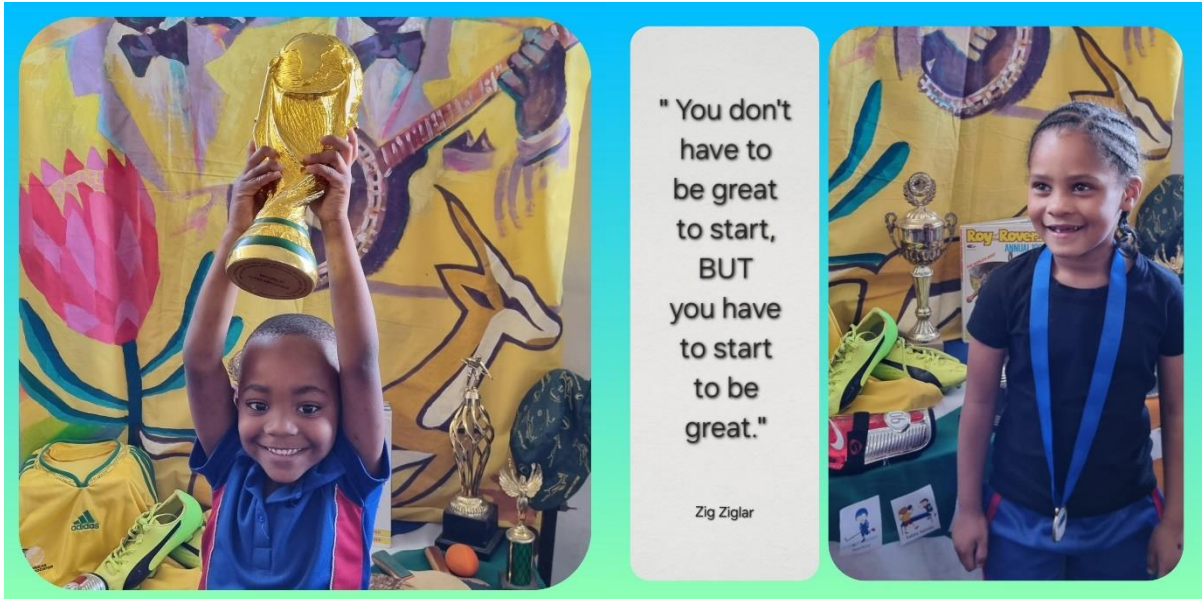


Heaven-on-Earth Project (HOEP)

Report to our sponsors and friends



Achievement of goals



Our HOEP-team is on the home stretch, running to cross the finish line with 2,662 young learners and their educators! To God be the glory for a wonderful 2024-race.

168 Educators were empowered

Bottom: Educators across the Western Cape passionately teaching and applying their knowledge!



Our team of six quality coordinators (see photo of the HOEP-team on page 11), took each educator by the hand and guided them on a weekly basis to confidently present the remedial intervention work for the following week in their own classes. A huge amount of empowerment occurred weekly in this way.

2,662 Young learners from 106 early childhood development centres and schools received quality remedial intervention this year

Bottom: Learners enjoy the different perceptual activities and learn to work on concrete, semi-abstract and abstract levels. It is wonderful to see how the learners grow and get ready to prosper in their grade 1 year!



Bottom: Mathematical activities were once again presented in fun ways. During the learning of mathematical concepts such as heaviest/lightest, the parents were also involved to help with making scales!



Bottom left: It is heartwarming to see how the educators stimulate higher-level mathematical thinking in the learners by guiding them to calculate answers to questions

such as: "I have 3 lions in one game camp. How many wild animals should I put in the other camp to have 7 animals in total?"

Bottom right: The grade R learners also excelled in the 12 high frequency sounds introduced to them. A solid foundation for future reading and writing was established.



Left: The educators surprised us week after week with their lovely and educational theme tables!

The learners were inquisitive about the objects on these tables and the theme discussions led to interesting journeys of discovery!

Monitoring

Class visits were conducted throughout the year and were followed by complete, uplifting reports to the educators who were visited.

Assessment

Our internal assessment data of each learner on the program was punctually kept up to date and by term 3 and 4 it provided a clear indication of which learners still presented backlogs. We were able to guide the educators to provide additional assistance to those learners.

Cooperation with the Department of Education is also starting to become an achievable goal, as the first step has already been taken by HOEP! We are currently joining hands with the Department in the Overberg District to timeously provide the names of the learners with learning barriers in the Botrivier and Grabouw areas to Valenzia MacKenzie (Educational specialist and therapy coordinator). Valenzia and her team then make sure that those learners immediately receive help (in the form of occupational therapy or speech therapy) in grade 1. Exemption from school for the following year is also arranged by her team in specific cases. In this way, HOEP helps to cast a net under these learners, so that they can be identified in time and receive assistance immediately when starting their formal school careers.

Geographical areas of impact

HOEP's footprint has grown enormously, and impact is currently being made in the following 17 geographical areas in the Western Cape: Strand, Lwandle, Asanda Village, Sir Lowry's Pass, Grabouw, Botrivier, Franschhoek, Klapmuts, Raithby, Firgrove, Macassar, Eersterivier, Mfuleni, Kuils River, Delft, Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain.

Additional initiatives

Crafts for Kingdom Kids



Top: As a result of the generous support of the Frans Dreyer Charity Trust, each of the crèches on the HOEP program was able to receive a *Crafts for Kingdom Kids* book. It is so exciting to see the little folks working on the crafts and science experiments!

Bottom left: We are also very grateful that HOEP and Helderberg Outreach's Bible distribution project could join hands to donate a Bible to each of the 106 crèches in their own language (Afrikaans, English or Xhosa)! After an art and science activity from *Crafts for Kingdom Kids*, every educator can now read the scripture indicated in the Bible lesson from their school's own Bible to the learners!

Bottom right: Grazie Beets (Manager of the Bible distribution project), working together with HOEP to hand out Bibles to the crèches.



Bottom: Our team was also invited to do a book launch at Diverso.



Sunette shared the special story behind the writing of *Crafts for Kingdom Kids* with the Diverso team and then presented a team building session using one of the activities in the book. It was so refreshing to see a group of businesspeople laughing, playing and enthusiastically taking part in a crawler tractor race!

HOEP and Diverso Technology (Pty) Ltd

In our previous report, mention was made of the empowering initiative launched by Diverso to donate photocopiers to crèches on the HOEP program. Two photocopiers had been allocated at the time. This term a further four machines were delivered and installed at crèches in Franschhoek and Strand. What an absolute provision, precisely at the time when many crèches have accepted responsibility for copying their weekly HOEP activities at their own cost. Our Father's provision and timing is perfect!



Top: Great joy and excitement at Sparkles Educare and Little Butterflies Educare in Franschhoek!

Bottom: Blessing upon blessing! Sandra's Educare and Grace Academy in Strand get their own photocopying machines.



More highlights!

Collaboration with our sponsors

Bottom left: It is always a joyful highlight to take our sponsors with us to where their contributions make a difference. Here Chris Hart from the Eagles group of Erinvale Golf Club is handing out HOEP workbooks for learners under their specific sponsorship.



Top right: CS Property Group also came to show their company's care.

Toyota Knights bring joy!



Top: A day filled with sparkling eyes and big smiles at lofland and Titus Educare!

Diverso cares



Left: Diverso's Christmas function at Lekkerbekkies in Gustrouw (Strand) was more than enjoyable... In the Diverso-team's own words on Facebook:

"The children sang and danced; we cried.

They smiled and said thank you; our hearts grew.

They recited Isaiah 9:6; we were blessed."

CS Property Group brings sunrays to Sonstraaltjie ECD!

Right: On a grey, rainy day in Strand you could only see happy, sunshine little faces at this crèche!

CS Property Group's Christmas gifts made for surprise upon surprise!

Cobus Smit (CEO): **"It is out of gratitude that we do this. It makes our hearts happy if we can make other people's hearts happy."**



Cheerful givers!



HOEP is truly blessed with the "cheerful givers" that Paul speaks of in 2 Corinthians 9:7. Left: Rian Erasmus, from Waterstone Biltong Stellenbosch Square, on one of his many rounds to support Little Angels in Southfork (Strand) with porridge, milk and fruit. He also spared no expense to have the most delicious cupcakes baked for the crèche's bazaar!

Testimony

Hope is the last thing ever lost.

-Italian proverb-

HOEP is grateful to have been involved with Lofland ECD since 2019. We could see teacher June and her crèche grow over the years. This "warrior" woman is truly an inspiration... Losing hope was, and will never be, an option for her!

Below: Here she gives her testimony fearlessly and with a grateful heart during the Toyota Knights' Christmas function at her crèche.



"Lord, isn't there something more for me somewhere in life?", June Endley wondered countless times as a cleaner on the third floor of an apartment block. June knew a lot of hardship in her life, but she always kept holding on to her faith.... she always kept hoping. One day when she could no longer go on, she experienced how the Lord put it in her heart that there were many children out there who needed her care..



"I dont know how Lord, I don't have qualifications, but if it is You speaking, then please provide me with what I need to work with children", June prayed. GOD IS FAITHFUL AND HIS WORD IS TRUTH! Today June runs her own crèche, she studies, she blooms! Lofland Educare is an absolute testimony of God's care for those who put their trust completely in Him.🙏🙏🙏

HOEP Team 2024



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HOEP Leadership 2024



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Campher Serfontein: Founder, CEO and Sponsoring.

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Hein Coetzee (Top Fruit): Advisor.

Nico Esterhuyse (SASOL): Advisor.

THANK YOU to all for taking hands with HOEP



Thank you from our hearts to every sponsor, friend and prayer buddy. Together there is so much momentum and impact! We are blessed that you share our HOEP journey with us.

May the Christmas season be filled with peace, joy and lots of love for each of you.



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