

Soroptimist International

Southern England



V.I.P. - an opportunity to work with carers in South Africa

Thank you for showing interest in this new Soroptimist sponsored volunteering opportunity.

The first placement, starting in October 2016 will be with the Tateni Home Care Nursing Service. Tateni is a not-for-profit organisation that provides after-school activities for HIV/AIDS orphans. These sessions are a vital extension to the core work of the project, which offers home-based support to HIV/AIDS affected child or granny-headed households in Mamelodi and the surrounding area in South Africa.

Makgatho Primary School in a western suburb of Pretoria is highly respected and is the location for the second opportunity. The third placement is a live-in post in the Winterveldt, where The Sisters of Mercy run Diabetes and HIV/AIDS clinics. The internationally known Mapula Embroidery Project is part of the Sisters' highly successful empowerment initiative. Teaching local women new skills enables them to earn money to support their families and improve their standard of living.

Tateni staff and the Sisters of Mercy deliver wide programmes of assistance to families in a country where there is a huge need and demand for support services. UNICEF reports that there are approximately 3.7 million orphans in South Africa, about half of whom have lost one or both parents to AIDS.

Soroptimist International of Southern England has strong ties with sister Soroptimists in South Africa and especially Pretoria and Tshwane. SI is an all women organisation that is committed to educating, empowering and enabling girls and women globally. This opportunity is open to an inspired young woman who is keen to offer her time and talents to help others, learn new skills and gain experience. She should be confident enough to face the challenge of a new environment and culture and above all have excellent interpersonal skills. This will enable her to work happily as part of a team and ensure that she maintains a meaningful relationship with the South African Soroptimists who will act as hosts during her stay.

Please fill in the attached form and return to infovipsise@gmail.com by **December 12th 2015**

**Women inspiring action,
transforming lives**

This volunteering opportunity is available for a female candidate. Under the exemption in section 159 of the Equalities Act 2010 the role includes accommodation in an all female community and working with vulnerable



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1. Tateni Home Care Nursing Services

During her seven-month stay at Tateni, the volunteer will live with the Executive Director Regina Mogkogong and travel to the office with her. Each weekday morning she will be required to undertake office-based administrative tasks to support the work of the Tateni Home Care Nursing Staff. Some home visits might be possible. The weekday after-school centre provides personal and educational support for the 45 orphans and vulnerable children who are currently registered with Tateni. Involvement in the service provision at the after-school centre will include some of the following:

- ❖ homework support
- ❖ helping children with their reading in the new school library
- ❖ assisting with art and craft activities
- ❖ supporting dance, music or drama session

2. Makgatho Primary School

The Principal, Jane Tsharane is hugely appreciative of volunteering support and welcomes the input from an intern from the UK. The placement will focus on reading help for the students. The volunteer will stay for approximately one month and accommodation will be found with a host family in the community. Please visit

www.youtube.com/watch?v=mW8Dq1q_aoA

3. Sisters of Mercy Community Centre - Winterveldt

This is a unique opportunity for the intern to spend a month with the Sisters of Mercy in a quieter and more rural area. It is a residential placement and the volunteer will support Centre staff delivering social development programmes in:

- ❖ HIV/AIDS and/or Diabetes clinics
- ❖ Adult and children's literacy sessions
- ❖ a home industry initiative including the Mapula embroidery project



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Working with the teams that support vulnerable women and children offers many meaningful opportunities and also challenges. Therefore, if you are thinking of applying for the post of V.I.P. intern, please look carefully at the following requirements.

The successful candidate **must** have the following qualities...

- excellent interpersonal skills
- a flexible and willing nature
- the ability to work as part of a team and have respect for others
- a willingness to take instructions from members of staff and experienced volunteers
- a non-judgmental attitude
- patience and empathy
- a good understanding of confidentiality
- good basic IT skills

It would be desirable if you have...

- had experience working with children or young people
- previous experience of paid or unpaid work



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Extra Information

- ❖ V.I.P. is a joint initiative between Soroptimist International of Southern England and Soroptimist International of Pretoria.
- ❖ SI Clubs in Southern England will be supporting the placement financially, but the successful candidate will be expected to contribute £1,000 towards costs. She must also take out her own health and travel insurance.
- ❖ A Visa is required to enable an intern to work in South Africa and medical and radiological examinations must be undertaken.
- ❖ During the nine-month project, Members of SI Pretoria will act as co-hosts and provide some leisure activities and opportunities for sight-seeing.
- ❖ The volunteer will be asked to write a blog for the SISE website, send monthly updates to let SI Members know how things are progressing and give a presentation to a SISE Regional Meeting on her return.

Personal details

First and second names:

Surname (as on passport):

Date of birth:

Gender:

Address:

1 st Line	
2 nd line	
Town	
County	Post Code:

Contact details:

Home phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Now, please would you tell us about yourself, to help us decide whether this placement is right for you.

School

Name and :  **Soroptimist
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Main subjects and GCSE and A Level grades:

College

Name and address:

Course/s and qualifications:

University

Name and address:

Courses and qualifications:

Other training undertaken e.g. First Aid, sports coaching

Have you had any experience working with children and young people? We would like to know if you have volunteered or helped with child-centered projects or community events.

Details of experience:

What do you enjoy in your spare time?

Hobbies, interests



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Finally, why do you want to be a VIP Volunteer? Please share with us your reasons for applying and your hopes and ambitions for the future.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this application. Good luck!

*Please return the form on-line to infovipsise@gmail.com by **December 12th**.*

We will confirm the receipt of your form and let you know the outcome of your application as soon as possible.