

## INTERNATIONAL

### Learning from our efforts a half a world away.

Apartheid's Bantu Education policy meant black South Africans (Africans, Coloureds and Asians) were largely denied quality educations while whites enjoyed excellent academic opportunities. Despite its limited resources, the University of the Western Cape, a historically black institution, was on the forefront of the resistance against apartheid. Today, it stands for hard-won triumph: it is ranked near the top of South Africa's 23 public universities in terms of its research production.

It is within this context that we work to strengthen South Africa's higher education system. We are supporting five areas: to improve learning and teaching, to increase the quality and quantity of locally produced research, to strengthen university management, to foster university innovation and to enhance the connections between university and community.

Helping the University of the Western Cape build a Life Sciences building demonstrates our investment in an institution that provides high-quality education to a predominantly black student body. Through the Partnership for Higher Education in Africa, we are collaborating with the Carnegie Corporation and the Ford, Hewlett, MacArthur, Mellon and Rockefeller Foundations, to advance the private fundraising capacity of the University of the Western Cape and four other institutions — Cape Peninsula University of Technology, University of Pretoria, the University of Witwatersrand and the Red Cross Children's Hospital Trust.

Additionally, we have partnered with Ubuntu, a community-based human services agency, in order to be in the critical areas that will help this fragile democracy survive.

We are also working in Mexico with the YMCA of the USA to help cultivate a philanthropic tradition that is greatly needed but still largely in its infancy.

Our work internationally is centered predominantly in South Africa and Mexico. The five values that infuse this work are community impact, institutional transformation, diversity and representation for previously underserved communities, innovation and collaboration.