



NEWSLETTER 3/22

Dear Friends

The perfect ending to any race, day or project is to finish strong – Gary Rian Blair. That is exactly what we have done at Seven Passes Initiative. The year was full of challenges but with many more successes and triumphs.

Here are some highlights of the last quarter:

We had a wonderful Year End Celebration on 3 December where we showcased the work that we have done through the year. Children enjoyed the festivities and parents enjoyed the shopping at our market day tables.



We had the privilege to have our year-end function at The Fairy Knowe Hotel. Thank you to Helena and staff for making it a special time for all of us.



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Last year I reported in this last newsletter that we will be opening our new ECD Centre in the new year. We are so grateful to report that we currently have 29 beauties utilizing the ECD Centre and another 40 eagerly awaiting a spot. We still have 7 places available – for isiXhosa and Chichewa children.

Chantal and Genevieve, together with the assistants have found their rhythm and are doing great work. The two of the assistants, Jimay and Anelisiwe will also study next year to finish their NQF Level 4 in ECD.



The Hoekwil Open Gardens has become part of the yearly calendar. We are incredibly grateful to the organizers and all the residents who opened their gardens to the public. The funds that we receive every year really makes a difference to the functioning of the organization.



Roslynn and I represented Seven Passes at the first SAPPIN Families Indaba that was held at the Victoria Yards in Johannesburg in October. It was a wonderful Indaba where likeminded people from government, civil society, academics and corporate came together to exchange



ideas on how to make responsive parenting a priority in South Africa. To read the full report please follow the link - <https://sevenpasses.org.za/media/news-articles/>



SAPPIN is one of four consortium members who are working on a gender transformation curriculum for Anglo American. Seven Passes Initiative is the SAPPIN representative in the consortium. Here the members are together with Anglo at our last in person consortium meeting in November.



The organization offered the following training opportunities during the last quarter:
 Psycho-social support / trauma reflections – Anine Hollander
 Management and Mentorship – Marius Andrew
 Emotional Awareness – Carel Mouton



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The organization was privileged to have the psycho-social support services of Anine Hollander during September – November 2022. She worked with community members but focused on assisting children identified by teachers and parents who needed extra support.

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



Roslynn Wehr- Damons trained 485 Community Health Workers in the Eden/Karoo District in Booksharing.



Our Christmas party was a wonderful occasion where 285 children received gifts specifically chosen according to their wish lists during 4 different parties on the 14th and 15th of December. This would not have been possible without the phenomenal initiative and helping hand from Emmerentia MacDonald. She made it her mission to make every child feel special and loved this Christmas. We cannot thank her enough for her kindness and loving heart. We want to thank everyone else who contributed to the gifts, especially Tuinedal Dutch Reformed Church. We also want to thank Linda Tacke and George Rotary for the lovely cupcakes, Helena from Fairy Knowe Hotel who gave each child a pie and coldrink and Cecile from Indwe Insurance who printed the 285 individualized certificates.



We hosted a golf day on 3 November 2022. Thanks to the efforts of Roslynn, Peter Leppan, Mark Rubin and Johan Potgieter we made R141 654=99! The 1st places winners for the golf were Kobus vd Berg and Boet Gericke. Second place winners were R Strauss and L Visser. The liquor raffle (to the value of approximately R3000) was won by Elize van Niekerk. The Zuurberg raffle (R7000) was won by Willem Luttig.

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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 excellent services we do.

Our offices close on 15 December 2022 and reopen again on 9 January 2023. We will deliver an exciting holiday programme from 19 December 2022 - 6 January 2023 for children ages 5-18 years.

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