

## Starting Chance – Donor Report

### General details

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### Executive summary and comments

#### Executive Summary 2023

Starting Chance has had an exciting and fulfilling start to 2023. We welcomed our new fieldworker Tandeka to work with the 0 – 18 month age group. Tandeka is a Mfuleni teacher who has been the principal of one of the schools we have supported for years. She brings a beautiful vibrancy to our team and commented: "I am loving every minute of it!"



We also welcomed new schools to our programme. We now have 5 Hub plus schools, six hub schools, and 8 TTinT schools, and we continue to support 8 Alumni schools, so it is a very busy programme. There are 1715 children and 123 practitioners.

Our field workers have taken on new responsibilities. Their growth and confidence has been a joy to watch. Joyce is visiting principals and continues with her 4 – 5-year-old group. Noms has taken on the responsibilities of planning the TTinT workshops with the team whilst continuing with her mentoring of the TTinT schools and visiting the Grade R teachers. Lebo has taken on the tech role and visiting the toddler groups. Meryl Fourie and Bonita Englebrect share the role of overseeing the team

#### Details of Training and Development activities.

##### Training and Development 2023:

1. We have divided our Hub programme into Hub plus schools and Hub schools. The hub plus schools have shown significant progress and are taking on additional responsibilities this year to support and mentor new TTinT schools that have entered the programme.
2. Our first PDP workshop took place in March. Dr Siya Mkabile and his colleague presented on children with special needs and how to support them and their parents. It was a wonderful workshop with much interaction and discussion. It highlights the need to support our schools in this area, and we look forward to further interaction with Siya and his team throughout the year. 22 principals attended the workshop.
3. Our TTinT programme has been very active. We have presented 2 TTinT workshops, one on curriculum and one on language

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|                                       | <p>development through storytelling. 54 and 47 practitioners attended, respectively. Language to develop reasoning will be an ongoing topic this year and will be the focus of our Mandela Day campaign in July.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Site visits and resource training have continued throughout the term, highlighting the need to implement the learning that has taken place through the workshops.</li> <li>5. Our special needs programme has started at Lonwabo and progress has been made. The new sensory equipment has been installed, and the children love exploring and discovering exciting sensory experiences.</li> <li>6. The Alumni team is in the process of planning and delivering the first parent workshop in April. The mentoring team has begun the visits to the new Tint schools.</li> <li>7. The first round of children’s assessments have been conducted by our fieldworker team.</li> </ol>   |
| <p>Update on shack to chic builds</p> | <p><b>Shack to chic 2023:</b><br/>We are progressing with the Shack to Chic projects but challenges beyond our control are hindering progress – we keep pressing forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lutho Educare</b> has been extensively upgraded. The roof has been replaced and the entire facility has been renovated. Attempts to improve lighting of the “garage” classroom have been thwarted due to the refusal of suppliers to work in Mfuleni. We are seeking a local solution.</li> <li>• <b>Zusakhe Educare</b> has been renovated by another NPO. The house and educare have been replaced with structures which do not meet the planning requirements. Unfortunately, we were not consulted by the principal or the other NPO. Consequently, we are unable to assist further as changes have been made off plan and without prior approval and this is too difficult to resolve.</li> <li>• <b>Qingqa</b> upgrades to electrics and plumbing have been completed. Plans are submission-ready but the City planning system has been down which has caused a delay.</li> <li>• <b>Little Shining Stars Educare</b> plans are complete and are submission ready. Submission has been delayed because City has not provided the Title Deed to the principal. We are busy chasing up.<br/>The construction contractor has agreed to freeze the cost once the deposit is paid. The overall cost is now estimated at R845 000 – we currently have R345 000 towards the project.</li> <li>• <b>Shining Stars Educare</b> – progress has been slow because the attorney who agreed to assist in finding a suitable property to purchase has been completely unresponsive. We are actively seeking an alternative.</li> <li>• <b>Hluma Academy</b> has been told they will receive a long-term lease for erf 11448 in Minister Street. Quotations for the conceptual design have been requested. The new centre for about 200 children is likely to come in for</li> </ul> |

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|                                 | <p>R4.2 to R4.5million – we are now starting to seek funding for this project. Plans will be completed as soon as the lease has been issued. In the meantime, Starting Chance has installed a jungle gym at the shack facility to improve the outdoor play area.</p> <p><b>Outdoor play areas</b> are a vital component of any school. They are my favourite spaces to visit at play time, full of energy, fun and excitement. These spaces are one of our biggest challenges. We have tried various synthetic grass options – but we have yet to find one that lasts. The solution appears to be to use green rubber. The rubberised surfaces handle the high impact use better, and still provide a good surface for ball sport such as KFC mini-cricket, which is hugely popular with boys and girls alike. We will need support to refurbish the existing play areas at Mzamomhle and Blooming Stars. Emmanuel was upgraded last year.</p> |
| <p><b>Achievements</b></p>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our new fieldworker has settled in well and is making an impact.</li> <li>• Our new schools are showing progress.</li> <li>• The Training and Development programme is well underway for 2023.</li> <li>• Our Alumni Mentor Programme has been well received and operates in the schools. We are excited to have 2 new mentors from our Hub plus schools.</li> <li>• We have made some progress with Shack to chic upgrades</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Challenges</b></p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to support a Training and Development Manager</li> <li>• Fundraising to raise funds for the minor shack to chic projects</li> <li>• Security in the township continues to be a challenge. We are still providing security at Lonwabo.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Focus points 2023</b></p> | <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 5 minor builds</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Fundraising</b></p>       | <p>Thanks to the generosity of our Starting Chance family of supporters, we have had some donations in the first quarter of 2023.</p> <p>We will focus on our Mandela Campaign for July 2023. This year we will raise funds to develop language to develop reasoning resources across all our schools.</p> <p>In terms of Shack to Chic project funding we are delighted that Stichting Mzamomhle and Wilde Ganzen will be donating R500 000 to enable us to deliver Little Shining Stars their new classroom facility. Thank you!</p> <p>We will be going out for quotations for the Qingqa build in the coming quarter and we also hope to locate suitable properties for Shining Stars in the coming months.</p>  |

We currently have approximately R230 000 towards each of these projects. We are likely to need to raise another R1million to R1.5million in total to deliver the remaining smaller 2024 vision projects.

The Hluma Academy project will be a large-scale construction project. We currently estimate that we need to raise a further R4.5 million. to complete this project. Given the continuing land invasions we hope to be able to start this project as quickly as possible to secure the land as this school is much needed in this part of Mfuleni.

## Finances

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| Received: |   |
| Donations | Thank you for your ongoing support and donations to Starting Chance. We really appreciate your support. |

## School Updates

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| Benefiting<br>(totals) | <i>No. of schools:</i>  | 26   |
|                        | <i>No. of children:</i> | 1715 |
|                        | <i>No. of teachers:</i> | 123  |

## Pictures

### Activities

Workshops to promote language to develop reasoning

*Teachers attending the TTinT workshop on storytelling to develop language.*



*Dr Siya Mkabile (UCT professor) presenting a workshop on Special Needs children and support for their parents and teachers.*



PDP workshop on special needs



*22 principals attending the first PDP workshop on Special Needs.*

Shack to Chic  
Outdoor play  
just got  
better at  
Hluma



The ongoing  
challenge of  
finding a  
lasting  
solution to  
green  
outdoor play  
areas.



*.This is Mzamomhle's synthetic grass – threadbare after a year and a half. The Blooming Stars synthetic grass is in a similar state and needs replacement.*