

THE HEART OF OUR BUSINESS

We care about our local communities and our social development arm — More Community Foundation (MCF) — works with them to **give their people opportunities and a better quality of life.**

Development projects centre on **education, entrepreneurship, conservation, and infrastructure** (most importantly, **access to clean running water**). All projects involve the active participation of community members, ensuring that they're self-sustainable and viable well into the future.

Without the guests who visit our lodges and hotels (a portion of revenue automatically goes to MCF), this work would not be possible. Over the years, we have learned that there are many individuals (and businesses) who want to do even more. In response, we developed a number of partnerships and initiatives for further funding and support, including **Pack For A Purpose; guest community experiences available at all of MORE Family Collection's lodges and hotels** (Get Your Hands Dirty' activities and Community Tours); and a secure **MCF online donations portal.**

We bring you everything you need to know about More Community Foundation and the various ways in which **together, we can do more for our people.**

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OUR PROJECTS

To keep our projects going, we raise funds and welcome hands-on help from MORE Family Collection guests, with a firm social conscience and will to get involved.

Through our Get Your Hands Dirty experiences and Community Tours, guests can actively contribute to community development on the ground and make a tangible, positive difference in people's lives. Each of our community-based projects has a dedicated MCF representative who keeps up to date with the residents' needs.

Our representatives also act as guests' guides, giving them in-depth insights into a community's way of life and challenges. They also oversee guest participation in project tasks that address local needs around education, health and environment, and infrastructure.



HENNA PRESCHOOL Lion Sands Game Reserve, Mpumalanga

Henna, in the rural village of Huntington on the edge of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve, was our very first project.

We have watched it grow from a mud-walled building in 1991 to a first-rate Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre for over 170 children from (from 2 to 7, and a few infants*) who are educated and cared for every day by a team of invested teachers and staff. The school veggie gardens feed the kids, as well as their families in the community.

**Henna also looks after babies of teenage mothers who are encouraged to return to school*

Travel time from Lion Sands Game Reserve: ±1 hour

HUNTINGTON DIGITAL LEARNING CAMPUS Lion Sands Game Reserve, Mpumalanga

The campus, built in partnership with the Good Work Foundation, is one of our greatest success stories.

Also located in Huntington, it gives the community access to education through digital technology. Three learning programmes – Open Learning Academy, Bridging Academy, and Career Training Academy – empower local children (from 3 years), as well as adult learners (up to the age of 70) to grasp the digital world and all its opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have access to.

Travel time from Lion Sands Game Reserve: ±1 hour



JABEZ PRESCHOOL Lion Sands Game Reserve, Mpumalanga

Before the opening of our MCF-owned Jabez Preschool in 2018, littlies no older than 5 from the rural village of Justicia B (next to Huntington, bordering Sabi Sand Game Reserve) had to walk for over an hour to get to school! Jabez is our newest ECD centre, and Justicia B's first, made possible by the **BRITT MORE MEMORIAL FUND**.

Education was close to her heart and thanks to the contributions of our friends and partners from around the world, 35 children (and counting) now have access to quality foundational education near to their homes. Plans are in place for a second classroom and a veggie garden to feed the children.

Travel time from Lion Sands Game Reserve: ±1 hour



ITEKENG BASHA CRÈCHE

Madikwe Game Reserve, North West Province

The beautiful little village of Obakeng – neighbouring Madikwe Game Reserve – struggles with high rates of unemployment, teenage pregnancy and substance abuse, which paints a pretty bleak picture of its children's future.

Together with the Kgatelopele Community Service Team, we are committed to developing this ECD centre to give its 35 children the best possible start and hope for a better life.



HEUNINGVLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Marataba, Limpopo

Heuningvley educates almost 200 learners, between 6 and 17 years, from the local farming community and Marakele National Park.

This little school is struggling due to a serious lack of funding, teachers, and infrastructure - no electricity, no running water, no ablutions! This is one that is really close to our hearts and we are working tirelessly with the Marataba Community & Conservation Foundation to help these children.

Travel time from Marataba: ±1.5 hours

INJONGO EDUCARE CRÈCHE

Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel and More Quarters Hotel, Cape Town

In 2009, Mavis Ngcongolo (resident of Mfuleni township, just outside Cape Town) opened her shanty home as a crèche. She was concerned for the many small children she saw wondering the streets.

Although many parents could not afford the low fees, Mavis managed to care and provide daily meals for 70 littlies! In 2012, with the help of MATCHBOX South Africa, Injongo upgraded to a bigger, better-equipped site and has since grown to accommodate 125 children.

Travel time from Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel and More Quarters Hotel: ±30 minutes



MASUWE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel, Victoria Falls

This impoverished school in the rural village of Woodlands (near Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve) does its best to give its 160 learners a good education, despite them having to share buildings with livestock and study by candlelight!

This lack of infrastructure poses a severe challenge, but the children give their all to succeed. The school's planned upgrade (including a new kitchen and veggie garden) is one of our most urgent projects.

Travel time from Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel: ±45 minutes

COMMUNITY BOREHOLE INSTALLATIONS

Lion Sands Game Reserve, Mpumalanga;
Franklin Electric SA and JG Africa, Johannesburg;
Stanley & Livingstone Boutique Hotel, Victoria Falls

We are installing boreholes in the villages of Huntington (Mpumalanga) and Woodlands (Victoria Falls).

In Huntington, before the first borehole in 2006, all 6 000 residents had to rely on 1 municipal borehole, connected to 18 taps that are randomly supplied once a week. In Woodlands, the recent drilling of 3 boreholes has given residents, who previously collected their water from a wildlife dam, access to clean, running water for the first time!

On these projects, guests can get involved by making donations that go towards equipment, installations, maintenance, and further water purification projects.



CONSERVATION & HUMAN WILDLIFE MITIGATION

The care and protection of the earth's natural environment and resources for future generations. Including the planned management of natural resources, maintaining diversity of species, genes, and ecosystems, as well as the natural functions of the environment using community-based conservation, environmental education and supporting human wildlife conflict mitigation where possible.

Every species and natural habitat has a role to play in the delicate balance of nature and our planet's health which not only provides habitat for us but also provides the three critical resources we need to live: oxygen, water and food. On top of the bare necessities for survival, natural ecosystems and our rich diversity in wildlife is a key economic driver in Africa through tourism, bringing in trillions every year. Tourism ripples into many other sectors as well as local community development and an overall boost to the countries economy. Socially inclusive conservation is critical to biological diversity and MCF strives to achieve community collaboration and custodianship.

Our conservation projects include:

- Victoria Falls Black Rhino Conservation Project
- Endangered Wildlife Trust – Wild Dog Project
- Community Field Guide Training
- School Safari Program
- Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Always looking forward, we have our sights set on reaching the following milestones:

- ▶ **A logistics and delivery project in a community of Sabi Sand, South Africa**
Linking local farmers as suppliers to lodges and hotels in the area as an empowerment initiative
- ▶ **A tertiary college in a community of the Sabi Sand, South Africa**
Training young residents for the local hospitality industry
- ▶ **The Huntington Pilot Water Project**
Undertaking an exploratory research project into a sustainable water supply programme for rural Southern African communities
- ▶ **A centre for skills and enterprise development in Huntington, South Africa**
Developing local artisans, including through the Tshemba Sewing Project
- ▶ **A secondary school in Woodlands, Zimbabwe**
Enabling the children we support to complete their education
- ▶ **A partnership with Mistral Medical**
Providing medical care in all of our communities by linking them with volunteer doctors



TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE!



GUEST EXPERIENCES

"How can I make a difference?" – Many of the MORE Family Collection guests are looking to form a real connection with the places they visit by giving back in tangible ways, which enrich the lives of people here – and guests' own through these experiences.

In response, we have specifically created a number of experiences that give guests opportunities to encounter different (and humbling) ways of life; visit culturally and historically significant sites; and meet local people, while positively impacting their lives.

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY

Our most popular way for guests to get involved by helping out with project tasks that address local community needs around education, health and environment, and infrastructure. These extraordinary social experiences bring them into the heart of Southern Africa and make for a more meaningful journey.

The activities on this page are an outline of what guests can expect, although each can be customised – guests choose where they wish to help and use their skills to make a difference. Tasks also constantly change and at any point – there is always a lot to be done.

Please note that Get Your Hands Dirty experiences are subject to:

- availability • current community needs • projects' statuses • school terms

Duration: ±3 hours, including transfers
Number of guests*: 2-10

Cost: US\$50 per person
*Depending on the transfer vehicle available



EDUCATION

GRADUATION CAP:

Mini teaching experience, supported by lesson cards on easy to demonstrate modules (e.g. colours, days of the week, numbers), or a pre-structured creative activity (e.g. finger painting or painting masks) with a small group of children

STORYTELLERS:

One-on-one reading practice with a primary school child in Grade 1, 2, 3, or 4



INFRASTRUCTURE

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES:

Renovation and upgrades assistance (e.g. digging, building, painting) at one of MCF's projects

KEEP IT CLEAN:

Infrastructure clean-up (e.g. washing and cleaning classrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, equipment) to maintain facilities

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT...

ROOT TO MOUTH:

Preparing, cooking and serving food for school children, starting with picking fresh produce from the school's veggie garden

WATER BEARER:

Water collection with community members from the village's borehole water stations

HEALTH WISE:

Pre-structured health education session (e.g. on personal hygiene, girls sanitary care) taught to a small group of high school learners

STREET SWEEPERS:

Litter clean-up at predetermined sites (e.g. schools, churches, streets)

PLAY BALL:

Soccer and netball games with high school learners as part of their sports and physical education

HELPING HANDS:

Providing nursing home support and spending one-on-one time with a retiree, or offering day care support by feeding, bathing and changing babies

GREEN FINGERS:

Planting, tending or harvesting a school veggie garden, or planting trees at predetermined sites in and around the village



COMMUNITY TOURS

Over the years, we have built close relationships with our local communities in rural villages and urban townships. Guests are welcomed in to meet the residents, visit our projects, and see something of life here – a very humbling and rewarding experience. Although our Community Tours are largely customised for each guest or group, five of our most popular tours are highlighted below.

Please note that Community Tours:

- are subject to availability
- include welcome drinks; transport in an air-conditioned vehicle (except when a safari vehicle is used); a registered tour guide; bottled water and cold towels

FOR GUESTS OF LION SANDS GAME RESERVE

This tour offers insights into rural village life and its everyday experiences. Included in the itinerary are our Jabez Preschool in Justicia B – to meet the teachers, spend some time with the children, and see the work we are doing with them; and the MCF-supported Huntington Digital Learning Campus in Huntington – where guests can engage with the tutors and learners, and take a walk-through of this world-class online learning facility.

Optional experiences (at an additional cost, TBA):

- Visit to a local *sangoma* (traditional healer)
- Visit to a village *Induna* (chief)
- Traditional cooking lesson

- MCF Representative: Floyd Nkuna/Jayde Mkansi
- Travel time: ±1 hour (one way)
- Tour duration: ±3 hours
- Number of guests: 2-10

- Departure time: 10h30
– meet at lodge reception
- Cost: US\$40 per person



FOR GUESTS OF MADIKWE GAME RESERVE

This tour takes guests into the village of Obakeng for a candid look in to local life here. The tour includes a visit to one of our dearest projects, Itekeng Basha Crèche where 35 littlies are cared for and given the best possible start to life with ECD education. The children love having visitors and guests can spend some time with them, helping out with a learning activity and playing – it'll make their day!

- MCF Representative: Warren Xhosa
- Tour duration: ±2 hours
- Cost: US\$40 per person

- Departure time: 10h30
– place of departure to be confirmed
- Number of guests: 2-4 – arrangements can be made for larger groups and additional costs may apply

We encourage guests to visit pre or post their lodge stay

FOR GUESTS OF MARATABA

This tour takes guests on an educational drive through the rural areas to visit one of our most-in-need projects. Heuningvley is the only primary school for miles, doing its best to provide a good education to the children of local farm workers and reserve staff. Guests meet some of the teachers and children, and are shown around the school to give them some insight into the work we do and the daily life of local communities.

- MCF Representative: Warren Xhosa
- Travel time: ±1.5 hours (one way)
- Cost: US\$40 per person
- Departure time: 10h30 – meet at lodge reception
- Tour duration: ±2 hours
- Number of guests: 2-4 – arrangements can be made for larger groups and additional costs may apply

We encourage guests to visit pre or post their lodge stay



FOR GUESTS OF CAPE CADOGAN BOUTIQUE HOTEL & MORE QUARTERS HOTEL

This tour gives a very personal and authentic look into life in the townships. The tour begins with a stop in at the MCF-supported Injongo Educare Crèche, Mfuleni where guests can help to make or serve the children breakfast, and read, play ball and have singalongs with them. This is followed by a short walk down the road to where the crèche began at the home of inspirational founder, Mavis Ngcongolo who will be there to greet the group.

Then it's on to the township of Khayelitsha where guests can see the whole of Cape Town's biggest location from Lookout Hill at the Tourism Centre, before taking a drive through the streets, hearing about its history and people as they go.

The tour's last stop is Langa (meaning 'sun') and arguably Cape Town's most vibrant and progressive settlement. Here, guests visit Langa Heritage Museum in The Old Pass Court building, Guga Sthebe Arts & Culture Centre for local empowerment, and Langa Quarter where the Ikhaya Le Langa project is furthering social enterprise and creating a tourism hotspot.

- **MCF Representative:** Kyle Visagie
- **Travel time:** ±30 minutes (one way)
- **Number of guests:** 2-7
- **Departure times:** After breakfast and lunch – meet at hotel reception
- **Tour duration:** 3-4 hours
- **Cost:** US\$100 per vehicle (2-4 guests) | US\$200 per vehicle (5-7 guests)



FOR GUESTS OF STANLEY & LIVINGSTONE BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND URSULA'S HOMESTEAD

This deeply humbling and inspiring tour introduces guests to the Woodlands community on the fringe of Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve that faces extreme challenges, but is determined to build a better life for themselves.

The tour centres on Masuwe Primary School where 150 children give it their all to learn, despite sharing buildings with livestock, having only seven teachers, and studying by candlelight. MCF is making extensive upgrades at Masuwe and guests are invited to see the progress, meet with the school's headmistress and a few of the community elders, and introduced to the children whose futures we are working to secure.

- **MCF Representative:** Mini Minenhle
- **Travel time:** ±45 minutes (one way)
- **Number of guests:** 2-9
- **Departure time:** After breakfast – meet at hotel reception
- **Tour duration:** ±4 hours
- **Cost:** US\$50 per person

