

Exciting News!



Tlalane & Puseletso

EDUCARE FUND IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
THE UPCOMING REGISTRATION OF

Edu-Hope Foundation

Puseletso and Tlalane were each Educare Fund beneficiaries. Both graduated from university and are now working. Puseletso decided to set up her own business as a private tutor and Tlalane works for a local company as a qualified chartered accountant.

For the last two years, Tlalane and Puseletso have been Educare Fund's 'boots on the ground' in Lesotho. They are the team that puts Educare Fund's agenda in place, identifying capable girls who need educational support, liaising with the families and the schools. They also collect feedback and run an annual workshop for the whole cohort, giving them an opportunity to meet with each other in a learning environment. Up to now, our team was embedded in another partner organisation. The challenges that this arrangement brought gave Puseletso and Tlalane the idea to set up their own local NGO. They are in the process of refining their submission and hope to have EduHope Foundation registered this month.

They have told us that it is you, our donors, who have motivated them to take this major step toward changing other young women's lives through education. Congratulations Tlalane and Puseletso for your initiative, commitment and vision.

COUNTDOWN:
24 HOUR GLOBAL FUNDRAISER DAY

3 December 2024

GIVINGTUESDAY

A million reasons to
get matched this GivingTuesday

THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE THEY GET!
THIS GIVINGTUESDAY, GLOBALGIVING IS BOOSTING YOUR
DONATIONS TO THE NONPROFITS OF YOUR CHOICE FROM
MIDNIGHT TO 11:59 P.M. EST ON DEC. 3.

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What is GivingTuesday?

THE GIVINGTUESDAY CAMPAIGN IS A GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING CELEBRATED BY GLOBAL GIVING, OUR FUNDRAISING PLATFORM, ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF NONPROFITS, CORPORATIONS, AND DONORS AROUND THE WORLD.

When the blaring carols and round the clock ads seem more like a hyper-commercial celebration of all that is material, GivingTuesday is one way to ensure that we can keep the giving spirit alive as the holidays rituals and celebrations approach.

While you are making those end of year lists, do consider a gift donation or perhaps a series of donations to the Educare Fund on 3 December. Please forward this to your own network. Perhaps your workplace or community group might be interested in taking advantage of this end of year campaign to make a difference. E-card Donations might go into the office party Secret Santa, or stuff a stocking or simply be a gift for someone whom you know would appreciate a donation in their name to a cause that makes their heart glad.

Bookmark December 3rd as your own 'GivingTuesday' and you will have the satisfaction of knowing each of your donations is contributing directly to the education and empowerment of 80 girls and women who aspire to advance their own communities.

Why donate in this 24 hour period?

GlobalGiving has championed this day of fundraising since its inception in 2012 to help our nonprofit community make the most of every giving season. **On Tuesday December 3,** GlobalGiving is offering our community an Incentive Fund of \$750, 000 to maximise our fundraising efforts. The more Educare Fund raises, the more bonus funds we will unlock. Of course, we are very grateful for your donations on any day of the year, so if you miss the 3 December timeframe, you can use our link below exactly the same way!

How to donate?

Click on this link: <https://goto.gg/14057>

This will take you to the Educare Fund page on the Global Giving platform. You have several options for donations, including printable individual cards and individual e-cards. If you wish to use the individual card option, click **Gift Card**, or **Donate in Honour**. Donations can be monthly direct debit, one-off, or on an annual basis.

When to mark your calendar so not to miss the 24 hour period?

UK - 5:00 am on December 3rd to 4:59 GMT on December 4th

USA - 00:01 to 23:59 EST on December 3

Australia - 16:00 AEDT on December 3rd to 15.59 AEDT on December 4th



The Educare Fund Story: 1997 - 2024

Educare Fund began life in 1997 when Liphethiso Monica Harris supported one girl in Lesotho with tuition fees so she was able to continue her secondary schooling.

Over the next 27 years, friends and family, neighbours and colleagues became involved. By 2006 when Educare Fund was registered with the UK Charity Commission, over 20 girls were receiving support. Today the school cohort numbers 80.

The vision from the beginning was to work with families to pay a proportion of the fees so their talented girls could complete their secondary education to improve their future prospects and those of their families and communities. Many of these girls went on to University and are now actively helping other family members succeed.

In 2016 Teboho Tjakata a former beneficiary in Lesotho wrote to express her gratitude and also to inspire others.

Hi Everyone, I am Teboho Tjakata from Likotsi Ha-Ramatsa, I went to schools at Tikoe ACL primary, Thetsane High, NUL & UKZN. I would like to pass my heartfelt gratitude to Educare for coming into my life at the very moment when I needed them most. It is amazing how small things that are done out of love can tremendously change someone's life. A wise man said "If you educate a man, you educate an individual but if you educate a woman, you educate the nation." It is real.

So I am the second born with 6 siblings. We were being raised by a mother who was unemployed yet had 7 kids to feed and to

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send to school. It was not easy, we hardly had a meal to eat so let alone thinking in the lines of school fees and school uniform.

I remember it was the year 2004 when I started growing fond of becoming a medical doctor. It was right after my father died with no clear cause.

I felt like I could have saved him, I did not want such a tragedy to happen to anyone I know again. So I told myself I should be a Doctor to save my family. But how when we hardly had a meal at home.?

I was in secondary school and because I was smart, I continued performing well. By the end of secondary school my results were good but hope was down. I had to start high school level which is more expensive fees and books. Fortunately because I was the best student at my school, my principal helped me to apply for Educare to help me with the fees and their response was unbelievable.

They took care of my fees from Form 4 to Form 5. It was such a relief. This is how Educare helped me to be who I am today. Without them maybe I could have ended secondary school with only the wish that one day I shall be a doctor.

From the time I started varsity I was helping my 5 siblings to go through their studies. I am still taking care of them all and my mother and my own child. My brother went to IBC college where he did a certificate in hospitality and catering. My other sister just wrote her HR diploma at the same college. Three siblings are studying at the NUL.

In 2024 now a registered doctor, Teboho wrote to tell us that after practising since 2014, she enrolled as a Paediatric surgery registrar which she will complete in 2026.

Garden Party Fundraiser 2024

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY FUNDRAISER JULY 2024



The sun decided to behave and the clouds cleared for what was a joyful gathering of supporters from near and far at the annual July Educare Garden Party 2024. Once again, neighbour Liz, a member of the Staples Road Community offered her garden and kitchen to host over forty people of all ages. The London Lesotho diaspora joined our Loughton neighbours, supporters and of course volunteers, to celebrate Educare Fund's good work.

We are grateful for the generous donation of £200 from Lesotho High Commissioner to London. He was unfortunately not able to attend. Likewise, many who were not able to attend bought tickets by way of donation. Such events represent many hours of dedication. We have many to thank.



We are especially grateful to the Khaira family who for the second year donated a delicious spread of food. We also had generous support from local businesses including vouchers from our local Caribbean café and a keg of craft beer from New Breed Bottle Shop. We thank the Harris clan family knitters for their group blanket and Gill for her paintings. Thanks to artist Ruth Dronsfield who contributed her original paintings for the auction.

Tickets, raffles and auction put over £4000 in our account; this is twice the amount raised in 2023. This is a tremendous collective effort and will help pay fees for nearly half the students currently enrolled in our programme. Massive thanks to everyone who helped make this day the success that it was.



Coming Up in 2025



MATHS SUPPORT:

Expanding Horizons

As fundraising continues to support tuition and associated schooling fees for selected students in our twenty schools, Educare Fund is hoping to extend what has been a trial programme of curriculum and staff support for maths teaching. Sue, a retired Maths teacher in London is currently collaborating with teachers to produce materials for students who need a boost.

What is exciting is that this programme will go beyond the girls who are current beneficiaries and include all of the students in the maths programme in their year level. The programme began this year, covering the entire Year 8 cohort in four out of our twenty schools.

From 2025 onwards, the maths support will continue into Year 9 for this group of students, as well as introducing the programme to the 2026 Year 8 contingent. We hope to extend the programme to all of our schools as funding permits.

Sue is generously volunteering her time and expertise. Since this project will increase the schools' stationery requirements, Educare Fund is supplying printing paper for both teachers and students. Thank you, Sue for your invaluable time and inspiration!

TCS London Marathon on 27 April 2025

Extending our work of course does mean we must raise more money in the coming months. In addition to the GivingTuesday Campaign we would like to introduce you to our runner in the 2025 London Marathon, John O'Brien and his sponsorship campaign.

John O'Brien is running the TCS London Marathon on 27 April 2025. We are very grateful he has chosen to run for Educare Fund. He is already 67% on target.

Whether you are a runner, a couch potato or somewhere in between, do check out John's donation page below and spread the word amongst your friends, family and colleagues. Let's aim to exceed the target!

Thank you, John. May the winter months ahead offer you friendly weather for training!



John O'Brien

[**DONATE**](#)

Looking Back & Looking Forward



**EDUCARE FUND HAS HAD A
MAGNIFICENT 2024 THANKS
TO ALL OF YOU**

There are so many promising possibilities in the future. We do rely on a small group of dedicated volunteers, who in addition to their family and work lives give time and share their skills to ensure Educare is able to continue its work. If you are keen to contribute your time to Educare Fund in 2025, we would certainly welcome . . .

- Suggestions for fundraising
- Volunteers to run fundraiser events in your neighbourhood, school, workplace or community group
- Volunteers with technical and administrative skills
- Applications to join the Educare Fund Board to help us manage the charity and ensure its future

***The entire Educare Fund community wishes
you all a healthy and peaceful New Year!***

