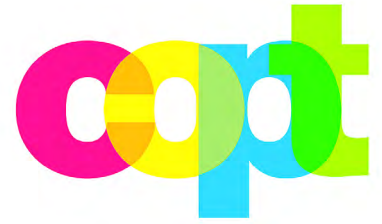


CHANGING LIVES IS LIFE CHANGING



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has once again been a privilege to be associated with the abundant and blessed work of the Community Outreach Programme Trust (COPT) over the past year. We have been richly blessed in so many ways with growth in existing projects and the commencement of many new programmes. At COPT we believe that Changing Lives is Life Changing.

As such we believe our goals are achieved when we qualitatively change the lives of both the communities our centres and programs serve and the volunteers who serve through these initiatives. This philosophy is driven through our 2020 Vision and Project which is focused on igniting new centres and projects to broaden our breadth of impact.

NEW CUDDLE TRUST FORMED

It was consequently most fulfilling for COPT to give birth to the formation of a new focused Charity, CUDDLE Trust, over this reporting period. CUDDLE was previously one of the many programmes run as a part of COPT but with its growth and specific focus on Pre-school education, training and development it was felt that a focused Trust for CUDDLE would provide the best structure for its rapid growth. Lucas Scheepers, one of our longest standing COPT Trustees, has moved across to the new Trust to take over leadership at CUDDLE. The two charities will have a close relationship supporting each other where appropriate.

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Over this year it has been especially pleasing to see the growth in programmes and activities at our Centres in Clermont and Lamontville. New Programmes such as "Learn to Earn" and "Breakfast Club" which you can read about in more detail in the report,

have been very successful in impacting the communities in the areas where it is most needed.

Our three Creche's support over 120 children with essential pre-school education and through our Donors also provide essential daily nutrition through various feeding scheme programmes.

It was most exciting to finally see the completion of the Physiotherapy and OT rooms at the Mason Lincoln school after all the efforts and personal fundraising drives held by previous volunteers from the UK. Even more pleasing was the arrival of a qualified Physiotherapist to help the many children, who in some cases had never received proper treatment before.

This report summarises many of these blessings which encourage us to keep on believing that our efforts are being blessed from above and overflowing to the communities we serve.

FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES

With the significant growth of projects and programmes COPT is consistently under funding pressure. We would have it no other way as we seek to make the biggest impact possible. However over recent years some of our longest standing donors have not been able to maintain the same level of donations and the Trust was placed under pressure to expand its donor base.

A series of initiatives were launched to attract new donors with an emphasis to broaden the overall donor base. We have thankfully enjoyed some early success through this but have a long way to go.

NEW WEBSITE

One of the strategies implemented was the development and completion of our new COPT website. This has helped us consolidate our existing projects and activities which in turn helps us plan for

future projects.

The new website has also helped us provide leverage in order to generate small monthly donations from many of our previous volunteers as well as the local and foreign donors who are supportive of the work we do.

TRUSTEES

Over the past year we have had changes to the Board of Trustees. We were sorry to lose the services of Phinda Cele, Stephen Blewett and Yvette van Rooyen as trustees, but were please to welcome on the board, Funo Gumede, Prashini Moodley and Matthew Blewett, and appreciate the contributions they have already made. Our new trustees bring with them a wealth of experience and a diversified representation of the rainbow nation that is South Africa.

FINANCES

Financial management is always one of our top priorities. As a registered NPO, our mission has never been to save money, but to spend it wisely in order to serve the poor and vulnerable with the maximum effect. Our finances are audited by a team of expert registered chartered accountants and balance sheets are available on request from any of our stakeholders.

Finally I wish to thank all the Donors, Volunteers, Employees and my fellow Trustees for their contributions in helping us Change Lives.

It certainly is Life Changing.

Barry van Heerden
Chairman
COPT Trustees



OUR 4 GOOD NEWS COMMUNITY CENTRES SUC- CEED IN HELPING THE POOR

COPT has 4 Good News Centres in KZN and one in the Eastern Cape. These centres are situated in areas where poverty, unemployment, domestic violence, substance abuse and high rate of teen age pregnancies are only a few of the challenges the community faces. It is here that COPT seeks to build positive relationships with the community making a difference in their lives.



With the completion of the Occupational Therapy room at the Mason Lincoln School for physically challenged children, COPT volunteers offer creative OT classes twice a week.



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THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM OUR LEARN TO EARN PROGRAMME

The LEARN TO EARN project was started late last year. This project aims to drive home the concept that education is important and contributes to earning a living. Children have the opportunity to earn points by attending functions, extension classes, seminars, improving

their subject marks, read books from the library, do random acts of kindness and community work. With these points they can come and shop at the LEARN TO EARN shop. The shop is stocked with food and toiletries, clothes and a few toys. Next year we are hoping to introduce stationery and school uniform vouchers. The children show a sense of pride when they walk home with an armful of groceries bought for the family by their hard earned points.



IMPACT

SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES

BREAKFAST CLUB provides breakfast three times a week for school children in the Clermont community. Children arrive as early as 6:30am at the Good News Centre for a bowl of cereal, a glass of milk and a piece of fruit to take to school.

ENGLISH EXTENSION CLASSES are offered at our Good News Centres every week.

HOLIDAY CLUBS are offered at 3 of our Good News Centres at the end of each school term.

GOGO'S TEAS are served to our aged in our poor communities. We also run knitting, sewing and cooking classes in order to up-skill the community. **FOOD PARCELS** are distributed to those in need.

KNITTING



SEWING



COOKING



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90

CHILDREN SERVED BREAKFAST PER WEEK

80

PACKS OF SCHOOL STATIONERY SUPPLIED



4000

MEALS SERVED AT SOUP KITCHEN

45

ADULTS MASTERED A NEW SKILL

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NEW HOMES BUILT IN COMMUNITY



150

CHILDREN REGISTERED ON PROGRAM

200

ENGLISH AND MATHS EXTENSION CLASSES

120

CRÈCHE CHILDREN SUPPORTED AND EDUCATED



200

MEALS PER DAY SERVED AT 4 DIFFERENT CRECHES

35

CHILDREN OFFERED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

CLASSES PER WEEK



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YOUTH UPLIFTMENT

CAREER DAY

Matrics from the communities that COPT are involved in attended a career day hosted by Whizzkids United. This was followed by workshops helping matric student with their choice of study and making them aware of funding availability.

We offer **SOCCER PROGRAMS** at our various Good News Centres. The program uses the game of soccer to teach valuable life skills.

TEENAGE SEX AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

Focus on The Family ran seminars for young adult boys and girls. The sessions were well supported and proved helpful to those attending. COPT plans to host more sessions focusing on challenges our youth face.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Music dance and rhythm classes are well attended by the youth. The classes offer an opportunity to use their talents and skills in a constructive manner making them feel positive about themselves.



I – STUDENT

A number of COPT youth attended sessions at I Student training college. The college exposed them to all types of work and careers relating to IT. 5 students will be given the opportunity to do their *ICDL.

**International computer driving licence*

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

COPT supports two schools situated close to our community centres. Etuthukweni Primary School in Lamontville and Christianenburg Primary School in Clermont. COPT offers Grade R themed activities, Grade 1 English Extension classes and Grade 2 maths classes twice weekly. COPT runs an after school program for orphaned children where

soccer and a craft activity is on offer.

COPT also supports and donates food to orphans of Christianenburg Primary School, providing them with a meal before they return home for the day.

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FEEDING SCHEMES

COPT has supported the Kwadebeka Clinic in the Clermont community for over seven years. Every Thursday morning nutritious soup, sandwiches and a piece of fruit is handed out to patients sitting in the queues.

Wednesday mornings COPT volunteers serve tea to Gogos at the Marianhill Good News Centre. The Gogos are supported on a monthly basis with food parcels.

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During school holidays COPT organises holiday clubs at the Good News centres. These clubs aim to entertain and feed the children in the community during the holidays when they are not being fed at school.





COPT organised and sponsored a number of outings for the crèches this year. The beach and a visit to Ushaka marine world was a highlight.

COPT CRÈCHES

COPT supports and runs 4 creches. Marianhill, Margate, Lamontville Good News Crèches in KZN and Candu Good News Crèche in the Eastern Cape. These creches have grown from strength to strength over the years. Initial staff employed from the community are now fully qualified ECD teachers.

The schools have reputations to being places where children are offered a safe and stimulating environment while parents are given an opportunity to find employment to support their families. Indoor and outdoor activities are offered by COPT volunteers on a weekly basis.



Meal a Day sponsors breakfast and lunch at the crèches.



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COMPANY INVOLVEMENT

Deloitte supported COPT with two projects this year. Deloitte supported Madiba Day by stocking up the learn to earn shop. They also supplied towels and toiletries to the crèche children in the Lamontville Good News Crèche.

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IMPACT 09

Deloitte hosted an Impact day at Entuthukweni Primary School. Deloitte helped with general maintenance around the school and stocked the new educational room with stationery and furniture. The children were treated to an inflatable gladiator obstacle course.

Business Connexion hosted and sponsored a meal at the Mason Lincoln school for physically challenged children. 300 learners were served a hot delicious sit down lunch with desert and cool drink

Style Me hosted an event donating clothes to COPT to use in the communities to enable business opportunities.



500+ ADULTS AND YOUTH ATTENDED SEMINARS
HELPING THEM MORALLY AND SPIRITUALLY



330 GIFT PACKS HANDED OUT FOR CHRISTMAS



>> MUSIC APPRECIATION LESSONS
OFFERED WEEKLY AT COMMUNITY CENTRES



>> COPT USES THE GAME OF SOCCER
TO TEACH LIFE SKILLS

BEFORE



AFTER



NEW OT ROOM

COPT erected and equipped the Mason Lincoln School for special needs children in Umlazi with a functioning Occupational Therapy Room. COPT representatives visit the school twice a week offering OT classes to the junior phase of the school.



EDUCATION ROOM UPGRADE

A delapidated hall was offered to COPT to create a space for COPT representatives to offer education to the junior grades of Entuthukweni School in Lamontville. COPT representatives visit the school twice a week offering Grade R activities, English extension classes to Grade 1 and Maths extension to Grade 2.



NEW PHYSIO ROOM

A Physio Therapy room was erected and equipped to offer Physio Therapy to students of the Mason Lincoln school for special needs. Where once no physio therapy was offered 2 Physio Therapist appointed by the educational department offer the much needed therapy on a daily basis.

BEFORE

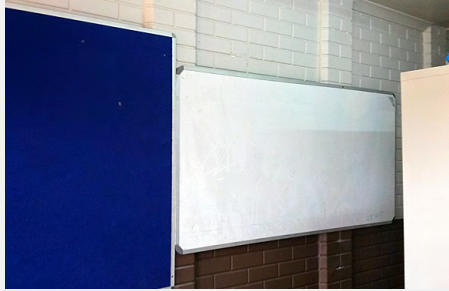


AFTER



NEW LIBRARY

A second hand container has been converted into a workable library at the Lamontville Good News Community Centre. The library has a range of study guides for the various grades to utilise. A computer connected to the internet is also available for project research.



CLASSROOM FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED UPGRADE

COPT volunteers remodelled a class room used for visually impaired children at the Mason Lincoln School in Umlazi. Colourful educational material suitable for visually impaired students was bought and made to make learning more interactive and enjoyable.

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2 NEW HOMES

COPT provided funds to build two new homes in the Lamontville community. Both homes were destroyed by fire in separate incidences. The homes belonged to youth that have supported the Lamontville Good News centre activities for a number of years. Their families were very appreciative.



KID'S CLINIC UPGRADE

Clairwood Hospital Children's clinic walls were decorated with colourful and cheerful murals.

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THANKS TO OUR DONORS

The Trustees of COPT would like to thank all our donors for their generous donations. Without these donations and your continual support many of these projects would not have been possible.

COPT would also like to thank volunteers from South Africa and all over the world that have assisted with the projects. Your work and support is invaluable to us.

COPT acknowledges and gives thanks to our Heavenly Father for his continual guidance and presence in all the work that we do.

DONATIONS



- PRIVATE
- WCF
- MEAL A DAY UK
- MEAL A DAY USA
- CORPORATE & PRIVATE

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***Aids-orphan carers also need to be cared for.**

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*The grandmas look after the children whose parents have died from AIDS

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SMALL DONATIONS AD CAMPAIGN

We created a social media ad campaign aimed at the local, national and international communities to persuade them to donate small amounts of money on a regular basis. These funds have helped us provide regular assistance to those that are unemployed, widowed or orphaned.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Community Outreach Program Trust (COPT) is a faith based Non-Profit Organization (NPO) that provides an opportunity for Businesses and ordinary South Africans to make a lasting and meaningful difference to the lives of their fellow citizens. Whatever our status, our creed, our race, we are compelled to do what we can to help the most vulnerable and disadvantaged of our people.

Ours is not to solve but to resolve to make a difference, because ...

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We could help them with blankets, food & clothing ... but not their homes.

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