



VALLEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

ANNUAL REPORT

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Chairperson's Report

As always it is great pleasure that I present the annual report for 2017.

During the past year there have been a number of changes in the Organisation. We sadly said goodbye to our General Manager, Shirley Dunn who due to a lack of funding, left the Organisation at the end of 2016. Thank you to the project managers Sherine Arendse, Sue Burger and Lynne Lamb for working together and filling in the gaps.

Board Members

The Management Board has been stable and I would like to thank them for their commitment to the Organisation during this time. I really appreciate your energy, time, knowledge, skills and experience that you bring to ensure that the Organisation is administered well.

Staff

I would like to thank the staff including teachers, social workers, fieldworkers, cooks, general workers, support staff and volunteers without whom the services that VDP provides, would not be possible.

Every person, in the role you play, is an important cog in the effective functioning of the Organisation.

This year we welcomed Caron Tomblin to assist with the fundraising gaps and marketing. Thank you also for helping to coordinate the Website. Thank you to Mogammat and his team for donating your time and skill to the Organisation's website.

Partnerships

The collaboration of the 3 projects provide a smooth and effective service. Many children who will benefit from the services provided by all three projects.

All our projects partner with other service providers to enhance the output of our services. I would like to thank all of our partners who have contributed toward this.

Highlights

- This year the Organisation received funding from the National Lottery Commission. We thank them for the support with staff salaries, programme costs and the new vehicle for our social work programme.
- A successful strategic planning was held by the three projects. This process reaffirmed the child as the focus of the work we do.
- The SACBC has continued to fund the fieldworkers for their work in the communities with its focus on HIV awareness and prevention.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the donors, sponsors, volunteers, local and provincial government who invest in our Organisation and its work.

We hope that you will continue on this journey with us.

Thanking You,

David Dick, Chairperson

The Community Development Programme

The Community Development Programme in Ocean View, has a vision of a society where children and youth thrive and grow and where safety, prosperity and opportunity are a way of life for all.

This project provides holistic support to children/youth, adults and families through youth groups, aftercare for children, adult support groups, youth development, daily nutritional feeding and life skills camps. This enables clients to function effectively and add value to the communities they live in.

The programme develops children and youth at risk into becoming responsible adults through experiential learning and reduces their vulnerability through preventative programmes. Children experience a different environment when on camp or excursions. The growth, confidence and positive behavioural transformation of the children and youth after a camp, is evident.

The aims of the project are fulfilled by the following: -

Youth Development- 100 youth per month participate in support groups, 2000 children benefit per year through camps, holiday clubs, excursions, outings and awareness raising programmes.

Nutritional Enhancement Programme- 600 children who are victims of neglect, poverty and those who are identified by the social work programme receive daily meals. The feeding is complimented by activities from the afterschool care project. The feeding project continues to be successful with the support from our funders, Sybrand Van der Spuy, (Cape Point Vineyards) Add Hope (KFC), National Lottery Commission, Bruce Marvin and the Kommetjie Christian Church.

Afterschool Care- a total of 40 children attend daily. Fieldworkers and volunteers assist children with homework, reading, grooming, art, play, educational games, talent/drama plays and dancing lessons. The project supports children making them realise their potential to succeed.

Through all the support we receive we are able to make a positive difference in the lives of the children we serve and provide new possibilities for each person so that they may live a more satisfying life.

We are very grateful to the staff, SACBC field workers, volunteers and funders for their positive contribution and ongoing dedication to the success of the Open Door Community Development project.



The Social Work Programme

Foster Care – The Children’s Act 38 of 2005 stipulates that social workers place children who have lost their parents or whose parents are unable to care adequately for them in the care of extended family where possible and foster care if necessary where there is no familiar maintenance responsibility. Foster care placement and supervision is one of the primary roles of social workers who are employed by a designated child protection organisation.

Currently VDP supervises over 400 children in foster care in Ocean View and Masiphumelele. This year we have placed 56 more children and written reports for extension of foster care, transfers, reunification and discharges for 228 children. For each report an investigation is required which includes verifying all information from the school, clinic, police, biological parents, foster parents, extended family and the child.

Managing the above and the therapeutic interventions needed when the foster care placement breaks down or the child displays behavioural issues as a result of trauma experienced can be overwhelming.

To the staff in the social work project of both, Ocean View and Masiphumelele who have coped magnificently-thank you and well done.

Current backdrop – This year has seen an increase in the violence in the communities particularly in Ocean View. The number of gang-related shooting and deaths of children impact on the community as a whole but the trauma experienced by children cannot be measured. The abuse of alcohol, drugs and domestic violence has not decreased. Add to this the normal traumas children experience such as loss of family members through illness, divorce, moving, school pressures and it becomes obvious that we have a long way to go before we can meet all the needs of our children.

Collaboration – Many of these needs are met by the partnerships and collaboration we have with other organisations in the area- Living Hope provides Parenting Skills workshops, Community Cohesion provides counselling to victims of violent crime, The Safehouse provides shelter for abused women, Home from Home provides cluster foster care houses and The Jones safe house assists with mothers and children. Hope House, CTDC and together with VDP facilitated an eight-week training with families and children.

The staff work closely with all schools and clinics including Victoria and False Bay hospitals. The FCS and our local police have supported when needed. We have placed clients at the False Bay therapeutic Centre in DSD sponsored beds, have counselled addicts and referred to Living Grace for substance abuse counselling. Social Development, City of Cape Town and DSD Fish Hoek liaises with VDP regularly concerning programmes. Family Counselling services of Fish Hoek assists with debriefing and therapeutic interventions with the staff. The NLC has assisted with another vehicle for the social work project.

The Old Open Door Building – Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius, in honour of their daughter, Hannah, will assist with renovating our old building to create a centre which will offer training, resources and counselling for the youth. The SACBC has continued to partner with VDP in both communities. Volunteers and students have augmented our staff complement and assisted in the work of the social work programme. To all of the above, without whom our work would be much harder, we say thank you.

- The OVC Support Project

The SACBC has continued to partner with VDP in both communities. Their focus is HIV Testing and status. There is a resistance to testing and the stigma still exists. The fieldworkers in the programme are being trained by the social work supervisor as EYE of the Child volunteers to increase their knowledge and skills as they are the eyes and voice of the social workers after hours.

Through the community development project, we were able to do HIV/Awareness and testing for parents. Thanks to our Board member, Bev Frieslich for supporting with the HIV awareness programme.



Sue Burger, Social Work Programme Manager

The Early Learning Support Programme

The Early Learning Support Programme has continued to support ECD initiatives in the target communities. We believe that with early intervention, support and care we are able to reverse the cycles of deprivation and enable children to develop and grow to their full potential.

The project reaches 2004 children monthly through the following services:

- The management of Green Curtains Preschool in Ocean View and Masakhane Educare in Masiphumelele
- Coordination of the Family and Community Motivation Project in Masiphumelele
- Support to 40 ECD partial care facilities including child minders caring for less than 6 children in their homes.

VDP continues to support ECD sites by coordinating a monthly ECD forum in Masiphumelele, arranging capacity building programmes, facilitating basic ECD training, offering curriculum support and monitoring and support to child minders to ensure that children are cared for in a safe, caring and stimulating environment.

Through collaboration and partnering with specialist ECD service providers in their different fields, we were able to invest in a greater exchange in the transfer of knowledge and capacity building with ECD educators and fieldworkers on issues impacting children. This allows all ECD workers to play an active role in the nurturing and holistic development of young children.

In the past year we supported 15 educators in the ECD Orientation course with the Centre for Creative Education, 25 educators in Persona Doll training with Persona Doll SA, 25 ECD facilitators in Foetal Alcohol Syndrome training with Early Years Services and 15 fieldworkers in Counselling Training with the counsellors at King of Kings Baptist Church.

The highlight for many was the three-day pediatric first aid training provided by the Medical Education Centre. 30 educators received first aid certificates

This year VDP provided in- house training for 12 educators,10 fieldworkers and 10 childminders in the “Every Word Counts” literacy programme, which was developed by Wordworks. This training is used to introduce those who care for babies and young children to new knowledge and practical ideas, for supporting the development of language, early literacy and math concepts.

Through our partnership with Inclusive Education we were able to ensure that 3 preschools in Ocean View and 2 in Masiphumelele employ two teaching assistants each to support their educators. The teaching assistants are then paid by the Expanded Public Works Programme. Through JAM SA we provided porridge to all children cared for at our partial care facilities.

A huge thanks to all the partners who have travelled on this journey with us and contributed toward this endeavor.



- Masakhane Educare

The educators and staff at Masakhane Educare provide a warm and loving space for 148 children aged 3 to 6 years old.

The principal and pre-grade R educators took part in the new NCF workshops which helped them understand the terminology and outcomes of the new curriculum.

Weekly lesson planning helps educators provide interesting activities and the children have particularly enjoyed the class outings to Fish Hoek beach and the Stellenbosch Strawberry Farm. Other exciting outings were the community walks, weekly visits to the Masiphumelele library and having fun times in the park.

The Fish Hoek High School Outreach programme has continued their support to the school and children have enjoyed their interactions with the students.

This year the Learning Initiative and their team of professionals chose to work with learners from our school who were born in 2012 with the aim of supporting them in all learning areas and ensuring a smoother transition into Grade R.

- Green Curtains Preschool

Our team of qualified and committed educators care for the 129 children aged 3 to 6 years registered at our preschool. During this period grade R educators enhanced their language programme after a succession of language workshops coordinated by the Department of Education. Pre-grade R educators took part in the new NCF workshops which gave them an understanding of the new curriculum for younger learners.

Weekly planning has continued and children have enjoyed the exciting activities presented, particularly the excursions which were linked to the themes. These included a journey to the Stellenbosch Strawberry farm and

a visit to Fish Hoek beach. Other outings included community walks and visits to the library. Parents enjoyed helping their children build beautiful farmyards during the theme on farming.

During the theme “people who help us” we invited representatives from Tears, the Fire Department, a social worker and a policeman to give children a first-hand account of the types of jobs that people do in our community.

Green Curtains Preschool operates as a school of best practice and educators are proud of the accomplishments and are always ready to improve their work.



- Family and Community Motivation Project

The focus of this project is to improve the lives of young children in Masiphumelele, who due to poverty are unable to access the services of the local creches.

Through regular home visits, monthly parenting workshops and awareness raising projects, primary caregivers learn about issues that impact on the development and learning of the young child and they are capacitated to become their child’s first teacher by implementing learning in the home.

Fieldworkers have become polished facilitators and they teach parents how they can help their children get the best start in life. Parents are put in touch with service providers and a strong support system is formed.

FCM fieldworkers work together with local stakeholders to strengthen support services for children and families in need. They also raise awareness on children’s rights and encourage people to work together to identify children at risk and protect children from harm.



Thank You to all our educators, fieldworkers and support staff for the hard work and dedication in the projects and for ensuring that young children in our communities are able to access improved early childhood development services.

Lynne Lamb, ECD Programme Manager

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As at 31 March 2017

The Income Statement Summary represented below is an extract from the complete set of financial statements for the period April 2016 to March 2017 which has been audited by Galbraith Rushby Chartered Accountants SA.

	%	2017 R	2016 R	%
INCOME SOURCES				
Community Chest	0	0	34,998	1
Department Of Social Development	45	2,694,746	2,667,352	51
Department Of Education	12	724,704	684,432	13
SACBC	10	607,752	240,411	5
Open Box Software	0	0	10,000	0
School Fees & Fundraising	13	795,895	702,654	13
Cape Point Vineyards	10	600,000	600,000	11
Pink House Income	1	47,820	100,846	2
Add Hope / Kentucky	1	90,000	85,000	2
Donations	2	129,846	114,197	2
National Lotteries Commission	6	343,591	0	0
Interest Received	0	6,022	11,177	0
TOTAL INCOME		6,040,376	5,251,067	
EXPENDITURE DISTRIBUTION				
Awareness Raising	0	2,956	0	0
Auditors Remuneration	0	24,339	23,456	0
Bank Charges	1	65,239	58,616	1
Cleaning	0	13,530	9,865	0
Computer Expenses	0	16,084	25,170	0
SACBC Expenses	4	224,847	197,226	3
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairments	1	81,945	136,626	2
Employee Costs	68	4,127,110	3,812,154	66
AGM Expenses	0	9,101	10,471	0
Peace Centre Expenses	1	72,442	161,989	3
Fundraising Expenses	0	12,064	15,579	0
Feeding & Food Parcels	10	632,920	572,435	10
Functions	0	13,078	14,099	0
Team Building	0	9,295	0	0
Registration Fees	0	9,336	2,400	0
Stipends	0	2,000	12,500	0
Insurance	1	38,188	38,777	1

Lease Rentals On Operating Lease	0	2,400	3,525	0
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2	116,313	89,475	2
Municipal Expenses	2	125,663	107,609	2
Educational Equipment & Materials	0	4,999	3,800	0
Feedback Sessions	0	22,698	22,000	0
Staff Welfare	0	2,799	5,615	0
Postage	0	98	0	0
Pre-school Accessories & Support	2	146,009	175,978	3
ECD Forums	0	16,452	18,395	0
Repairs & Maintenance	1	30,421	24,895	0
Excursions	0	10,700	2,300	0
Security	1	35,323	24,750	0
ECD Volunteer	1	35,100	96,510	2
Staff Development	0	15,350	15,989	0
Client Aid	0	1,824	2,227	0
Telephone & Fax	1	78,289	52,468	1
Training & Workshops	1	53,193	59,258	1
Transport & Freight	0	2,460	2,705	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		6,054,565	5,798,862	

SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD

-14,189

-547,795

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- Department of Social Development
- Western Cape Education Department
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- KFC, Add Hope Campaign
- Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference
- The Aurum Institute/CDC/Pepfar
- Bruce Marvin
- Cape of Good Hope Rotary Club
- Herbie Eichel, Empowerment Through Education
- Catholic Church, Fish Hoek
- Catholic Church, Simonstown
- JAM SA
- Momentum
- Clovelly Golf Ladies
- Sisco Architects
- Andre Heinisch
- Sue Botcher
- KCC
- P. Watson
- Noordhoek Farm Village

- E. French
- Silverlea
- Kingswell Trust
- C. Whiteman
- The Green House
- PM Groves

ORGANOGRAM

<p>Management Board DAVID DICK – CHAIRPERSON PETER FENTON – TREASURER BEV FRIESLICH – SECRETARY WARREN KINDO – ADDITIONAL MEMBER RALPH REYNOLDS – ADDITIONAL MEMBER GILLIAN ANDERSON – ADDITIONAL MEMBER</p>

<p>SUE BURGER SOCIAL WORK PROJECT MANAGER</p>	<p>SHERINE ARENDSE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER</p>	<p>LYNNE LAMB EARLY LEARNING PROJECT MANAGER</p>
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<p>LUCRETIA SPLINTERS FINANCE MANAGER</p>	<p>CARON TOMBLIN FUNDRAISER</p>
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Social Development Project	Community Development Project	Early Learning Support Project
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Overview of VDP

Valley Development Projects(VDP) is a registered NPO, operating in Ocean View and Masiphumelele, focusing specifically on the development and protection of children. VDP began in 1989 as a satellite project of Catholic Welfare and Development with the aim of improving the lives of CHILDREN living in these two communities.

Vision

A healthy self-reliant community with sufficient resources and confident to make informed choices, in a constantly changing environment.

Mission

VDP's mission is to facilitate a creative process where people take responsibility for their own sustainable development.



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