
NEWSLETTER 3/21

Dear Friends

When we look back at 2021, we have many memories, happy and sad. It was a difficult year with numerous challenges but we are left with a feeling of gratitude for what we were able to achieve.

Here are some highlights of the last quarter:

Our current EPWP interns will finish their year at the end of January. During this quarter they worked hard on finding permanent employment and/or fields of study for next year.



Sheridan Kennedy and Roslynn Wehr-Damons are qualified trainers for three parenting programmes. They trained organisations in Book Sharing in Cape Town and Johannesburg. Sheridan also offered Sinovuyo Kids training in MacGregor.



Our Christmas party was a wonderful occasion where 250 children received gifts – stationery and a ball for primary school learners and stationery and hygiene products for high school learners. Our heartfelt thanks go to Emmerentia MacDonald and the members of the Good News Bible Church, Laurell and the members of the Humane Society, members

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of the Hoekwil Ratespayers Association, Lorraine Verhagen and the George Herald, Leigh Ann and George Auto and Mandy Pelser and friends/clients from Garden Route Lifestyle Property who provided these gifts. We also want to thank Linda Tacke from Rotary who made the lovely cupcakes, Mel, Jenny and the Touwsrhythm Drummers who performed and Cecile from Indwe Insurance who printed the 250 certificates.



The third and fourth roll-outs of the Workplace Intervention programme, now known as the “Free to Grow Programme” was concluded on the 16th of December. 13 participants completed the programme. We are grateful to Tikketai (Pty) Ltd for the opportunity and have many success stories of participants’ personal growth because of the programme.

We are extremely excited and fortunate to have received funding from anonymous donors and The Hoekwil Open Gardens to start our own ECD centre. We plan to rent a property in Touwsranten and to construct two Wendy Houses to start with three classes. The idea is to focus on isiXhosa and Chichewa children but will not exclude Afrikaans children. If everything goes according to plan, we will be able to open in March 2022.

The annual arts festival was a huge success. We had fun with the children and artists and received R31 000 from The Night of 1000 drawings. We want to thank Carole Durrant and all the members of the Wilderness Arts Association for their wonderful initiative.



On 28 October 2021 we hosted a successful AGM. Many people from Touwsrante attended and we are grateful to report back on a difficult but successful year.



Through the initiative of the Community Dialogue Forum's Skills Audit committee a flea market was held at the Touwsrante community hall on Saturday 18 December 2021. Residents of Touwsrante could book a stall and sell their products. There was amazing support from the Hoekwil community. We are excited to be associated with the Dialogue Forum. We hope to be part of this initiative in the new year.



The organisation hosted a two-day workshop for SAPPIN members. The members came from across South Africa.



We hosted a golf day on 3 November 2021. We made an astounding R200 000. We are very grateful to Mark Rubin, Linda Potgieter and especially Peter Leppan who supported this annual event.



Thank you for the involvement, care and love that we have received from everyone during this year. Without you Seven Passes would not be able to deliver the services we do.

Our offices will close on 17 December 2021 and reopen again on 10 January 2022. We will deliver an exciting holiday programme from 20 December 2021 - 7 January 2022.

I hope that this Christmas time will be special for every one of you. May you experience love, peace, joy, and lots of quality time with family and friends.

Wilmi and the Seven Passes Team