

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!

Our 2016 Graduation saw more than 150 children graduate from ECD programmes and ready to start their formal schooling next year. Partner JAM-SA donated school shoes and facecloths to all the learners and PEP Stores gave each child a white school shirt. Each child also received other small items to prepare them for the new year.

As school holidays start, we thank the teachers, parents and caregivers for all their support and hard work this year. May you and the children come back rested and ready for the new school year of 2017.



SIKHULA SONKE STARS SHINING BRIGHT

This year we would like to especially pay tribute to the people who work so hard on the ground to deliver and support all our programmes and serve the children, caregivers and ECDs of Khayelitsha.

To all of our staff—your dedication and sacrifice and willingness to work hard is truly appreciated.

We also thank the ladies who have cooked for many of our programmes and children every day and for special occasions.

You truly shine!

SIKHULA SONKE WISHES ALL OUR



**CHILDREN
CAREGIVERS
PARENTS & FAMILIES
STUDENTS, TEACHERS & STAFF
PARTNERS, FUNDERS & DONORS
FRIENDS AND FAMILY...**

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND
A HOPE-FILLED 2017!**

From the Executive Director's Desk

"It takes the whole village to raise a child" - old African saying

2016 was quite a heavy year for the political landscape of the country as whole. I mention this because every country's development depends on the politics of the day in that particular country. The Early Childhood Development fraternity has been hit hard by many challenges but it has reason to celebrate milestones like the National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy that was published early in 2016 after approval by cabinet on 9 Dec 2015. Another milestone publication is a resource titled ***Children, Church and the Law - a practical guide for churches on the Children's Act and other laws relating to children*** written by Erica Greathead, and published through The Warehouse.

As 2016 winds down, it is important to mark the successes and challenges of the last quarter. This quarter has allowed us to review the year 2015/16 financial year with a public celebration and presentation of the annual report and financial statements. The Annual General Meeting saw the attendance of 98 people, mostly parents and caregivers. In terms of the programs, the team has managed to hold things together in preparing children and families that are exiting the program at the end of this year. Thank you to the team of Sikhula Sonke for also seeing us to the nomination of one of our own programs for a prestigious national award. The adjudicators were so excited about seeing the program in action. Let's wait and see!

We have seen a decline in serious abuse and neglect cases this quarter; last quarter we saw several removals of children from their own caregivers, which is a very unpleasant situation. Thanks to the Social Workers for applying their knowledge, minds and connecting relevant stakeholders to rally around these children. They are now in safe spaces.

In summing up, 2016 was a bag full of different encounters and experiences. We have established new relationships, strengthened older ones, and also taken some few knocks in other partnerships, yet all these experiences have taken us to another level.

Thank you to all of our partners for your path in this organisation. A special thank you to the Khayelitsha Development Forum for the Community Works Program volunteers who volunteered to cook for young children in our programs. Thank you to all of our funders for making this quarter a success; your investment and confidence in our team and our programs has taken us further and further.



Abantwana baseKhayelitsha babamba ngazo zozibini, Maz' enethole.

MDEBUKA MTWAZI
Executive Director

FOURTH QUARTER SNAPSHOT

IMBIZA FAMILY & COMMUNITY MOTIVATOR PROGRAMME

940 home visits
Impacting 180 families & 258 children
Supporting 22 special needs
children/families

EMTHONJENI PLAYGROUP OUTREACH PROGRAMME

77 playgroup sessions
Reaching out to 369 children
Supporting 93 caregivers

FUNDA UDLALE TOY LIBRARY SERVICE

38 caregivers trained in play skills
Hosted 27 ECD centre sessions
Hosted 16 Community sessions
Hosted 9 Emthonjeni playgroup sessions
Play interactions for 490 boys and 537 girls

IMBEWU COACHING & SUPPORT FOR ECD PRACTITIONERS

12 class sessions held for 101 centres
71 visits to ECD centres
Impacting 2930 children



The **Annual General Meeting** saw caregivers from different sections attending. They testified of the changes that happened in their children's lives .



18 Sikhula Sonke staff completed the FCM training. This is the first group of FCM graduates trained by the organization itself.



Children enjoyed their exciting and playful **end-of-year outing at Mnandi Beach**. They received shorts and shirts sponsored by Joint Aid Management.



35 practitioners graduated from our Basic Teacher Training course. It was a time of harvest after sowing



Children who have been part of our programmes this year: "Look cool! There's a camera!"



144 children from out of centre programmes and 77 children from ECD centres graduated at the 2016 joint ECD Graduation

PRAYER REQUEST:

- Pray for families who have not secured admission for their children at local primary schools for 2017
- Child neglect and a high rate of substance abuse in the community
- Strengthening of existing and upcoming Sikhula Sonke partnerships



Khayelitsha medical staff and the Sikhula Sonke teams treated a skin rash outbreak in children in an Emthonjeni programme. The swift intervention saw quick healing and smiling faces again.

SIKHULA SONKE ECD IN ACTION

Sikhula Sonke has four active early childhood development-related programmes, reaching out to Khayelitsha's children, caregivers and families.

- The **Funda Udlale Library Project** provides a range of educational toys and books, individually and through ECD centres;
- **Emthonjeni** is a community-based programme, offering ECD sessions out in the open, around the communal water taps of the informal settlements (hence the name, which means 'well');
- The **Family Community Motivators Programme** takes ECD interventions into individual households, with its main goal being a reduction in the number of children who do not access early childhood development services;
- The **Imbewu Training, Coaching and Support Programme** actively trains and supports enrolled ECD practitioners.

PARTNER WITH US THIS MONTH

Sikhula Sonke is wholly funded by donations. Would you consider partnering with us in reaching the children of Khayelitsha and giving them a solid foundation to start their school years?

We have a track record of faithfulness in our spending, and are happy to share our financial information with you. All donations can be EFT'd directly to our account.

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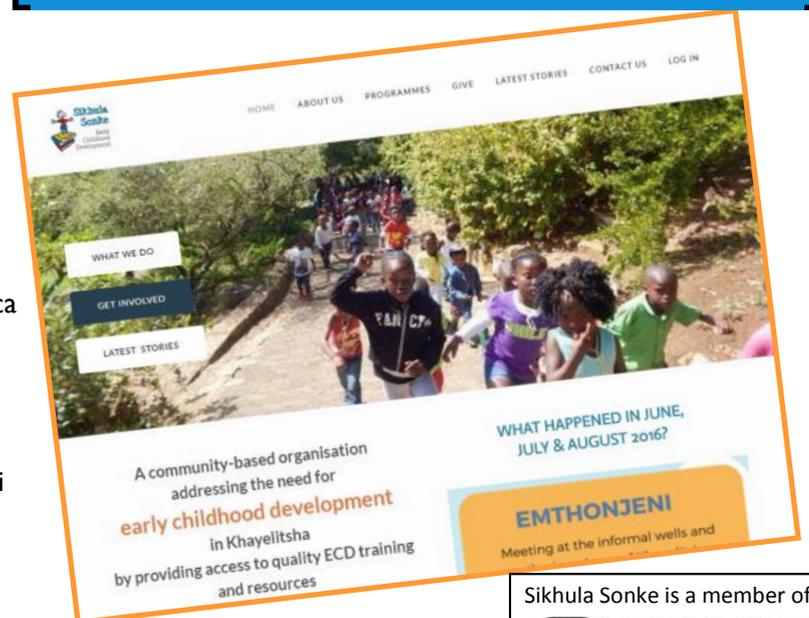
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