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Progress Report

From The Executive Director

Those of us who initiated Fund for A Free South Africa (FreeSA) were, in the beginning, sustained by very little other than the conviction of the importance of a foundation such as ours to the struggle for justice in South Africa. Since that time, we have witnessed just how valuable our assistance can be.

Our first three years have coincided with some of the heaviest repression in the modern history of South Africa. With the imposition of the State of Emergency in 1986, 32 organizations have been restricted and at least 30,000 activists have been detained; many others have been put under strict banning orders; and the press is forced to operate on a taut censorship leash.

The State of Emergency has achieved a tense lull, but no peace. The resistance adapts itself to the new order, and international support such as that offered by FreeSA continues to play a vital role.

FreeSA grantees represent organizations at the forefront of social change in South Africa. Whether it is health care professionals organizing to establish a union for black nurses; or a community organization committed to rebuilding grassroots leadership in an area devastated by imprisonment and death squads; or an emerging union strategically placed in the South African economy, their efforts are leading the way toward a democratic, nonracial society.

South African exiles in the frontline states have also made remarkable achievements in the face of military attacks and economic sabotage from the apartheid state. Projects in Tanzania and Zambia that have received our support are a great source of encouragement. They train, serve and are run by South Africans and are examples of remarkable achievement in areas of education, health services, food production, and vocational training. These projects are preparing individuals for a future South Africa, one that will value the contributions of all its citizens.

This document is the first comprehensive report of our activities. As you will see, each year has shown a marked improvement over the previous one. We have grown from a one-room, one-staff operation, to a four-room office, two full-time and one part-time staff, and several valuable volunteers. In 1988 we were able to make fifteen grants totaling \$77,000 compared to \$55,000 the previous year.

However, the struggle to bring democracy to South Africa demands so much more. In 1988 we increased our efforts to locate new donors and as a consequence, our donor base has grown significantly. This represents more dollars that can go directly to the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa.

The progress we have made has been possible through the generous support of our donors, and the dedication of our boards, staff and volunteers. I look forward to the future.



Themba Vilakazi

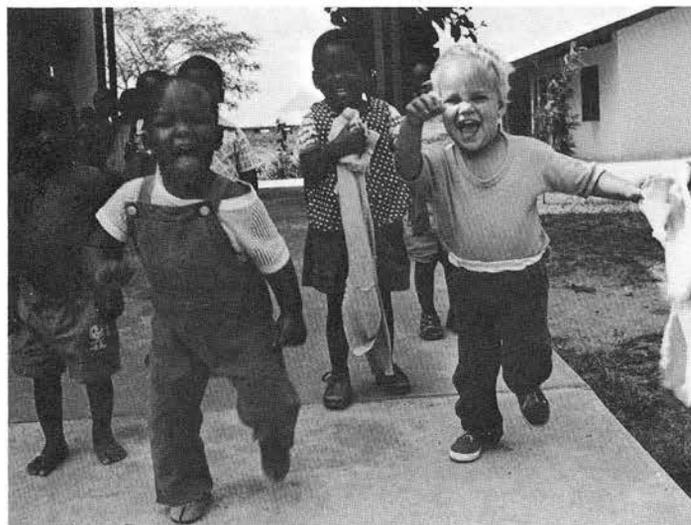


Grantmaking

The grantmaking program is divided into two distinct parts: projects located inside South Africa and refugee projects located in Southern Africa. The principal areas of funding are: education, health care, labor, women, youth, and economic development.

All grant decisions are made quarterly by a sub-committee of the Board of Directors. The Funding Committee, which is comprised of South Africans serving on the Board, reviews all proposals and makes all decisions on disbursement of grant funds.

Because of the potential danger to grantees, it is not possible to list the names of projects inside South Africa.



Dora Tamana Creche
Lusaka, Zambia

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Education

Dora Tamana Creche, Lusaka, Zambia: The Creche, established in 1984, provides day-care for children, while training adults in the administration and staffing of a child care center. In May of 1986, the Creche was forced to move from its former location because of a bombing in the area by the South African military. FreeSA grants helped the nursery purchase and renovate a new building, and replace and augment original equipment.

Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College, Mazimbu, Tanzania: Established in 1979, SOMAFCO meets the educational needs of the South African refugee community in Tanzania with a nursery school, primary school, high school and adult education center. FreeSA grants have been used for general support.

[Redacted], South Africa: Parents, students, and teachers formed this organization in response to the educational crisis in South Africa imposed by oppressive Bantu schooling. FreeSA's grant was for general support.

	1986	1987	1988
Dora Tamana Creche, Lusaka, Zambia		\$6,000	\$10,000
Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College, Mazimbu, Tanzania	\$2,433	\$27,767	\$7,000
[Redacted], South Africa		\$10,000	

Health Care

ANC-Holland Solidarity Hospital, Mazimbu, Tanzania: A gift from the South African Solidarity Movement in Holland, this hospital serves the health needs of the South African refugee community in Mazimbu, many of whom are victims of torture and beatings. FreeSA contributed funds for general support and the purchase of medical supplies.

Committee For Health in Southern Africa (CHISA), Boston, Massachusetts: CHISA, is an international association of medical professionals dedicated to the establishment of adequate health care for all residents of Southern Africa. FreeSA's grant was used to cover the cost of publishing the proceeds of a medical conference held in Cape Town, South Africa.

[Redacted], South Africa: This health clinic provides the only source of primary and curative health care for a black township of over 100,000. In addition, the clinic provides hygiene education for black women and trains youth to act as "barefoot doctors" for victims of police and vigilante beatings. FreeSA funded staff training and the purchase of medical supplies.

	1986	1987	1988
ANC-Holland Solidarity Hospital, Mazimbu, Tanzania			\$5,000
Committee For Health in Southern Africa (CHISA), Boston, Massachusetts		\$500	
[Redacted], South Africa		\$5,000	\$2,000

1986 1987 1988

\$3,000 \$5,000

South Africa:

This organization of medical professionals is working to form a union for black nurses, who constitute 90 percent of the nurses in South Africa. These women work under exceedingly difficult circumstances, and their interests are not protected by the white-led South African Nurses Association. In addition, this organization has been involved in helping local groups gain the knowledge and skills they need to deal with medical emergencies in their community. FreeSA contributed to the production of educational materials and to staff salaries.

South Africa:

This organization of health workers is committed to securing affordable, quality health care for all people of South Africa. FreeSA contributed to the production of informational leaflets and a newsletter.

Labor

South Africa:

This new non-racial union is affiliated with the Congress of South African Trade Unions. Located in the strategic center of the South African economy, this union has the potential to become a major force in progressive labor confrontations with the apartheid regime. FreeSA contributed to the production of educational materials and ten seminars held in different parts of the country.

South Africa:

This union, an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, is organizing in a sector of the economy not traditionally represented by unions. FreeSA contributed to educational and organizing expenses.

South Africa:

This COSATU affiliate waged a national strike which galvanized the South African labor movement. FreeSA's grant provided basic necessities for strikers and their families.

\$2,500

\$7,500

\$5,000

\$7,500

Women

Women's Section/African National Congress, Lusaka, Zambia:

The Women's Section of the ANC is a leading force in the movement to end apartheid. It administers projects that are run by and for women. FreeSA's shipments of clothing, personal hygiene items, office supplies and typewriters helped to ease shortages of these hard-to-procure items.

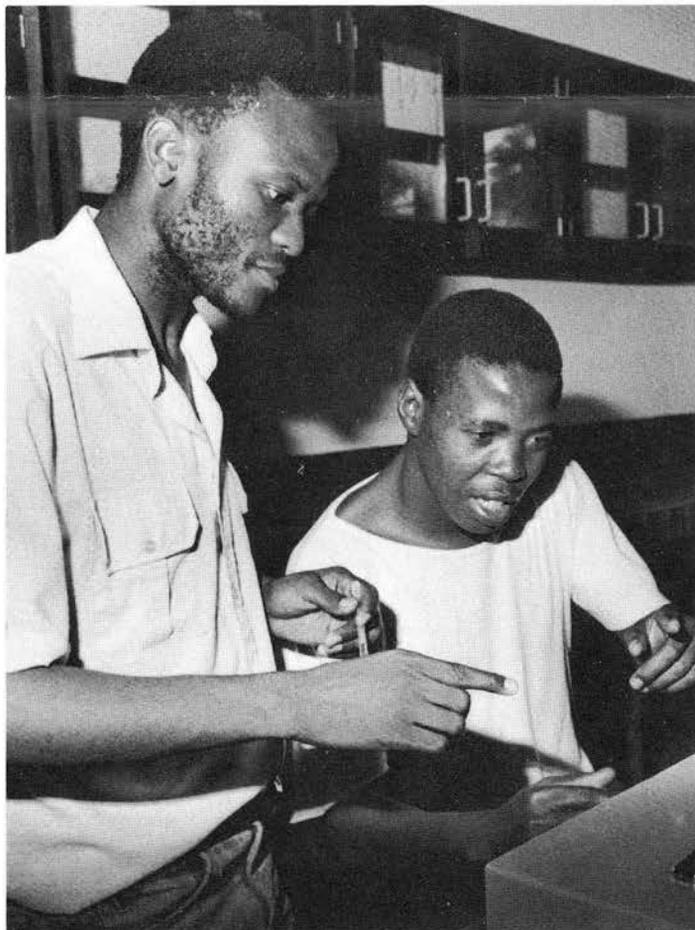
The Vusisizwe Players, (Watermelon Studios, Inc.) Boston, Massachusetts:

In the fall of 1988, this troupe of South African women toured the United States and Canada, playing to sold-out audiences. FreeSA contributed funds to help cover the expense of this tour.

1986 1987 1988

\$4,575 \$250 \$4,500

\$2,250



Solomon Mahlangu
Freedom College
Mazimbu, Tanzania



from "You Strike A Woman,
You Strike A Rock"
Vusisizwe Players

Media

South Africa: This progressive black periodical has been involved in training community members, especially youth, to be reporters, writers, and photographers, and to produce simple leaflets and brochures. FreeSA contributed to the purchase of photographic equipment and computers.

Youth

Youth Project/African National Congress, Lusaka, Zambia: The Youth Project of the ANC provides opportunities for leadership development for refugee children and teenagers. FreeSA contributed to the purchase of recreational equipment.

South Africa: This organization, based in the province of Natal, is committed to rejuvenating and rebuilding grassroots leadership, especially among youth, in an area that has been devastated by imprisonment, banishment, and the use of paramilitary death squads. FreeSA's grant was used for workshops and training in community organizing for youth organizations.

1986	1987	1988
\$1,145	\$1,050	\$4,000

\$4,000

\$4,000

Economic Development

Chongela Farm, Lusaka, Zambia: Chongela is a 150-acre farm located north of Lusaka which was purchased with a grant from the Swedish government. The farm represents a major effort by the African National Congress to attain self-sufficiency in food production. It also serves as a training center in agriculture, animal husbandry and farm management. FreeSA's grant went toward the purchase of medical supplies for livestock.

Mamophosho Women's Silk-Screening Project, Harare, Zimbabwe: In 1985 the Women's Section of the ANC embarked on a small silk-screening project which has been enormously successful. FreeSA's grant was for training and acquiring specialized materials not available in Zimbabwe.

Other

International Defense and Aid Fund (IDAF), Boston, Massachusetts: IDAF is a humanitarian organization that aids and defends the victims of unjust legislation and oppressive and arbitrary procedures in South Africa. FreeSA's grant supported the legal representation of South African political prisoners.

TOTAL

1986	1987	1988
		\$5,000
		\$2,500
\$8,153	\$54,267	\$77,750

A copy of our complete audited annual report is available upon request from our office or from the Division of Public Charities, Department of the Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108.



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Fund For A Free South Africa meets quarterly and oversees all matters pertaining to finances, policy, personnel and general direction of the foundation. Board members serve for three years and are elected by the standing Board. A significant number of the members are South Africans currently living in the United States.

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