Quality Early Childhood Development for EVERY CHILD

WELCOME TO OUR FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher."

Japanese Proverb
Masikhule is really excited about the new year and the variety of activities ahead - we hope you will be a part of it all!

MASIKHULE PRINCIPAL MEETING 2019

Our Principal Meeting in January was the biggest one we have ever had - with nearly 50 Principals attending - each representing an ECD Centre in our community. It was wonderful to share our goals for 2019 and reaffirm our partnership for the next 12 months.

Many courses were signed up for and the anticipation was tangible!

MASIKHULE NEW STAFF MEMBERS 2019

Masikhule is thrilled to introduce three new staff members who will be assisting us with all of the training, mentoring, capacity building, etc in 2019, including two exciting new projects which we will tell you more about shortly.

Please Welcome
Anjo du Preez *(Early Intervention Project Manager)*
Tembakazi Njokweni *(ECD Registration Project Assistant and Mentor)*
Rachille Morison *(Project Manager and Mentor)*.

**Anjo**

*Anjo* is an Occupational Therapist with a special interest in children with developmental delays and learning problems. She will be running our brand new Early Intervention Project - made possible by funding from DGMT. This project will include OT screening, Teacher Enrichment Workshops (TEW) each month, group therapy and specialised mentoring as a support service to our ECD Programme. Due to the severe lack of therapy services in disadvantaged communities, we believe our Early Intervention Project has significant potential and we look forward to measuring the impact these interventions will have in ensuring young children reach their developmental and learning potential.

**Tembakazi**

*Tembakazi* is a qualified Social Auxiliary Worker with previous experience working in the community at a health clinic. Tembakazi is assisting us with our ECD Centre Registration Project already and will be adding mentoring to her portfolio as well as assistance with our Resource Library, which is continuing to expand. We are hoping to find funding this year to provide a transport solution for teachers to access our Resource Library more...
easily, and be able to get the resources required to their ECD Centres without walking long distances and using taxis.

Rachille

Rachille is a qualified, experienced ECD teacher who is going to head up our new Curriculum Project. Although Masikhule always encouraged independent and creative thought, we have realised that there is a great need for a set curriculum for 0 to 5 year olds. We are therefore developing a well-researched and holistic curriculum which will be rolled out in 2020. What an exciting challenge for our team! Rachille will also be facilitating training, assisting with our Resource Library and mentoring ECD practitioners who have attended Masikhule training.

As you can see, these three skilled professionals are a fantastic addition to our team and will be ensuring we maintain our high levels and commitment to Early Child Development and empowering women throughout the coming year.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To help us keep making a difference please consider sponsoring an ECD Centre for 2019 (this is also tax-deductible as we can issue a Section 18A tax certificate on request - please see below for details re this):

R1 500 per ECD Centre per month (R18 000 per annum)

This includes:
* Funding for attending 3 training courses during the year - for teachers and/or the principal
* Funding for 2-3 post-course follow-up visits after each training course
* Monthly visit from a Senior Masikhule Mentor
* Funds for stationery, books and other essential educational resources
* Annual Teacher Resource Library membership
* A Project Manager to ensure all funds are used effectively and to provide two progress reports per annum to the funder.

Contact us on info@masikhule.org for more information.
Claim back your 18A tax deductible donations

Tax season is upon us and the good news is that if you make a donation to Masikhule before the deadline, you’ll be eligible to claim back from SARS.

Masikhule is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) approved for the purposes of section 18A (1)(a) of the Act, and this means that donations to our organisation are tax deductible. All taxpayers can deduct any donations made to Masikhule up to the value of 10% of their taxable income.

Your donation to Masikhule is an investment in our future generations.
Beneficiary Name: Masikhule Childcare
Beneficiary Bank: FNB
Branch Code: 200512
Account Number: 62430665812
Reference: <Your Name>

Please share your Proof of Payment with us on info@masikhule.org to request an 18A Receipt from us.

Vote for MySchool / update your beneficiary
This is a very easy way to help Masikhule - at no cost to yourself (in fact, you could win a R1000 Woolies gift card by doing this) and we would REALLY appreciate your nomination!
You will need your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card number and about 2 minutes - and we could receive R100 000 in return.
Nominate here: https://bit.ly/2RrF6sF

Early Childhood Development is essential if we are to break the cycle of poverty. Training women to teach children a holistic, stimulating ECD programme ensures children enter formal schooling on a strong foundation. Help us to keep making a meaningful difference.
We need funds for training, mentoring and capacity building (and as we mentioned, this year we hope to introduce an option of transport for teachers to more easily access our Teachers' Early Learning Resource Library).

Click here now to nominate Masikhule Child: https://bit.ly/2RrF6sF

When last did you update your MySchool card beneficiary? You may find it is out of date and want to amend to Masikhule Child for future spend. We would be very grateful if you
did - we rely on this monthly income (it averages R2 500 every month for us!) and it costs you nothing. To update, click here or contact: MySchool: [https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/update/](https://www.myschool.co.za/supporter/update/)

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

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