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Starting Chance – Donor Report

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Executive summary and comments

General summary of first quarter	<p>From September to November 2021, it has been a very busy time for Starting Chance. The training and development programme has been completed for the year. We have completed the final M & E reports.</p> <p>Three of our schools have closed due to personal problems and some due to lack of children – it is uncertain if they will reopen.</p> <p>The fieldworker site visits to all schools in the SC programme have been completed as the schools prepare for their end of year graduations.</p> <p>The Alumni committee has met regularly and is making good progress with planning for 2022. They worked as a team during our openings for the 2 new schools and it was wonderful to see the team spirit.</p> <p>Starting Chance completed both builds and both schools were opened in October. There has been some successful fundraising.</p> <p>Land grabs, service protests and crime around the Mfuleni area have continued to be problematic.</p>
Details of activities (training, workshops), special projects, fundraising, etc.	<p>Training and Development 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The new framework that was put in place for 2021 has been successful. We will introduce 8 schools to the “hub” programme in 2022. This is based on results from site visits and participation in the workshops. 2. Our PDP programme has proved to be very popular and useful. The principals have enjoyed the contact and mentorship offered through our education coordinator. The Alumni principals have been excellent in their support in the workshops. In September we covered the basis of good governance with the principals. 3. Our TTinT programme has been successful with good attendance. We have linked the TTinT workshops to the CALM material and this has worked well. During September and October, we returned to big group training. In November we held our awards function. 4. Parent workshops and tech training will hopefully resume in 2022, funds permitting. 5. Due to donations from 2 schools that have closed, we have been able to support our under-resourced schools with furniture and educational games and toys. This has been very helpful 6. Unfortunately, due to COVID some of our schools have struggled with numbers of children attending school and this has subjected them to

Summary

Update on shack to chic builds

financial pressure. This has shown in children’s assessments. Many of the children assessed in April were not in the schools in November.

Shack to chic 2021:

Lonwabo Special Care Centre:

On 9th October 2021, we opened Lonwabo! It was a milestone event in the life of Starting Chance and Thandeka Mfila (Principal of Lonwabo).

Although we have experienced immense challenges and there have been numerous setbacks, it was a wonderful event. To see the looks on the children’s faces and their elation for the parents and staff, it was all worthwhile.

Unfortunately, we are well over budget. This is due to:

- 24 Hour security on site since September 2020 to avoid losing the land due to land grabs
- Penalties placed on SC due to the delay in transfer of land from City Of Cape Town due to COVID
- High costs for the connections of electricity and water
- Special requirements for the outdoor play equipment in the form of unusually thick rubber matting to meet manufacturer fall height safety specifications.

Where appropriate, some of the above costs have been carried forward as pre-expenditures in to Phase 2 of the erf 11410 campus project.

Thank you to each person, organisation and NPO who supported this project. We have been truly humbled by the support we have been given.

Mzamomhle Educare:

On 11th October 2021, we opened Mzamomhle Educare. It was a milestone in the life of Starting Chance and Jama Gada (Principal of Lonwabo).

It was a splendid event with dancing and singing and even a praise singer! The councillor spoke of trust and what it meant to the community. Jama spoke of her dream coming true and the children’s little faces beamed! To see the looks on the children’s faces and their elation for the parents and staff, it was all worthwhile.

Unfortunately, we are also over budget on this project. This is due to:

- 24 Hour security on site since January 2021 to avoid losing the land due to land grabs
- High costs for the connections of electricity and water
- Penalties may also be imposed by City of Cape Town for delays in the land purchase process due to COVID

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What next?

The completion of these projects has utilised all of the Shack to Chic capital as well as a large proportion of our other funds. Fundraising for future builds will therefore be vital if we are to continue to deliver high-quality learning environments.

	<p>Phase 2 Campus Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans have been drawn and have been submitted for planning approval • Land Use Management approval has been received and we now await approval from BDMS • Funds need to be raised before commencement can be considered. <p>Hluma Academy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussions with RICTS have taken place • Concept drawings are being created using the Mzamomhle design as the basis • We hope to submit plans for this educare for 180 to 220 children • Funds need to be raised before commencement can be considered.
<p>Achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both builds (representing the largest capital project spend undertaken by Starting Chance to date) have successfully been completed despite huge challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic • The training and Development programme continued throughout the year • Funds were raised to continue with the training and development and to see the two builds to completion • New partnerships are in place with RICTS, our preferred construction supplier and with Mustek Electronics who will be supplying IT equipment and possible training • Our new PDP programme has been well received • Our Alumni programme has started well and has been very well received.
<p>Challenges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to support a Training and Development Manager • Increasing our fundraising base to ensure we can keep our team on full salaries through the next academic year • Fundraising to ensure we can deliver Phase 2 of the Campus Project • Fundraising to raise funds for Hluma Academy
<p>Focus points 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Development Programme to continue to support schools in the Starting Chance Programme • Develop the Alumni Programme to encourage sustainability • Restart the parent programme • Covid-permitting reintroduce computer training • Conclude discussions with Cornerstone University to accredit the Starting Chance CALM training and development programme • Fundraise for the next 2 builds: Phase 2 Campus Project and Hluma Academy <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite a difficult economic climate Starting Chance has continued to attract funds, both from existing return donors and new donors locally and internationally • Shack to Chic funding will need to be raised to build: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ECD facility forming Phase 2 of the Erf 11410 Campus; ○ A new facility for Likonaitheмба Educare/Hluma Academy on approx. 900m² of land leased by the principal from City of Cape Town. This new long-term lease agreement has recently been finalised. The construction of a school for 180 to 220 children is likely to be possible.

	<p>Subject to funding availability it should be possible to use a similar approach to Blooming Stars to fast-track this build under the City of Cape Town’s Property Management lease agreement, rather than having to first acquire the land under a purchase agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T & D training programme - fundraising for 2022. • “Giving Tuesday” on the global giving platform will take place in November
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Finances

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

School Updates

Benefiting (totals)	<i>No. of schools:</i>	30
	<i>No. of children:</i>	1598
	<i>No. of teachers:</i>	133

Pictures

Activities/ Mzamomhle Educare Centre Build	 <p>The new Mzamomhle Educare Centre</p>	 <p>Jama enjoying the moment</p>
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Erf 11410
Lonwabo
Special
Needs Centre
Build



Testing the “Group Swing”



Thandeka: a milestone moment

Children’s
assessments
2021 & TTinT
attendance

Grade R	Fall Out children	Improved?
Little Angels	0%	100%
Bavuyise ECD	0%	100%
LINGOMSO ECD	40%	100%
Annie DayCare	20%	100%
Qingqamntwana ECD	80%	100%
LUTHO ECD	20%	100%

Grade 4-5	Fall Out children	Improved?
Zusakhe	33%	100%
Westiline	20%	100%
Phakamani	40%	100%
Little Shining Stars	20%	100%
Cebolethu	0%	100%
Ahlume	40%	100%

TTinT attendance 2021

