MASIKHULE NEWSLETTER

Masikhule makes a positive contribution to the upliftment of communities through skills training, mentorship and capacity building in the field of Early Childhood Development.

Celebrating 2016
We are fast approaching the end of 2016 - and what a wonderful year it has been for Masikhule! Thank you to everyone who has played a role in making this possible - without your debit orders, donations, time and support we would not be able to train, mentor and help make a difference to hundreds of women and the thousands of children they teach and care for.

To celebrate the year, we recently held an End Of Year function to recognise those ECD Centres that strive for excellence in a challenging environment. The Principals and teachers who have taken all of the Masikhule training and mentorship and made it something bigger - who are shining examples to their colleagues and communities. We would like to share their achievements with you so that you can celebrate them too!

Most Promising Newcomer 2016 - awarded to Bright Future Educare (Soul Circle Trophy)

Coreen Vlok mentors Bright Future (Principal Ntombizanele Thethani), an ECD Centre in Asanda Village. She had this to say about this well-deserved award: "Ntombizanele attended the Advanced Course training in February, and from the start she showed willingness, potential and determination to implement the Theme-based Lesson Plans - a very good indication for us at Masikhule that someone means business! During each and every follow-up visit throughout 2016 she continued to show that in spite of many obstacles (some personal and some typical of the community she serves), she is able to function as a hard-working teacher and an admirable Principal to deliver a vital service to her community."

Masikhule Calendars 2017
A perfect corporate or Christmas gift for just R100. Contact lee@masikhule.org for orders.

Soul Circle
Soul Circle held a hugely successful High Tea with Suzelle DIY in October and chose Masikhule as the beneficiary. We are enormously grateful to them, their sponsors and to all the guests who attended. There were over 550 guests and all the table seating sold out in just 24 hours! We received an extremely generous donation as result of this super-fun event.
Most Promising Newcomer 2016 went to Bright Future from Asanda Village.

Best application of ECD Program 2016 - awarded to Rise and Shine Educare (Barney and Greet Jordaan Family Trophy)

This year’s recipient is Rise and Shine Educare in Asanda Village and Karen Bufé had this to say about them: “Nomthandazo and the staff have worked exceptionally hard under trying circumstances to provide a consistently sound ECD Program. The children are happy to learn in the stimulating environment that they provide. The work that has been produced and the knowledge gained in 2016 is a shining testament to the dedication of the entire team of staff.”

Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club

This year the Masikhule team assisted Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club with a number of vehicle transfers for Wines2Whales and we had loads of fun doing it. Thank you for including us in this fund-raising partnership!

JAM-SA

JAM-SA is supplying 13 of the ECD Centres we mentor with their nutritious porridge which is having a significant impact on the general health and well-being of the children. Over 550 children under the age 6 are now receiving at least one complete meal per day - just one Red Bowl of this fortified porridge provides 75% of a child’s daily macro- and micro-nutrients needs.

WITH THANKS
Best application of Business Skills 2016 - awarded to Sunshine Kiddies
(A. Shand Trophy)

Sandy Immelman presented the Business Management Course this year and was extremely impressed with the level of attendees, which made the selection for the winner of this trophy challenging. This is what she said about Janetta Brinkhuis of Sunshine Kiddies: "Janetta is a deserving winner. She was selected because of her all-round accomplishments in implementation, as well as her enthusiastic participation in the 7 module course. I wish her everything of the best for the future of her ECD Centre - she is an excellent Principal, business owner and role-model for her community."

Best Management of ECD Centre 2016 - awarded to Bridgepark Educare
(Maarten de Jong Trophy)

To the following for much-appreciated donations in kind

Thanks to Rob van Vuuren and the Coronation Methodist Disciple group for installing jungle gyms at Alice's and Playway (thanks to Tomi Miller for this donation). If anyone has one that is largely unused, please contact us and this eager team will transplant it for you.

Thanks to Biblionef South Africa for their amazingly generous donation of age-appropriate books in English, Afrikaans and iXhosa.

Fourteen ECD centers that we mentor have benefited from the very generous donation of tables and chairs from Isabelle Scotton. Thanks so much!

For ongoing support:

Active Light
Bernd Holtkamp
Mrs C. Stevens
Coronation Meth. Church
D. Coombe
Dalene de Beer
Dep. Social Development
The goals of a quality Early Learning Centre can only be attained through proper planning and effective management. The Principal of BridgePark Educare, Magdalena Booysen, accepted this prestigious award on behalf of her administrative staff and teachers. Magdalena attended the Business Management Course this year which provided her with further skills necessary to make this thriving ECD Centre’s vision a reality.

Best Management of ECD Centre 2016 was awarded to Bridgepark Educare from Macassar.

Our Early Learning Resource Library Manager, Lulu Ntulini said that she chose Wendy Matthews’ ECD Centre for this award because Wendy is always excited to visit the ELRL and collect resources. Wendy is very creative and constantly comes up with her own ideas for theme tables and makes maximum use of the library’s resources. She also shares her ideas with other teachers on the ELRL Whatsapp group.

Lulu went on to say; "I can see that her school children have fun and are excited because they are enjoying what

Best implementation of ELRL resources 2016 - awarded to Wendy’s Daycare (Des McLeod Trophy)

In Memoriam

Des and ECHO Erinvale have been appreciated supporters of Masikhule - both with financial donations, donations in kind and offering of their time and generosity. We miss you Des - Rest In Peace.
they do. Well done to Wendy for being an inspiration and for motivating other teachers to use our Early Learning Resource Library.”

Best implementation of Early Learning Resource Library resources 2016 - awarded to Wendy’s Daycare (Firgrove).

The Masikhule team is looking forward to 2017 and to building on the successes of this year. Our ELRL is growing, our Teacher Enrichment Workshops are proving to be extremely effective and we are hoping to add Best Nutrition Workshops into our program next year for the women who prepare food in the ECD Centres. Training and mentoring is what makes us tick! If there are any courses you would like to sponsor, or if you would like to donate on a regular basis, please contact lee@masikhule.org or find details here: http://www.masikhule.org/ways-to-give/4584064964.

Wishing you all a wonderfully happy

Masikhule Relate Bracelets
The perfect gift is now available online! We are so excited about our Masikhule Relate Bracelets - and this is the time of year for gifting so please order and share to support Masikhule Relate Bracelets and the women who make these.

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festive season and we look forward to spending 2017 with you.

Best wishes
Léanne, Karen, Else, Coreen, Veronica, Sandy and Lulu

Ona Greeff has offered to donate 10% of her commission if she concludes a deal as a result of exposure through Masikhule.