

# Helderberg Development Centre Annual Report 2018



# Chairman's Report 2018

HELDERBERG DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 2019

The Board is pleased to confirm that the Helderberg Development Centre continues to make a long-term impact on the poverty and unemployment in the Helderberg basin and adjacent townships. This is achieved through the dedication of our staff and the financial support provided by our generous donors and other fundraising activities.

The financial statements for the year 2018 have not been submitted for approval by the Board yet, but provisional data reflect a highly satisfactory total income of about R804 276 and an expenditure of R729 000, leaving us with a "trading balance" of about R76 300. Addition of investment revenue of R41 700, resulted in a boost of R118 000 to our reserves of about R504 300 at the beginning of the year. Although our reserves showed a significant increase during the year, it is however, still below the level considered desirable for achieving financial stability.

This business plan supported 77 learners to obtain their certificates and enter formal employment. The high success rate in placing students (to date, nearly 75%) in sustainable jobs is proof of the excellent work being done by both teaching staff and the placement bureau.

For the current year, 2019, the business plan provides for a total income of about R366 000 and total expenditure in the order of R808 300, leaving us with a deficit of R442 300. We do, however, expect a significant improvement in the income stream over that of the budget, that would remove some of the pressure on our reserves.

The premises at 10 St James Street remained as the only facilities at our disposal, and although rather limited, still served the essential needs. We were praying for 2019 to be another year of exceptional income to bolster our reserves towards a goal of R500 000, that would allow us to consider the purchase of the premises.

We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our generous sponsors like Helderberg DRC, Mergon Trust and the Lamb Trust, who enable us to continue our work.

A sincere word of gratitude to our Board of Directors for their generous contribution of time and expertise, as well as the dedicated staff of volunteer lecturers and 2 full time employees.

We are sad to announce that our General Manager for many years, Melanie, decided to resign from her position at the end of March this year. The Board said farewell to her and Ernst by way of a dinner on the 9th of April.

We were fortunate to find a replacement for Melanie in the person of Inge January, who joined HDC in April, and look forward to many years of productive cooperation.

We praise our Heavenly Father for His sustained blessings on Helderberg Development Centre.



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# 3. Managers Report 2018

## 3.1 Introduction

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge HIM, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3 : 5 - 6



The Helderberg Development Centre (HDC) continues to grow from strength to strength by the Grace of GOD.

2018 was a year in which we bid farewell to a number of dedicated staff, who over the years formed part of a committed team.

They endeavoured to help those in need through skills development training and assisting with job placement.

Sadly, Elby Meyer (pictured above with a student at the certificate ceremony), one of the Centre's founding members and trusted Placement officer who helped countless students find employment, passed away. We dedicate this report to Elby as we reflect back on another year of the Centre's success, that she has throughout the years contributed to immensely. We thank our Heavenly Father for this remarkable woman of God who, saw a need to help those who are struggling and suffering hardships.

Celeste Halford, HDC's Secretary for many years, tenure ended in 2018. We thank her for her hard work and commitment throughout the years.

## 3.2 Courses

Students are trained in the Home Management Course, Sewing Skills and other additional courses. HDC is committed to equip students with relevant knowledge and skills that will enhance their employability and prospects at finding jobs. In this manner we strive to assist in alleviating poverty and helping individuals and their families.

### 3.2.1 Home Management Course

During the year 8 Home Management courses were completed by 77 students. Of these 75 % of students were placed in jobs.

### 3.2.2 Additional Courses

The following courses were attended by employed individuals, seeking to improve their skills set.

#### Childminding

3 Students completed the Childminding course.

#### Skill courses

- 3 Students completed Kitchen skills.
- 1 Student completed Laundry skills.
- 1 Student complete Life Orientation.

#### Sewing

The course introducing basic sewing skills is proving to be very popular and held once a week to students at the Centre. Nicky Mullineux presents the course.



### 3.2.3 Lecturers

The Centre relies on the loyal service of voluntary lecturers who are committed to offer quality training. We are grateful to these volunteers for their dedication and enthusiasm. These lecturers come from different backgrounds and with a wealth of knowledge and experience.



In the seventh week of the Home Management course, a number of additional, shorter courses are presented.

These are meant to enhance the students knowledge and skills set and topics covered are: Aids, Environmental Conservation; Ethics & Remuneration; Substance Abuse, Pet Awareness, STOP Human Trafficking, Sustainable Development, Bean Promotion, Safety at Home.

Courses are presented by content experts who also do so voluntarily and we are thankful to the support of the individuals and organisations who contribute in this way.

### 3.3 Finances

The centre was again financially sustainable during 2018. All honour to God.

#### 3.3.1 Fundraising

The main fundraising event of the year was the very successful book sale in Somerset Mall in July, organised by Maggie Lambrecht. Every term 2<sup>nd</sup> hand sales were held and an inhouse Giftshop also brought in a substantial contribution.

#### 3.3.2 Donors

We would like to thank every person and organisation who donated financially towards the centre.

- Acorn Private Equity
- Frans Dreyer Trust
- Gideons
- Helderberg Uitreik
- J Kleyn
- K Moller
- Lamb Trust
- Mergon Foundation
- P Malan
- Schoeman family
- Virtual Consulting



### 3.4 General

The year commenced with a teambuilding where HDC staff formulated some essential centre dreams and goals which would be on the compass for 2018.

The graduation ceremony in June and December at the Dutch Reformed Church (Moedergemeente), Somerset West was, as always, a highlight in the year.

We are humbled and grateful for the multiple blessings the Lord bestowed upon us.



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