

**A Funding Proposal for the Care and Rehabilitation of  
Ntabisang Teresa Mabuza:**

**Fund for a Free South Africa**

This is a story of apartheid's violence against children. We can help make it a story about hope.

On June 14, 1986, South African security forces conducted a border raid into Gaborone, Botswana. Their aim was to find and kill South Africans who had fled the country. They attacked the home of Anna Mabuza, a South African refugee, and shot her twelve year-old daughter, Ntabisang in the abdomen. As the child attempted to flee, she was shot again, this time in the back.

Ntabisang relates what she remembers of the date she keeps circled on a large calendar: "When I was in the bedroom, I heard a loud noise. I left the bedroom and saw a soldier who was shooting. He had a uniform and a gun and he was shooting." There were other soldiers in the house as well. "They killed my aunt and shot my uncle in his arm. My mom and my sister managed to run."

Ntabisang suffered injuries to her liver, kidney and spinal cord. She was sent to a medical facility in Harare, Zimbabwe, where surgeons determined that her spinal cord was irreparably damaged and that Ntabisang would be paraplegic.

Today, Ntabisang and her mother and sister are still in Zimbabwe. The family lives in danger of further violence from the South African government and must live under police guard. Their situation is desperate both physically and emotionally. Ntabisang's medical situation has been deteriorating; she is in constant pain and has trouble sleeping. The family has appealed to a Fund for a Free South Africa for help.

Through Dr. Jane Schaller, Chief of Pediatrics at Boston's Floating Hospital for Children, the medical center has offered to provide free medical care for Ntabisang. With this in place, we are anxious to bring the family here as soon as possible.

Dr. Schaller suggests that a minimum of one year would be beneficial to implement a rehabilitation plan for the now fifteen year-old. Fund for a Free South Africa needs your help in providing the funds for the family to live in the U.S. for one year. As the following budget shows, we are still \$19,000 from our goal.

Please consider making a contribution and helping to restore Ntabisang's future. Thank you.

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BUDGET - ONE YEAR - NTABISANG MABUZA AND FAMILY

Transportation from Africa	Provided
Medical Care	Provided
Dental Care	Provided
Housing/Utilities	\$18,000
Food, clothing, transportation	\$10,000
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Total Cost	\$28,000
Donations to Date	9,000
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Money Needed	\$19,000

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