

African Men Care PBO/NGO

Why we started AMC - African Men Care PBO/NGO?

Our interest in youth development was triggered by the dire prospects of Black youth in South Africa where the unemployment rate among this specific demographic is above 70%. One of the major contributing factors to Black youth unemployment is an education system that was designed to lower their aspirations and to believe that the best they can ever be are blue collar workers in the South African economy.

As a result of this, Black youth are stuck in a maze where those without qualifications are turned away for lack of credentials and those who manage to acquire qualifications are turned away for lack of experience. This then creates a cycle where Black youth no longer see the value of education due to the high unemployment rate even amongst graduates. As a result the dropout rate of Black youth is very high.

What constitute a Maze?

We were brought up in a man-made maze, because we were born back in Apartheid South Africa. The purpose of Apartheid was according to its architect HF Verwoerd to keep the Bantu aspiring to be nothing else but, “hewers of wood and drawers of water”.

We believe that freedom without opportunity is a devil’s gift and at the heart of it all is poor Bantu education historically and unequal education systems currently that is designed to create to enslave Black youth mentally and spiritually. This leads to lack of inclusion in the economy which keeps Black youth poor and dependent.

The outcome of this was that the Black child starts out life at a disadvantage due to poor early childhood development which robs them of the opportunity to interrogate their own capability. This then curtails their confidence, reduces the capacity to reason and distorts their self image. This then leads to high drop-out, alcohol and drug abuse, gangsterism, violence, teenage pregnancy, prostitution and exposure to HIV Aids.

Even the few who manage to tread through the maze by acquiring a good education and make a start towards pursuing a career, discover that there are new obstacles that are placed in their path where access to desired career paths is limited for few. Or worse still, the pre-condition for access to desired career paths is a rejection of their Black identity and an assimilation of White culture.

Founder’s Story ~ Who is Mzamo Masito? Mzamo Masito was born in Khayelitsha...

The Remedy

We need to break down the barriers to entry to the economy by restructuring the education system in South Africa into one that enables Black South Africans to view themselves as

capable. At a macro level this begins with quality early childhood development which is then followed by youth life-skills workshops, skills based community service and positive role modelling.

Our Purpose:

We believe that somewhere deep in the maze are children who are Young, Gifted & Black.

We want to Set them Free by giving them opportunities to demonstrate their gift and rise above their current context. We want to accelerate the development of these kids by bringing them into contact with world class curriculum and thinking so that they are not limited in their thinking. Ultimately we want to democratize opportunity and access and dismantle barriers so that no child in the future may be stuck in the maze.

Our Beliefs:

We believe that every child is born with talents beyond belief. The Bible says, “Your Gift will make a Way for You ...It shall introduce you to Kings and Queens”. We believe that there are barriers and stumbling blocks that stand in the way of children realising their gifts which then denies them their opportunities to display their genius.

We believe that to be free and gifted without opportunity is a devils gift and equivalent in torment to experiencing Hell on Earth. To deny that opportunity is criminal because it short changes not only the individual, but their family, their community and mankind as a whole.

We believe all talent wants is to be used. Talent that’s idle and dormant is a devil workshop. We believe that putting an end to those stumbling blocks and barriers is one way to ensure there is no end to potential and talent realized in one’s lifetime.

We believe that highly gifted children experience the greatest frustration from lack of opportunities and are thus equivalently the ones who are most at risk of internalising destructive habits as a means of coping or as an opiate against the struggle.

Why African Men Care exists?

African Men Cares exists to:

- * Remove barriers to desired career paths for Young, Gifted and Black Children
- * Enable Black Children to navigate their way out of the man-made Maze
- * Help a Black Child to find his or her True North and realize their purpose
- * Supercharge the progress of Young, Gifted and Black Youth by being a positive catalyst

How do we do this?

We believe investing in Education and Positive Role Modelling is a ticket out of the Maze. This entails:

- Counseling and Therapy
- Tutorial classes
- Funding - school fees, stationery, uniform, boarding
- Monthly allowance -
- True north/ Purpose driven Life workshop
- Navigating the Maze Tools/ manuals. Online support
- Bursaries and Scholarships to send the most highly gifted to the best schools in the country.

How can You Help?

- Your time - Adopt a child in the programme - Mentorship
- Your money - Funding - Donations. See Banking details below.
- Your Career - Provide the learners with mentorship, Job shadowing.
- Your skill - Volunteer your skill when needed e.g. Therapist.

Benefits to you

African Men Care is a registered NPO/ PBO and SARS, so any financial donations you make will be tax exempt.

Beyond finances, if South Africa is to become a Winning Nation, we have to make sure that there is No Child Left Behind. We need your money time and skill to help us dismantle the maze.

We do this because we care about the future of our country and we believe you care to.

What we promise:

We pledge that 90c of every R1 given will benefit the cause of the learner. Learner profiles and updates will be made available upon request. We pledge to be transparent regarding how the funds we have raised are used upon request. We make a pledge to make available to you as a donor the Auditted Financial Statements upon request. We pledge to adhere to South African Law and Governance Standards for an NGO. We will make our SARS submissions on time so as to enable you as a donor to receive your tax claim certificate.

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