

A community-based organisation addressing the need for early childhood development in Khayelitsha by providing access to quality ECD services, training and resources.

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**Congratulations to our ECD practitioners** on completing your one year teacher training course.



The Nanny 'n Me programme has been a wonderful time of play and learning for parents and children.



Thank you to **Breadline Africa** and **Bookdash** for backpacks and books for our little learners.



SISO Practitioners received their **Family & Community Motivator** certificates



Thank you to **Drive for Excellence** - Sikhula Sonke was nominated for an award and received a wonderful donation towards our projects in 2023.

## SNAPSHOTS OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS



Summer time is **FUN** time - and the annual end-of-year outing to Muizenberg water park is one of our outreach children's favourite play times!



*Wishing you faith, hope and love in this festive season - thank you for your friendship and support in 2022.*



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### Introduction

It is hugely important to acknowledge that God Almighty has taken us thus far, using His people as vehicles or instruments of philanthropy and humanitarian spirit to ensure the sustainability of our organisation. The last quarter of the year is always characterised by the end of year sprint and a last rush towards ensuring that all that was planned is complete and achieved. It is also a time of reflection, evaluating where we have fallen short to plan better for the future.

### Last quarter reflections

The management and team are so excited about the developmental milestones that the children have reached, together with year-end ceremonies to celebrate those milestones. These celebrations include children's graduations, ECD practitioner graduations and general year-end functions. I share the same sentiment, but there is one milestone that I would like to share with the rest of the world and our partners, both givers and programme implementers.

The milestone that has touched my heart most, not just for the quarter but for the year, are the children who have taken such a huge initiative to give to other children. My hat goes off to the girls of Wynberg Girls High School who started a sandwich and fruit drive each month for the less-privileged children of Khayelitsha, with the guidance of Mrs Jenny Paverd and the school Head, Dr Jennifer Wallace. On top of all the sandwich drives, they have closed this quarter with food parcels for poor families from our outreach programs. I would like to wish these children success in their studies and pray that they grow even more towards philanthropy as they looking forward to a brighter future. *Ukwanda kwaliwa ngumthakathi.*

### Closing remarks

The end of year is always brightened by beautiful Christmas messages, festive vibes gifts etc, but please think of those children who do not have and put something aside for them when they start schooling in 2023.

Thank you to Tygervalley Mall who are taking 25 children from poor families to a special fun SANTA Christmas grotto excursion.

To all of our funders, supporters, donors and friends of Sikhula Sonke, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. You never cease to amaze! I wish you protection, good health and greatness not just to you but to your children and families as well. It takes a village to raise great leaders.

*Ndeburka Mthwazi*



**Fathers** in our Fatherhood Network received certificates from FAMSA after completing a one-week training.



**Thank you Wynberg Girls High School!**



We are grateful for the **longstanding partnership with ForAfrika** who provide nutritious porridge for children in our programmes. This meal is crucial in ensuring children get the nutrition they need to grow and meet their physical growth milestones.



## TEAM & OFFICE UPDATE

Although 2022 was quite a challenging year, we are grateful for a good team dynamic, that staff were generally healthy and we have met most of the targets we set for the year (and all of our targets for this quarter). Sikhula Sonke is a learning organisation with all our staff busy with studies in different subjects, both personally and at work. In addition, it's all systems go for those children starting primary school in 2023.

### Programme milestones:

- Leadership organised and facilitated a Family Community Motivator training for new staff and a refresher for existing staff.
- Staff participated in a successful gift wrapping training in preparation for our December fundraising initiative.
- Final cluster workshops were held in 8 areas, supporting caregivers to be vigilant in protecting their children over the festive season.
- There was a successful ECD and playgroup children's graduation for 148 children who will be starting mainstream schooling in 2023.
- Parents couldn't hold their tears when they saw their children showcasing activities that demonstrated their readiness to join mainstream schooling.
- 25 practitioners from various ECD centres graduated from the Basic Teachers Course.
- All our spaces that have structures received their kitchen certificates from the Department of Health.



*Nomathemba, Papama and Mphokazi did an **ELOM** (Early Learning Outcome Measures) refresher course and received their certificates.*

### Team achievements:

- Our EPWP assistants started without any ECD background but through the training they attended (internal, external and online) we can proudly say they have grown so much in developing, planning and working with children in various activities. Many have applied to further their ECD studies at False Bay College.
- Our interns have started with various courses: Bongile is doing CompTIA A+ Certificate with UDEMY, Mhlali has started a project management course with Enjo Consultants and Nomasister started with her assessor course with Enjo.
- Congratulations to four of our EPWP's who graduated from the Teacher Basic Training Course: Nompumelelo Vali, Zukile Ndzonga, Athi Mangwana, Alungile Mpeto.
- All the staff members who were studying from False Bay College will be finishing in December (doing level 4, 5 and diplomas). Congratulations to Phelokazi Moyikwa, Nomfundo Didi, Nomvuyo Dase, Nolubabalo Sijentu, Nolusindiso Sixholo, Winkie Cebisa and Nokufika.
- Papama and Nomabhaca continue their Diploma in Community at Cornerstone.
- Wandisiwe continues her new venture in Toy Library at Cotlands.
- Zingisa continues her Bachelor of Education at UNISA (3rd year).
- Nomvuyo Dase, Phelokazi Moyikwa, Nomfundo Didi, Nolubabalo Sijentu and Nolusindiso Sixholo completed their first aid course.
- Bongile Mafilika and Nomasister Matsiliza passed their driving learners and have started driving lessons.
- Nomfundo completed her online birth - 2 years, 2-5 years and Grade R Play-based Learning course.

Thank you to all the staff for their commitment, hard work, dedication, co-operation and going an extra mile in their work. *Sakh'isizwe Sakh'umntwana. Huntshu !!!*



### EMTHONJENI

Playgroup outreach to children not in school by using public spaces



### FUNDA UDLALE

Toy library services to families, communities and preschools



### IMBIZA

Family and community support for early childhood development



### IMBEWU

Coaching and mentoring preschool and playgroup teachers



### FATHERHOOD NETWORK

Supporting fathers to be present in their children's development

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