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## Starting Chance – Donor Report

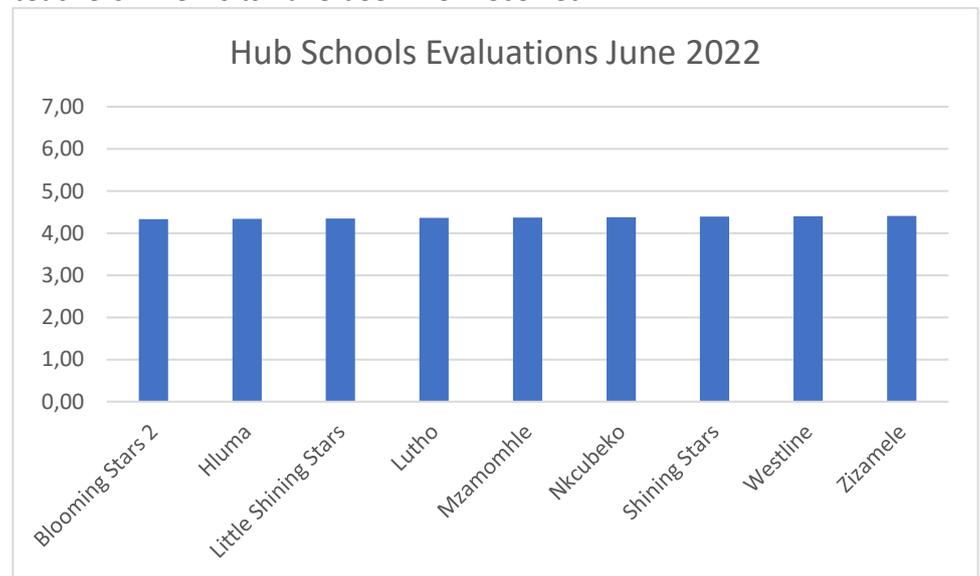
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### Executive summary and comments

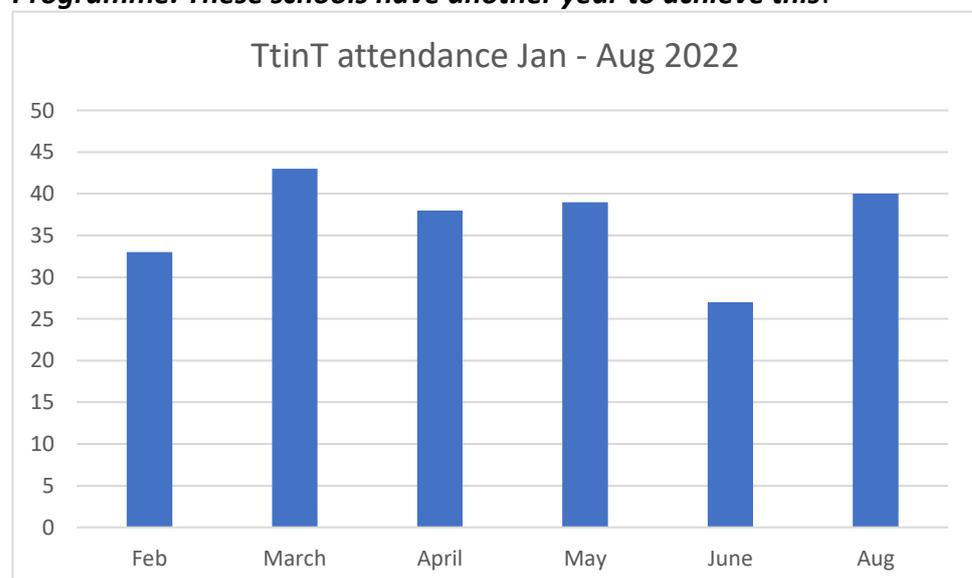
<b>A general summary of the third quarter</b>	<p>Starting Chance has continued to progress in a positive and productive way since our last report (Annual Report July 2022). The Training and Development team have reported good progress in all the schools except for two. The two schools that are lagging have specific reasons and we are helping to address these.</p> <p>Thanks to the amazing support from our Starting Chance family of supporters we have continued and extended our work in all areas.</p> <p>Our Alumni team have been very productive. They have run 2 parents’ workshops, including one on literacy. We were excited to have guest speakers and excellent donations of books so that every child received 3 books to own – many for the first time. The mentorship programme has been very successful.</p> <p>We are excited that our Tech programme has restarted and children in the alumni schools are enjoying tablet fun.</p> <p>The shack to chic review has been completed for this year and we are in the process of scoping, costing, and raising funds to conduct some rebuilds and refurbishments. Due to the change of responsibility from the Department of Social Development to Basic Education, Educare principals have been given 2 years to register their schools and meet the basic requirements or possibly face closure - so the clock is ticking.</p>
<b>Details of Training and Development activities.</b>	<p><b>Training and Development 2022:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The hub programme is showing pleasing results with our hub schools. The teachers are implementing what they have learned from attending TTinT and resource training. The result of this is evident in the children’s assessments. The programme includes site visits, resource training and monthly “shop” visits.</li> <li>2. Our PDP programme has resulted in pleasing progress in the principal’s leadership skills and their approach to their staff and their schools. The 2 PDP workshops were well attended. We were fortunate to have a guest speaker, Joanne Millar, to present a practical workshop on finance and this was very well received. The introduction of the principal’s “shop” has been a great innovation and highly productive. The third workshop will take place on 22 September and will cover “Building a good team” – why and how.</li> <li>3. We have conducted 6 workshops so far in 2022 covering an array of topics related to our CALM programme. These have been well attended (40 teachers on average per workshop) and the fieldworkers are seeing evidence of CALM being implemented in the classrooms.</li> </ol>

Graphs showing mid-year results for hub and TTinT attendance

4. The Alumni team has planned and delivered 2 parent workshops in 2022. A third workshop will take place in September. These have been very well attended (an average of 85 parents per workshop). The parents have received resource packs at each workshop.
5. Mzamomhle has continued to thrive, and the school is full. Lonwabo has recovered from the effect of the fire, the classroom that was burned has been rebuilt and the school is operating almost at full capacity. The training programme for Lonwabo has progressed and we are beginning to see stabilisation in the school and the staff.
6. Our Alumni mentor team underwent training in January and February and the team continues to visit the TTinT schools monthly. With the support of our fieldworkers and our Education advisor, Belinda Inglis, the mentors are growing in confidence. This is a very exciting development. The mentors support the principals in the TTinT schools and help the teachers. The visits have been well received.



**Schools are required to attain a score of 5 or more to move into the Alumni Programme. These schools have another year to achieve this.**



**Attendance for TTinT 2022. Dip in numbers in June due to winter weather and parents going to the Eastern Cape.**

<p><b>Update on shack to chic builds</b></p>	<p><b>Shack to chic 2022:</b></p> <p><b>Lonwabo Special Care Centre:</b></p> <p>The classroom that was burnt is now in full operation. The Special Needs Training Programme has been implemented and the number of children continues to increase. We are still not able to stop night-time and weekend security which is an ongoing drain on our financial resources.</p> <p>There have been delays in the registration of the school due to inspectors demanding different things, but this should be successfully concluded shortly.</p> <p><b>Mzamomhle Educare Centre:</b></p> <p>Mzamomhle continues to thrive. It is full. Its registration is complete.</p> <p><b>What next?</b></p> <p><b>All building was put on hold until issues rumoured to relate to the Lonwabo attack were resolved. We are continuing to work on this, and we do now have more clarity on the background to the attacks. It remains our intention to complete the following two projects once we can be assured of their safety.</b></p> <p><b>Erf 11410 Phase 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments required for planning approval are being handled;</li> <li>• Approval has been made conditional on payment of Development Charges, which we have been notified is R1Million – we are in the process of appealing;</li> <li>• Meetings with stakeholders are being scheduled prior to planning approval being finalised;</li> <li>• <b>Funds need to be raised before commencement can be considered – currently donations and pledges amount to about R750 000.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Hluma Academy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RICTS have completed the conceptual design;</li> <li>• <b>The principal is confirming the validity of her long-term lease</b></li> <li>• We hope to submit plans for this educare for 180 to 220 children</li> <li>• <b>Funds will need to be raised before commencement can be considered.</b></li> </ul> <p>Several smaller scale Shack to Chic projects have been scoped and costing is currently being finalised.</p>
<p><b>Achievements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An excellent Mandela Day Campaign which helped to increase our focus on literacy</li> <li>• The Training and Development programme has seen very good results in the mid-year assessments with most schools improving with their implementation of learning in the classrooms.</li> <li>• Funds were raised to continue with the training and development</li> <li>• New funders have come alongside SC and we are very grateful</li> <li>• Our Alumni Mentor Programme has been well received and is operating in the schools</li> <li>• Our Alumni Committee has successfully run 2 Parent Workshops in 2022 in conjunction with our SC Education team</li> <li>• Our Tech programme has restarted.</li> </ul>

<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to support a Training and Development Manager</li> <li>• Community engagement to try and understand the arson attack on Lonwabo</li> <li>• Fundraising to ensure we can deliver Phase 2 of the Campus Project</li> <li>• Fundraising to raise funds for the minor shack to chic projects</li> </ul>
<b>Focus points 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Development Programme to continue to support schools in the Starting Chance Programme</li> <li>• Develop the Alumni Programme to encourage sustainability</li> <li>• Fundraise for the next 2 minor builds: Lutho Educare and Little Shining Stars</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<p>Thanks to the generosity of our Starting Chance family of supporters, we had a very successful Mandela Day/Month campaign. We raised over R400k as well as 4800 books, all of which will go towards improving literacy and language for the approximately 1650 children we support.</p> <p>Every child will now be taking 3 books home with them to start building their own library at home. In addition, we will be stocking up all 30 book nooks at our schools, running our parent and teacher workshops, and stocking up our resource centre too.</p> <p>A special thank you to Bargain Books for their in-house matching campaign, where R152k was raised as well as to Book Dash for their generous donation of 4500 books. The donations received far exceeded our expectations and we feel truly blessed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite a difficult economic climate Starting Chance has continued to attract funds, both from existing return donors and new donors locally and internationally</li> <li>• T &amp; D training programme - fundraising for 2023.</li> </ul>

## Finances

<b>Received:</b>	
<b>Donations</b>	Thank you for your ongoing support and donations to Starting Chance. We really appreciate your support.

## School Updates

<b>Benefiting (totals)</b>	<i>No. of schools:</i>	21
	<i>No. of children:</i>	1684
	<i>No. of teachers:</i>	108

Pictures

<p><b>Activities</b></p> <p><b>Children enjoying books from Mandela Day</b></p> <p><b>Principals workshop</b></p>	 <p><i>Each child in our programme took home 3 books to keep</i></p>	 <p><i>Principals attend a workshop on finances. They received a resource pack to support post-workshop activities.</i></p>
<p><b>Parents workshop making books</b></p>	 <p><i>Parents attend a workshop on literacy and learn how to make their own books for children.</i></p>	
<p><b>Nature and science</b></p>	 <p><i>Children enjoy experimentation as part of outdoor play</i></p>	