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You CAN do a lasting good deed...

We're more grateful for your support than you will ever know, but legacies have very special meaning for us. We're so touched and honoured to be remembered in this way – it's always a privilege.

Because of your kindness, we've been able to make positive changes in very poor communities, helping people to help themselves.

As you know, Breadline Africa's cornerstone project is our amazing Can-do container conversion programme – where

we recycle rusty old shipping containers, turning them into sturdy, portable, infrastructure where there is a crying need for speedy solutions to the problems of poverty.

But did you know that if you're thinking of remembering us in your will, or if you have already done so, you can choose a container to meet a particular need?

These are some of the wonderful ways we use our converted containers to transform the lives of poor and needy children and their families.

From a leaky shack or hut to a bright, sturdy classroom or nursery-school!



There is a terrible shortage of decent preschool facilities in South Africa, and many schools have inadequate classrooms – sometimes the children have to learn in a rickety hut or even under a tree. Many nursery-schools are no more than a single leaky shack. Our containers are the perfect solution – while it takes years to build a school, our container classrooms can be ready in weeks: they're strong, secure and protect the little learners from the elements, keeping them safe until their parents return from work.

Visit this link for breaking news on our cans4learning projects: <http://breadlineafrica.org/breadline-projects/container-programme/cans4learning/>



From a makeshift (and often dangerous) kitchen to a safe, properly equipped soup-kitchen!



It's inspiring to see local women giving their time and meagre resources to try and feed hungry children, but I'm often shocked when I visit their makeshift kitchens, squeezed into the corner of a shack or tumbledown building – small children pushed close to open fires and bubbling pots, and it's very difficult to keep everything clean. Our containers are the perfect solution, especially after we've kitted them out with cupboards, stoves, sinks and running water – they're fireproof, too!

Visit this link for an update on our cans4feeding projects: <http://breadlineafrica.org/breadline-projects/container-programme/cans4feeding/>



From the hopelessness of illiteracy to a library that opens doors in the mind!



We all know that education is the single most important key to breaking the cycle of poverty – an illiterate child is doomed to fall further and further behind in the 21st century. Yet many South African children have no idea what the words they learn really mean – they have never seen pictures, or owned a book, much less looked something up on the internet. Our container libraries open up the world to poor



children, providing them with books, games, pictures and even computer access.

Visit this link to learn more about our very special container library project: <http://breadlineafrica.org/breadline-projects/mandela-day-container-library-project/>

From an unsavoury bucket or hole in the ground to decent, hygienic toilet facilities!



In many informal settlements, there's a disastrous shortage of decent and private ablution facilities. Apart from the loss of dignity, this poses huge health risks, with diarrhoea still the leading killer of children under the age of five. Without running water, it's almost impossible to teach children to wash their hands after using the unsavoury buckets I often see at nursery-schools. Here our sparkling new container toilet blocks, with private flush toilets, sinks, taps and running water do more than meet an urgent need – they literally save lives.

Visit this link for the latest on our cans4hygiene projects: <http://breadlineafrica.org/breadline-projects/container-programme/cans4hygiene/>



From the despair of unemployment to a classroom for job training!



There is almost nothing as disheartening as being unable to put bread on the family table. Unemployment is a huge problem in South Africa, and this is combined with a dire shortage of skills. Our container classrooms for training adults solve both problems at once – they're used to train people in handy skills like plumbing or bricklaying, giving them a real chance of employment.



And because they're portable, we can take them where they're needed!

Visit this link for news on our cans4skills projects: <http://breadlineafrica.org/breadline-projects/container-programme/cans4skills/>

From wandering the streets to healthy sporting activity and fun!



Poor children need activities and role models that will encourage them to dream, keep them from harm, and discourage them from the temptations of gangs and crime. But there are few recreational facilities in the townships. Yet children all over South Africa are sports-mad, with football a favourite. Our clubroom containers provide sports clubs,

gardening clubs and more with strong, secure venues for meetings, coaching and storing equipment.

Visit this link for the latest on our cans4clubs projects:
<http://breadlineafrica.org/breadline-projects/container-programme/cans4sports/>

Edna's column



Dear Friends

I would like to thank you for your kindness in remembering people so far away, in such great need. It really is a privilege to act as your "hands" in bringing comfort and relief to many who have little experience of kindness.

I've seen many inspiring sights – elderly women stirring pots of food so that the tiny children they see on the streets can enjoy a hot meal, dedicated community workers running nursery-schools or sports clubs against all odds – and I get to work with these people and help them, thanks to your generosity. I'm especially moved and grateful when you make miracles possible by leaving us a legacy.

If you'd like to do a good deed that lasts by remembering us in your will, I want to help in any way I can. I understand that this is a sensitive matter, and that you might have questions, so we've

drawn up a brochure that we hope will answer any questions you might have about the practical, legal and financial details of drawing up a will that involves a bequest.

If you'd like a copy of this brochure, or if you have any questions, please feel free to write to me or send me an email. Obviously I will treat your enquiries as strictly confidential.

You can also visit our website and download our brochure here: <http://breadlineafrica.org/how-you-can-help/legacy-gifts/>.

You might never be able to visit the container you've sponsored, or visit the projects that you've supported so wholeheartedly, but you'll know you're lighting up the lives of those with very little. For those who have already taken the step of remembering us in your wills, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and care. Together, we CAN break the cycle of poverty!

With much appreciation,

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