

Helderberg Development Centre Annual Report 2017



Chairman's Report 2017

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 2018

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 2017 have not been submitted for approval by the Board yet, but provisional data reflect a highly satisfactory total income of about R704 180 and an expenditure of R766 878, leaving us with a "trading balance" of about – R62 698,04. With "diverse" income of R41 270, the amount that had to be taken from our reserves of about R397 427 at the beginning of the year, was only R21 429. Although our reserves were thus maintained during the year, it is however, still below the level considered desirable for achieving financial stability.

This business plan supported 74 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. This rate, slightly lower than for the previous years, reflects the pressure of the economic circumstances on employers' incomes.

For the current year, 2018, the business plan provides for a total income of about R476 000 and total expenditure in the order of R778 150, leaving us with a significant deficit of R 302 150, so that we will have to utilise a significant part of our reserves to keep going for the year.

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 2018 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 more detailed list appears in the Manager's Report).

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 26 volunteer lecturers and 2 full time employees.

We are sad to announce that one of our Board and founder members, Elby Meyer passed away early this year. Her service as selection and placement officer is sadly missed.

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



GIDEON DE WET: CHAIRMAN

3. Managers Report 2017

3.1 Introduction

The Helderberg Development Centre (HDC) is going from strength to strength. We continue to train students in the Home Management Course, in Entrepreneurial skills and other additional courses to offer the students the where-with-all to change their lives for the better.

3.2 Courses

3.2.1 Home Management Course

During the year 8 Home Management courses were completed by 74 students. Of these a number of students were placed in jobs.



The centre takes pride in the high placement rate we have achieved. We continue to search for employment opportunities for students. Study materials were printed by **Fussfree** printing. The Centre is very grateful for the professional service they have provided over the last few years. Hanna De Wet and Yolande Kennedy sacrificed their time by refurbishing old files to be used by the students.

3.2.2 Additional Courses

The following courses were attended by employed people.

Childminding

1 Student completed the Childminding course.

Skill courses

- 3 Students completed Personal Money Management
- 6 Students completed Kitchen skills
- 5 Students completed Laundry skills
- 1 Students completed Cleaning skills
- 12 Students completed the Basic Sewing skills.

Sewing

Students

The course is held once a week and is offered to students at the Centre. Nicky Mullineux presents the course



3.2.3 Lecturers

The Centre is grateful for the loyal service and quality of the work provided by the voluntary lecturers.

Centre staff consists out of:

3 permanent staff:

- Celeste Halford Secretary
- Thandi Ntsangane Administrative
- Randal Kokaan Building and garden assistant

Lecturers:

- Alberts Lida; Bezuidenhout Ina; Bothes Margi; Cameron René; Collier Louise; De Beer Neeltje; De Leeu Pieter (& Josephine); **De Wet Hanna**; De Wet Susan; **Engelbrecht Melanie**; Dr Engelbrecht Gerrie; Esterhuizen Madeleine; Halford Celeste; Joubert Helga; Kalp Lili; Kennedy Yolandé; Lamprecht Maggie; Lategan Judy; Laubscher Francine; Lord Tootsi; **Meyer Elby**; Merrick Lynette; Moolman Shirley; Mullineux Nicky; Nel Carin; Ntsangani Thandi; Raphoto Johannes; Slabbert Riana; Truter Irna; Van der Heyde Charmaine; Van Niekerk Ina; Van Rooyen Sarie .



Exco

- Meyer Elby
- De Wet Hanna
- Engelbrecht Melanie
- Truter Irna
- Kennedy Yolande

Management

- Neeltje De Beer
- Hanna De Wet
- Susan De Wet
- Anna Durand
- Melanie Engelbrecht
- Madeleine Esterhuisen
- Maggie Lambrecht
- Elby Meyer
- Nicky Mullineux
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Board members

- Gideon De Wet
- Hanna De Wet
- Melanie Engelbrecht
- Pierre Malan
- Elby Meyer
- Paul Roux
- Anien Anien
- Pieter Van Niekerk
- Cobus Moller



A hearty welcome to Ansie Von Solms who joined the Kitchen skills team.

Yolande Kennedy took a job with Helderberg Outreach. Therefore, she needed to resign from the Centre's EXCO, but luckily she will still continue as a cleaning lecturer.

Charmaine Van der Hyde said goodbye to the Centre as a Life skills lecturer. She will be home schooling in the new year. After many years Shirley Moolman is leaving HDC as she and her husband Hannes is relocating to Gauteng. We will dearly miss her.

3.3 Finances

The centre was again financially sustainable during 2017. All honour to God!

In-house fundraising consists out of regular reports to sponsors and fundraising events. The main fundraising event of the year was the very successful book sale in Somerset Mall in July, organised by Maggie Lambrecht. The House of Gifts in December was extremely hard work and the success thereof contributed to raising the needed funds.

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

- Acorn Private Equity
- Frans Dreyer Trust
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- J Kleyn
- K Moller
- Lamb Trust
- Life Trust
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3.4 General

The year commenced with a teambuilding at Mill house, Lourensford farm in Somerset West. We formulated some essential centre dreams which would be on the compass for 2017.

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

The Centre's "Huiswinkel" generated enough funds to sponsor the pergola in the centres garden. The "House of Gifts" (fundraising market) could use the pergola for the teagarden. Many thanks to Henk Lamprecht and Randall Kokaan for building the pergola.

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



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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - Desmond Tutu



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