

# NEWSLETTER

## SEVEN PASSES INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER: 2024 3RD & 4TH QUARTER EDITIONS

### Dear seven passes Initiative community

As we celebrate the festive season with family and friends, we take a moment to reflect on the highlights from the past two quarters of the year with Seven Passes Initiative. From impactful community events like the Youth Camp, Annual Children's Christmas Parties, and the Dare Campaign, to the exciting growth at our Sinombulelo ECD Centre and a successful Golf Day fundraiser, we are grateful for the support and partnerships that have helped us achieve so much. We also launched important initiatives like the Dignity Campaign for Girls and partnered with organizations such as UNISA to expand educational opportunities. As we look ahead, we remain committed to making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a joyful and blessed holiday season!

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## Youth Camp Highlights

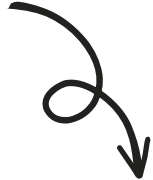
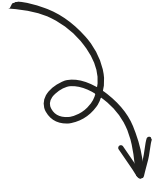



We had the privilege of hosting an incredible youth camp in collaboration with Acts4Children from the 13th to 15th of December 2024. The event brought together 157 children and youth from Touwsrante, Klenkrants, Lancewood, and Wilderness Heights for an inspiring weekend of gospel teachings, fun games, and meaningful connections. A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors, including Spar (Knysna), Tekkie Town Battle of the Brands, the Department of Social Development, Haygrove Eden Farm, Eden Gementee, Bounty Butchery (Mossel Bay) and other private donors. Your support made this event possible and impactful for the youth in our community.



## Annual Children's Christmas Parties

On the 11th- 12th of December, we had the honor of hosting our annual Christmas parties for the children of Sinombulelo ECD Centre and those in our aftercare programme. A total of 254 children were delighted with gifts and refreshments, including pie, juice, and chips. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful sponsors—Fairy Knowe Hotel, Tekkie Town Battle of the Brands, Hoekwil Rates Payers Association, Rotary Club, Shoprite Holdings, Carter and mom and many individual supporters. Your generosity made it possible to bring joy and smiles to these children this festive season. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season!







## Sinombulelo ECD Centre's Growth and Achievements

We are thrilled to share the exciting progress at our Sinombulelo ECD Centre this year. In September, the centre was officially registered and received a 2-year partial certificate, paving the way for us to apply for government funding. By the end of November, the funding was approved, enabling us to expand our enrolment to 61 children for 2025. We also plan to provide additional support staff. To top off an incredible year, we held our very first Graduation for the children, a milestone we look forward to repeating in the future. A heartfelt thank you to our donors and supporters, including Audrey Kritzinger (for the graduation gowns) and WCED, for making this all possible!





## Dare Campaign Event: Breaking the Cycle

During the 16 Days of Activism, we launched a Dare Campaign event under the theme Breaking the Cycle and Cultural Norms, this was hosted on the on the 29th of November 2024. 37 boys participated, receiving powerful messages on manhood, non-violence, and health from our inspiring male speakers: Pastor Demist (VGK Church), Ryan (Community-based Carer), Jan Juhn (Sector Commander, SAPS), Peejay Harmse (SAHARA), Curtley Africa (SAHARA), and Jonathan (Athletics SA Coach). The boys engaged in meaningful discussions, asked questions, and left the event with a small gift and refreshments. A big thank you to our donors and supporters, including the Department of Social Development, and Tekkie Town Battle of the Brands for making this event possible.



## Dignity Campaign for Girls

On November 1st, we launched our Dignity Campaign for girls, aimed at raising awareness about teenage pregnancy, family planning, abstinence, and sex education. 37 girls attended the session, where they learned about important topics such as personal hygiene, body awareness, and healthy choices for their future. We are grateful to our guest speakers—BADISA, FAMSA, Acts4Children, and SAHARA—for joining our staff in facilitating these important discussions. A special thank you to the Department of Social Development and Tekkie Town Battle of the brands for sponsoring the event and supporting this valuable initiative.





## Volunteer Appreciation Tea

On October 3rd, we hosted a special afternoon appreciation tea for our volunteers. Many of our volunteers had the opportunity to visit our facilities for the first time, meet other volunteers, connect with staff, and learn more about the diverse activities of Seven Passes Initiative. The event also provided a platform for discussing ways to improve our programs and enhance volunteer coordination. We deeply value your contributions and appreciate all the insights shared. If you're interested in volunteering with us next year, please reach out early in the new year—together, you have shown us that we can make a lasting impact in our community.



## Tekkie Town Battle of the Brands Sponsorship

We are thrilled to announce a generous sponsorship of R50,000 from Tekkie Town's Battle of the Brands, which we received on September 19th, 2024. This sponsorship has been vital in covering costs of our recent campaigns and programme activities. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support and look forward to strengthening our partnership as we move into the new year. Thank you, Tekkie Town, Converse, Umbro and Klevas for being a key part of our journey!





## Staff Development: Team building

As part of our staff development and enrichment, we hosted a team-building session on October 5th, open to all staff members. Led by two of our dedicated volunteers, Melanie Groves facilitated engaging team-building activities through drumming and music, while Nikki Jackman explored the psychosocial aspect, teaching emotional regulation techniques to address conflicts. Both facilitators emphasized the importance of teamwork and unity, fostering growth within our staff and strengthening our collaborative efforts.



## Garden Project: A story of planting and harvesting

We are grateful to the Rotary Club for their generous donation of garden tools. Throughout the year, our educational mentor has been facilitating the garden work, with Grade 5 learners actively involved. While we faced a setback when baboons harvested our carrots, our onions have flourished and are now being used in our aftercare meals. We're not discouraged and are determined to find solutions and continue planting. You can support us by donating seeds or volunteering your time to help make our garden even more fruitful.





## A night of a 1000 Drawings Fundraiser

On October 18th, we were featured in the Wilderness Arts Festival's Night of a 1000 Drawings, organized by the Wilderness Arts Association. We contributed doodles and drawings, which were sold for R100 each, raising over R36,000 in proceeds. These funds were generously donated to Seven Passes Initiative. A heartfelt thank you to the Garden Route community for their support and to the Wilderness Arts Association for this wonderful partnership in fundraising.



## Board Role Orientation Training

On September 18th, we hosted a role orientation training for our newly elected board members. The entire board participated, providing us with a valuable opportunity to reflect on the board's current functioning, identified gaps, and discussed steps to improve its effectiveness in the upcoming year. With recent resignations of some of the board members roles, the board also recruited 2 more board members Mr Odendaal Esterhuyse and Miss Nthabiseng Lethoko. We are in the process of finalizing the recruitment of a treasurer- a critical role on the board. We're excited for the future and the continued growth of our board!



## Partnering for Education

We are excited to share that during this period, we partnered with UNISA to assist learners interested in enrolling for 2025. A workshop session was held at Seven Passes Initiative on September 20th, featuring a briefing session and application support for various programs. A huge thank you to UNISA for helping bridge the gap between communities and institutions of higher learning, making education more accessible to all.



## Another Successful Annual Golf Day Fundraiser for Seven Passes Initiative

We are proud to announce the success of our annual Golf Day, held on November 7th at the George Golf Club. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters, we raised an incredible R160,000 for Seven Passes Initiative. Your contributions help us continue our work and make a positive impact in the community.

We are also pleased to announce the winners: Winners: S Barnard & A Nelon – 50 points, Runners-Up: Jacques & Johan – 47 points, 3rd: Werner Pons & Daan Loock – 44 points, 4th: F du Plessis & Pieter – 43 points, 5th: Morne Gericke & Kobus van den Berg – 43 points c/o, 6th: Willem Luttig & Ian de Swardt – 42 points, 7th: Eduard van Greunen & Andre Grobbelaar – 42 points c/o, 8th: Werner Kemp & Coenie de Swardt – 41 points

We are also deeply grateful to all our supporters, including Peter Leppan, Mark Rubin, Herman, Johan and Linda Potgieter and all our sponsors whose names are listed at the end of this publication. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event!



## 5km Colour Run: A Fun Finale to Our December Holiday Programme

Our aftercare team organized an exciting 5km Colour Run, starting from our offices and finishing at Westwood. Over 40 teens participated in this vibrant and fun-filled event, which also served as a fantastic fundraiser to wrap up our holiday December programme.

A big thank you to all our sponsors for their generous support – your contributions made this event possible and helped us create lasting memories for all involved!

