue higher education, and worked with over 30 local organisations to increase educational access for marginalised groups. By focusing on education, the Trust is helping southern Africans to develop home-grown strategies to tackle poverty and promote social justice.



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'The scholarship gave me an opportunity that I simply wouldn't have afforded and it gave me a chance to gain a much better understanding of Structural Engineering, I am now much more prepared to tackle complex projects with ease. When I get back home I will continue working as a consultant engineer but am also looking forward to joining the University of Botswana, in order to help bridge the gap between the university curriculum and real engineering practice.'

**Hlomani Enock from Botswana, studying Structural Engineering at the University of Manchester.**



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'Education can be the difference between a life of grinding poverty and the potential for a full and secure one.'

**Graça Machel (pictured here with scholar Zelma Mokobane)**



'Receiving this scholarship motivates me to devote my life to serving disadvantaged members of our community. When I qualify as a Public Health Practitioner, I will be able to give back to communities, acting as an agent for change with regard to health issues.'

**Marvis Mali from Malawi, studying Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of Witwatersrand**



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'The scholarship has given me the opportunity to work with parents of children with disabilities to actively participate in the education of their children. The ultimate goal is to see parents empowered to work co-operatively with educators in the implementation of inclusive education in South Africa.'

**Khaya Tshabalala from South Africa, studying Inclusive Education at Stellenbosch University**



'Women in my country are far behind, and believe that development work is only for men. If women are empowered at all levels, poverty will greatly be reduced.'

**Faiza Ahmed from Malawi, studying Development Studies at the University of East Anglia**

**Across Africa, only 5% of the population are currently able to access higher education, with the prohibitive cost of tertiary study creating a chronic shortage of qualified professionals. Southern Africa's committed academics, entrepreneurs, scientists and government employees urgently require improved training and education opportunities in order to lead growth and development in the region.**

In 2008 Canon Collins Trust awarded a total of 166 scholarships to young leaders from across southern Africa, enabling them to develop skills and knowledge in a diverse range of disciplines including public health, human rights, education policy and environmental engineering. A strategic decision was taken to award fewer scholarships this year in response to rising tuition fees and living costs. We received a strong endorsement of our selection process from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, which chose to fund all six candidates which we nominated for their scholarships this year.



Graça Machel scholars Marvis Mali, Tiwonge Mzumura, Kgadi Mathabathe and Zelma Mokobane.

The Trust expanded its Graça Machel Scholarship Programme, which specifically aims to empower southern Africa's female leaders by providing them with opportunities to pursue higher education. With generous support from sponsors including BHP Billiton, Sol Plaatje Educational Trust and Deloitte, 21 young women were able to pursue higher education through the programme this year. Scholars Tiwonge Mzumura and Yara Voss de Lima had the additional opportunity to meet Graça Machel herself, at a high profile event which she hosted at the Dorchester Hotel to raise awareness of women's important role in



Graça Machel addresses industry leaders at our scholarship fundraising event in Johannesburg.

development. The success of the event inspired us to hold a follow-up in Johannesburg, where Graça captivated her audience with the story of her own struggle to fight poverty with education.

In 2008 the Trust launched its alumni network, providing our former scholars with a web of professional contacts extending across the southern African region. Hosted by Nelson Mandela, the first alumni event brought together South African students whose studies were supported through the Nelson Mandela Scholarship Programme funded by Unilever and Deloitte. This programme has been a great success in enabling young leaders to achieve their potential, with 90% of former scholars now working at director or manager level.



Nelson Mandela with Scholar Noxolo Mbana.

On behalf of all our current and former scholars, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the David and Elaine Potter Foundation for supporting our alumni network launch.

In 2008, Scholarships Programme Manager Jean Tullett visited Malawi in order to assess the Trust's impact in a country which is rated by the UN as the 14th poorest in the world. Jean met former scholars making an impact across a range of sectors, and found that their education has put them at the forefront of growth and development in Malawi.



One such scholar is Ellen Thom, who studied Social Development and Health at Queen Margaret University in 2006/7. As Country Manager of an organisation called *Mothers2Mothers*, Ellen is now leading a programme to educate women in sexual and reproductive health – an essential contribution in a country where infant and maternal mortality rates are among the highest in the world.



Ellen's work is complemented by that of Malla Mabona, a former Project Planning and Management scholar who now works for the Malawian Ministry of Gender, Children and Community Development. As an expert on orphans and vulnerable children, Malla is managing a national programme which tackles the problems facing families affected by HIV/AIDS, including the serious issue of child trafficking. The contributions made by Ellen and Malla, working in two separate sectors to improve conditions for women and children, provide a tangible example of the far-reaching impact that qualified professionals can have. They are just two

## The Trust's Impact in Malawi

- Fifty-one Malawians have been able to pursue higher education with support from Canon Collins Trust, and are now investing their skills in a range of key professions including health, education, business and environmental management.
- Our partnership with Malawi's Chancellor College is enabling six headteachers to further their education, whilst building the capacity of the university to run courses at Masters level through implementation of the Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership course.
- Girls in Chikwawa, Mchinji and Rural Lilongwe districts have accessed literacy and health education through the Adolescent Girls' Literacy Project (pictured below).



among a total of 51 former Canon Collins Trust scholars now investing their skills to improve conditions in Malawi.

During her visit, Jean forged a new partnership between the Trust and Chancellor College, part of the University of Malawi, where six headteachers will now have the opportunity to study Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership. The new scholarships are being offered through the James Learmonth and Graça Machel Scholarships Programmes, enabling headteachers to bring vision and innovation to school management and share experiences with other professional educators.

The scholarships are also lending vital support to the Education Department at Chancellor College. Most Malawian headteachers are unable to afford the cost of tuition fees, so without the Trust's financial assistance the course would not be able to run.

*'Making Mothers2Mothers services accessible to as many women as possible will contribute greatly to the vision of having an HIV-free generation in Malawi ... It's all thanks to the opportunity I was given by Canon Collins to study for the Masters Degree that I am able to lead a country team.'*  
**Ellen Thom**

In 2008 Canon Collins Trust worked with local organisations across southern Africa to increase access to education for groups marginalised by poverty, race, gender, disability and geographical location. By working with local partners we ensure that our projects are tailored to the needs of each community and implemented by organisations with an acute understanding of the social and cultural context.

## Early childhood development in Northern Cape, South Africa

In 2008 Canon Collins Trust embarked on an exciting new project to deliver improved education and health to children in Northern Cape, South Africa. Funded by Big Lottery and implemented in partnership with Hantam Community Education Trust, the project is removing barriers to learning by training teachers across three primary schools and providing children with health support including a full time nurse. The first phase of the project has already had substantial impact through the introduction of vitamin supplements for malnourished children and the identification and referral of several cases of TB which would otherwise have remained untreated.

Canon Collins Trust is working closely with the South African Department of Education to monitor the impact of the project, with the long term goal of replicating our successes to benefit children across an even wider geographical area.



Child singing at Umthombo Wolwazi School, Hantam

## Phelophepa Health Train

Canon Collins Trust continued to support the Phelophepa Health Train as it journeyed across South Africa bringing healthcare and education to the remotest regions of the country. In 2008 the Train stopped at Colesberg, enabling us to initiate a valuable partnership between Phelophepa and the Hantam Community Education Trust. Three Hantam staff received health education training in the Phelophepa 'Edu-Clinic', while children at the three Hantam partner schools received free dental care and spectacles. Several children also took part in group counselling and storytelling offered by Phelophepa's team of psychologists.



Community members trained by Edu-Clinic volunteers grow cabbages to help to maintain a healthy diet.

## Supporting orphans and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe

Canon Collins Trust continued to support the Farm Orphan Support Trust (FOST), which provides material and emotional assistance to some of Zimbabwe's most vulnerable children. The proliferation of child-headed households in Zimbabwe means that FOST's work to provide children with school fees, clothing, food and mentoring is more vital than ever before. In 2008 Canon Collins Trust was able to support FOST's work across twelve schools, due to the generosity of the Sol Plaatje Educational Trust.

*'FOST has helped many of us to realise our dreams and goals through giving the youth of our community a chance to prove ourselves'*

**Child supported by FOST in 2008**

## Computers for schools in rural Limpopo Province, South Africa

The Trust continued its partnership with Giyani Science Centre, providing a further ten schools with fully equipped computer laboratories, bringing the total supported to twenty-nine. Funded by JPMorgan, the computers have granted children an interactive learning experience including access to maths, science and literacy software. In an area of severe unemployment, the computers are enabling children to develop technological skills which are an essential requirement of the modern workplace, ensuring their future access to income and quality of life.



Chris Abell and Diana Woodhead

The computers have already benefited over 11,000 children, and a total of 580 teachers have received comprehensive ICT training. There have been dramatic improvements in school management and administration as teachers are using the technology to monitor children's attendance and results.

*'Computers have so much information inside them – you can learn about the past and the future, and about other kinds of people in other parts of the world.'*

**Pupil at Khataza Secondary School, which now has a brand new computer lab.**

Chris Abell and Diana Woodhead



Pupils at Kheodi School, where a new computer lab has been installed.

## Increasing literacy among girls in rural Malawi

In 2008 Canon Collins Trust was able to resume its support to the Adolescent Girls' Literacy Project, enabling girls in rural Malawi to access education, health advice and micro-enterprise training. Girls access these services through local youth clubs, through which they gain the skills and confidence to rejoin the school system. The programme is transforming lives, with many formerly illiterate young women now running their own businesses and managing independent bank accounts. Their achievements illustrate the empowering effect of girls' education in increasing living standards and freedom of choice.



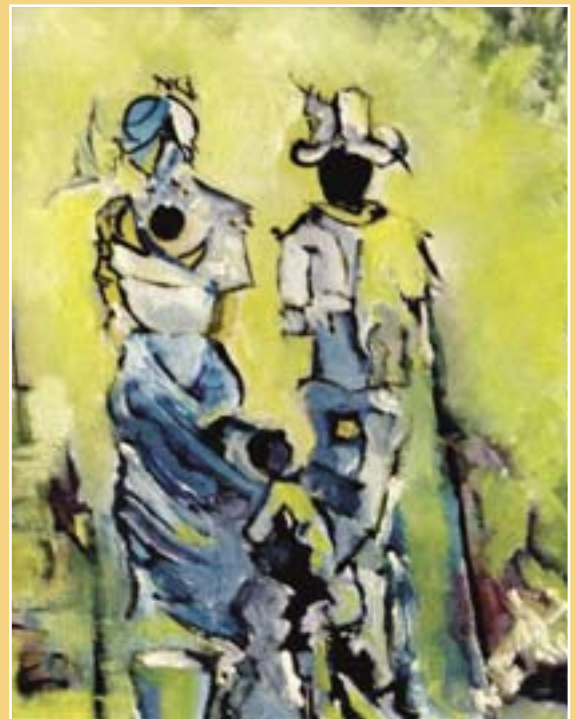
Girls at the literacy project in Malawi.

Angela Hogg

The generous support of our donors is essential in order for us to deliver educational opportunities throughout southern Africa. The Trust is lucky enough to attract funding from individual, corporate and statutory donors, in addition to the many trusts, foundations and community groups who support our work. By partnering with universities who match our scholarship funding, we are able to increase the value of each donation we receive.

This section highlights some of the innovative ways that we were supported in 2008. The work of every individual and organisation to improve educational access is highly appreciated and is what enables us to sustain our impact over the long term.

- The 'Son of Man' charity screening at the South African High Commission was an opportunity to support the Trust and see a highly acclaimed South African film which places the traditional Bible story in a modern African context. We would like to thank all those who attended this colourful event, and extend a special thank you to actress Janet Suzman, author Gillian Slovo and artist Victor Mavedzenge who formed our discussion panel after the film. We would also like to thank Spiers Films for kindly allowing us to host a screening in aid of the Trust.



*Going home*, by Victor Mavedzenge.



*Waiting for a Miracle*, by Victor Mavedzenge.

- Zimbabwean artist and former Canon Collins Trust scholar Victor Mavedzenge donated one of his beautiful paintings which the Trust was able to auction. He also allowed us to use his unique artwork on our 2008 Christmas cards.

- Leigh Day & Co continued to support the Trust's Law Scholarships, enabling historically disadvantaged South Africans to pursue careers in law through their studies at the University of Western Cape.



Leigh Day scholars Sizo Dlali and Henalicia September.

- Graça Machel hosted events in London and Johannesburg to celebrate the success of the Graça Machel Scholarships in promoting women's leadership in southern Africa. In 2008 the scholarships were generously supported by BHP Billiton, Sol Plaatje Educational Trust, Deloitte and Joffe Charitable Trust.

- Supporters in Cambridge raised over £1,000 for the Phelophepa Health Train's Edu-Clinic, through their popular annual garden party at Sidney Sussex College.



Children learn how to brush their teeth as part of Phelophepa's outreach work.

- Over 3,000 individuals provided the backbone of our support by making regular donations, one-off gifts, and by leaving gifts in their wills. The Trust depends on the commitment and enthusiasm of our individual supporters in order to survive, and we would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who gave in 2008.



Scholar Leonard Sakakombe meets Scottish supporters.

- Scottish supporters attended an event hosted by Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh to celebrate the Trust's long-standing partnerships with Scottish higher education institutions. In 2009 we will be building on our achievements to offer 50 distance-learning MBAs in partnership with Edinburgh Business School.

**Each of the donors listed gave over £1,000 during 2008. We choose to acknowledge all donors giving over £1,000 because as a small charity this amount has an extremely significant impact on our work.**

## Trusts, churches and companies above £1,000

- Barnett and Sylvia Shine No. 1 Charitable Trust
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- Big Lottery Fund
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- The Lennox and Wyfold Charitable Trust
- The Westcroft Trust

## Individuals over £1,000

A special thank you goes to the 23 individuals who gave £1,000 or over in 2008.

We would also like to remember all those supporters who generously left us a gift in their will, and whose commitment to the cause will help us sustain long term support for southern African education. In 2008 we received legacies from the estates of:

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| ■ Dr Helen Hudson        | ■ AH McPherson        | ■ James Roberts |
| ■ JR Putzel              | ■ S Parkin            | ■ GF Tinsley    |
| ■ George Douthwaite      | ■ Mrs Smith           | ■ Hilary Claire |
| ■ Harriet Shackman       | ■ Dorothy Worthington |                 |
| ■ Reverend Owen H Butler | ■ S Hepburn           |                 |

Each year we receive essential scholarship funds through the Ros Moger, Terry Furlong, Rick Turner, Freda Katz and James Learmonth awards. This year we also received gifts in fond memory of the following supporters, who were generous and committed friends of the Trust:

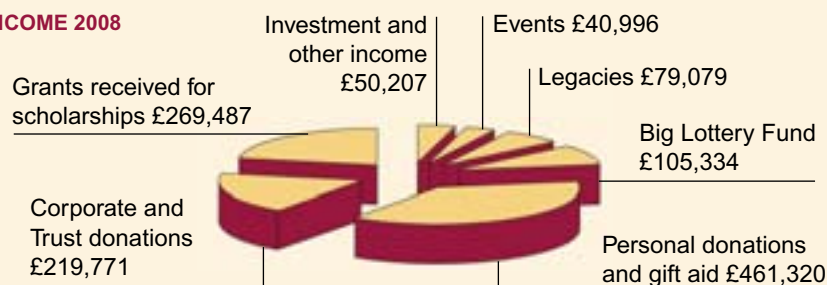
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| ■ Frank Larcombe         | ■ David Craigjead | ■ Euan Adamson |
| ■ Geoff Parkyn           | ■ Graham Smith    | ■ Ian Smith    |
| ■ Reverend Owen H Butler |                   |                |

## Income and expenditure

Incoming resources during the year 2008 were £1,226,195 (2007: £1,672,266). Resources expended were £1,208,423 (2007: £1,444,815) resulting in a net surplus of £17,772 (2007: £227,451 surplus).

Copies of the full set of accounts and annual report may be obtained from the office.

### INCOME 2008



### EXPENDITURE 2008



## Board

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- Dr Maano Ramutsindela
- Professor David Simon

We would like to extend our thanks and best wishes to Ben Birnberg, Sir Andrew Collins and Paddy Ross who retired from the UK board this year. Their contribution over a number of years has been sincerely appreciated by all at the Trust.

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## Volunteers

The Trust would like to thank its volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the year.

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- Dr Maano Ramutsindela, Director and member (Chair)
- Professor Norman Levy, Director and member (Vice Chair)
- Dr Louise Asmal, Director and member
- Jonathan Bloch, Director and member
- Professor Shula Marks OBE, Director and member
- Nox Ntuli, Director and member
- Sarah Nancollas, Nominated representative of founding member

Our warmest wishes go to Cos Desmond, who resigned from the South African Board this year and whose contribution has been greatly valued by the Trust.

## UK Office Staff

- Sarah Nancollas, Chief Executive
- Jean Tullett, Scholarships Programme Manager
- Adina Farmaner, Fundraising and Communications Manager
- Diarmaid O’Caoidealbháin, Finance Manager
- John McGeachy, Intern

## Southern Africa Office Staff

- Linda Budaza, Regional Director
- Zoleka Buti, Administrator
- Gretta Tapscott, Finance Administrator

### Front cover photographs, from left:

Tiwonge Mzumura, Graça Machel Scholar:  
photo J & J Development Group Trust  
Akhona Phika, a pupil at Hantam Community  
Education Trust  
Tiyese Chimuna, Graça Machel Scholar  
Sizo Dlali, Leigh Day Scholar

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