Welcome to the second newsletter for 2018 where we highlight the importance of partnerships. Without great partnerships we would not have the support we need to provide the service we do – so we are ever thankful and hope you will all continue to support and partner us as we strive to empower women to better educate children, thus breaking the cycle of poverty in our communities.

Here we highlight just some of our more recent partnerships – which in no way minimises the massive impact of our loyal, ongoing partnerships which are the life-blood of our
Thank you all!

VOTE FOR MASIKHULE CHILD!
Every vote = R5 for us ... so every vote really does count.
Get your friends and family to vote for us too!
http://www.myschool.co.za/vote4charity/
We'd be very grateful for your help ♥ PLUS you could be 1 of 5 LUCKY MySchool or linked Woolies cardholders to win R5 000!
This campaign excludes schools, it is just for charities - so if your beneficiary is a school, please consider supporting MASIKHULE CHILDCARE and its Early Childhood Development programs. *Note: choosing a charity to vote for will not change your current beneficiary.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:
Every vote = R5.
PLUS we will get another R5 for every referral.
Registered cardholders get 1 vote each.
No card? New supporters can sign up instantly online: www.myschool.co.za or Phone 0860 100 445 or Visit any Woolworths store.

PARTNERS IN TRAINING, MENTORING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

ROTARY
Rotary's support last year, through a Rotary International Global Grant which was facilitated by Helderberg Sunrise Rotary, funded the running and expansion of our Teachers' Early Learning Resource Library, ten Teacher Enrichment Workshops as well as the associated mentoring. This has had a significant impact on over 20 Early Learning Centres,
their staff and over 1 000 children. It was lovely to show the visiting Rotarians from America some of the results of their generous and much-appreciated donation.
GERDA JUNG OF ROTARY E-CLUB HANSE D 1040 AND DR HELMUT JUNG FROM GERMANY

This partnership has resulted in a significantly positive change over the past 18 months at Alice’s Daycare in Lwandle. The latest generous donations which were used for Alice’s Daycare came from -

Chris & Roland Runge, Kurt Krahn & Hannelore, Michael Rosenberg & Sigrid, Anita & Wolf Petersen and Thomas & Susi Block. THANKS TO YOU ALL!

BERND HOLTKAMP AND BRITTA BELZ

Bernd and Britta have implemented an impressive range of projects at a number of Masikhule-mentored ECD Centres and their ongoing partnership with many of these schools is tremendously valuable!
KINGDOM KIDS

Wooden house outside: Preparation and painting of all wooden structures with fire-retardant paint to help with acquiring their fire certificate for DSD registration. Ashley Stemmet of Khusela Ikhaya Project delivered the special paint.

LEKKERBEKKIES EDUCARE CENTER

New kitchen: 3 architectural volunteers from Germany collected funds (about R120 000) to develop the plans and models to build a new kitchen at Lekkerbekkies in the Strand. With the support and help of Bernd, Britta and a team of workers, they added and furnished a completely new kitchen to the existing building within 7 weeks!

*Fire-retardant paint on the Kingdom Kids structures.*
Meeting with volunteers to discuss the plans and the model in February 2018. The architecture students Tamara, Isabelle and Merle from Germany.

**PLAYWAY PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Kitchen: Built and installed a new wall, counter and door to separate the kitchen from the teaching areas in March. Next step: Upgrade of existing kitchen facilities (cupboards, kitchen worktops, oven).

**SIKUTHALE PRE-SCHOOL**

Outside area: In May a new sun shelter was erected to allow the children to play outside in the shade.

**MASIKHULE TEACHERS’ EARLY LEARNING RESOURCE LIBRARY**

A roof was built over the top of the container in February for more insulation as the heat in the container was unbearable in Summer. Thanks to them, it is now much cooler!
In April 2018 toothpaste and 200 new toothbrushes were sponsored by a German dentist and distributed to Brak en Jan, Bright Future and Rise and Shine ECD Centres.

SOMASENSE

In March we were excited to have Erika Kruger of SomaSense present a session on ‘Workplace Wellness’ to our Advanced Course trainees.

She is also busy with a research project on this topic with us, and we are looking forward to her feedback.

COMPUTER LITERACY TRAINING

Anita Louw of Choices has been doing an amazing job upskilling the teachers and principals attending her Computer Literacy Course. So far this year 19 ladies have completed the training and are practicing their skills on the laptops available to them at our Teachers’ Early Learning Resource Library. *(thanks also to Mitek for*
KIDZ YOGA

Kidz Yoga focuses on the holistic development of children in the Helderberg through movement, relaxation and positive self-talk. Recently they reached out to Sunshine Kiddies in Sir Lowry’s Pass Village to present weekly yoga classes to children between the ages of 4-6 years. Catherine Hutton of Kidz Yoga says "The love, laughter and openness that beams off each child is just contagious!"

EASTER TREATS

The children of Lollipops Playschool hand painted cups and plates and donated a packet filled with yummy treats as well as educational items and clothing to each child at Loving Hands Educare Center in Lwandle. Leonie Roelofse and two friends organized a gift and Easter Eggs for each child at Kingdom Kids in Sir Lowry’s Pass. Thank you for forming an independent relationship with this ECD Centre.

CORONATION METHODIST CHURCH

Thanks to Wulf Eilers and his bible study group led by Brian Woods for the shelving that was installed at Step by Step Daycare.
We also are very appreciative of the Coronation Methodist Church’s monthly financial support – it really makes a difference!

VISIT FROM AMERICA

Last month Serena and Jiken visited Playway Pre-school in Helderzicht while on holiday in SA. Thanks to our great supporter, Gwen Strachan of IE Travel Group, they had sent ahead a generous donation and we were thrilled to show them the results!

A fabulous Fantasy Corner, baby changing station, new bowls (so the children no longer have to eat in relays) and a great spoil for snack time.

Thank you!

PARTNERS IN NUTRITION

JAM SA AND THE LUNCHBOX FUND

Adequate and correct nutrition during the first five years of a child’s life are particularly important for the development of the child’s brain, providing the base for
Masikhule Celebrates Positive Partnerships

Masikhule has been fortunate enough to partner with JAM South Africa and The Lunchbox Fund to facilitate feeding schemes in most of the ECD Centres that we mentor, right here in the Helderberg, Western Cape. There are 29 Centres benefiting from these partnerships, with over 1300 children receiving a nutritious daily meal.

**BEST NUTRITION WORKSHOP**

Once again we were pleased to present our Best Nutrition Workshop in partnership with Masincedane Community Service. 11 ECD Centres attended our practical training which provides accessible solutions and guidance as to how best to store, prepare and plan menus to provide the children with the required nutrients within the limited budgets available.

Thank you to Bernd and Britta and the Keet Family Trust for their very generous donation which allowed us to not only run the course, but also to supply Resource Kits (including Wonderbags) to the attendees.
PARTNERING WITH NPOs

SOMERSET WEST NIGHTSHELTER

In March we ordered some custom-made aprons from Dolores and the Somerset West Night Shelter sewing team for our Masikhule course facilitators. Our courses are practical and hands-on as we believe that educators learn through play, just as the children they teach do - so you can imagine the delightful mess that one can get into!

Léanne Keet had this to say: "We are absolutely delighted with our new aprons. Thank you Dolores for taking such care to ensure great quality and fit."

BIZWENI CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities recently put out a call for a laptop needed. Thanks to Compuscan’s donation to us earlier in the year Masikhule was able to gift one of the laptops to our fellow NPO!

HANDS OF HONOUR

We are proud to work with Paul Talliard of Hands of Honour who manufacture these
Centre we mentor have a reading corner with plenty of age- and language-appropriate books.
If you would like to sponsor one of these units, please contact us on info@masikhule.org for more information.

We would also like to offer up a huge vote of thanks to Jacana Media for once again supplying their amazing books at such a generous discount, and to Marilyn Brink, Tjakie Naude, Fiona Drysdale and Erinvale Eagles for donations for Angels Classrooms on Wheels.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PHAWULA
In partnership with Phawula we were able to offer certified First Aid Level 1 training to ECD practitioners at a reduced fee.

For info contact Jonathan Owis on phawulardc@gmail.com or 072 637 0046.

Thanks also go to Single Parents Helping Hands and Aanhouwen Work & Care Centre for Adults with Mental & Physical Disabilities for kind donations - we appreciate your support!

PARTNERS IN EVENTS

FELICITY GALLAGHER - TWO OCEANS ULTRAMARATHON
Thank you to Felicity Gallagher who ran the Two Oceans Ultramarathon to raise funds for us (under the banner “Make my 56km of pain worthwhile!”) and donated R5 000 to Masikhule via GivenGain.

We appreciate your ongoing support Felicity – hope there wasn’t too much pain!

SYLVIA LESLIE AND ANN McKENZIE CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR

Sylvia Leslie and Ann McKenzie are two phenomenal women who recently completed the Cape Town Cycle Tour - riding to raise funds for Masikhule.

Between them they total an inspiring 158 years and raised R4 000.00!

ELIZABETH TRACE - 80th BIRTHDAY DONATION

Added to this Elizabeth Trace recently celebrated her 80th birthday and asked for donations towards Masikhule in lieu of gifts, resulting in a generous donation of R6000! The combined contributions of these ladies from Helderberg Village made it possible for us to purchase the Afrikaans A-B-C educational sets designed and created by Greta Bredell for 20 ECD Centres.

These wonderful sets included a DVD of an Afrikaans A-B-C rap song, a music CD, Posters and flashcards. Have a look!
ABC Rap Afrikaans

CAST ON 4 KIDS - MANDELA DAY 2018

With thanks to Erinvale Estate Hotel & Spa for hosting our event and Collect A Store for supporting our event this year with collections of blankets and books.

READ MORE
To break the cycle of poverty we all need to invest in sound foundations - i.e. quality ECD programmes in stimulating, safe environments with the required nutrition and resources.

This is what Masikhule is all about!

Our pillars are:
* Training
* Mentoring
* Nutrition
* Capacity Building
* ECD Business Management

Please consider a monthly donation - however big or small - it will help Masikhule remain sustainable.
Masikhule makes a positive contribution to the upliftment of communities through skills training, mentorship and capacity building in the field of Early Childhood Development.