

A Foundation for Forever: Building our Endowment

What began as a dream in 2002 has transformed into a thriving community where Deaf students and their families have access to the resources that connect them to the world: language, education, and the support of a caring and inclusive community.

Right now, brighter futures, ones filled with limitless opportunity, await all 23 of our students.

But we can do more.



Why an Endowment? Seeking Security for Our Future

A robust endowment is vital to make our dream of expanding access to a life changing education, a reality. An endowment represents our ability to expand capacity, enhance programming, and serve the hundreds of Deaf children throughout Livingstone and surrounding rural areas who desperately need support, not just today, but for years to come.

Endowed gifts are the perpetual engine that power our mission year after year, regardless of economic conditions or funding fluctuations.

Endowed Gifts Provide



Financial Stability
Predictable annual income allows for confident long-term planning and program expansion.



Operational Security
Ensures teachers receive consistent salaries, students have reliable resources, and facilities can be properly maintained.



Independence and Flexibility
Reduces dependence on year-to-year fundraising cycles, allowing leadership to focus on educational excellence rather than financial survival.

"Our students arrive from incredibly diverse backgrounds, many having faced immense challenges growing up in extreme poverty. Yet when they walk through our doors, something remarkable happens; they arrive with renewed hope and boundless possibility."

Dipo Banda, Teacher





We Can Break the Silence of Isolation

In rural African communities, Deaf children have lived for generations without any means of communication, unable to connect even with their own families. The DeSanto Centre for the Deaf is transforming this devastating reality into hope.

Since our founder Lisa Zahra moved to Livingstone in 2015 to establish what is now the DeSanto Centre for the Deaf, the Centre has become far more than a school. It's a comprehensive community where students emerging from extreme poverty access nutritious meals, life skills coaching, organized sports, vocational training, and creative arts alongside their academic education.

Our vision—to expand programming through Grade 12, build dormitories for students and housing for teachers, and reach the hundreds of Deaf children still waiting for the education they deserve—is ambitious, but it's achievable.

Will you help build a foundation that lasts forever?

Your endowment gift ensures that no Deaf child's potential goes unrealized, not just today, but for generations of future learners and leaders.

To learn more about the role you can play in bringing this transformative vision to life, contact **Laura Johnson** at laurajohnson@desantocentreforthedeaf.org or **+1.508.254.8376**.



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