



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



We have so many things to be thankful for since our last newsletter – and this edition highlights some of these!

JULY: CAST ON FOR KIDS 2023

We were blown away, once again, by the overwhelming support and generosity in our community. Thank you all – we are truly grateful for the donations, the love, the chats and the warmth shared for Mandela Day.

The ECD Centres (and some parents) have also expressed their immense gratitude to everyone who made this happen.



AUGUST: A VERY SPECIAL VISIT!

During August we were thrilled to have a visit from our inspiring Chair of the Masikhule Board – Greet de Wulf – all the way from Belgium!

Greet has been a huge supporter and ambassador for us over many years and we truly appreciate her involvement, guidance and encouragement. During her visit she spent some time with the ladies who were receiving First Aid training, then visited Rise and Shine to spend some time with principal Nomthandazo, the staff and the children.

It is always a pleasure to receive such a wonderful visit – and to see how deeply passionate she is about what we are achieving in the field of early childhood education and intervention – thank you Greet!



AUGUST: FIRST AID TRAINING

Central to each ECD Centre's functioning is safety of the children in their care. Thanks to Lombard Insurance a total of 59 ECD educators received essential child-focused First Aid training and certification during August.

Not only is first aid certification a requirement for registration with the Department of Basic Education, but the safety of children in an ECD Centre without trained staff and an up-to-date first aid kit is severely compromised. Added to this, there are now 59 First Aiders who will be able to assist in their homes and communities – meaning lives could well be saved, thanks to you!



AUGUST: BIG SMILES!

What a lot of bright smiles! These are thanks to Siyazana YDF for sharing the love! We all truly appreciate your huge donation of boxes of Colgate toothpaste and toothbrushes for the children!



SEPTEMBER: AGM 2023

On the 7th we hosted our AGM at Urban Voice and were thrilled to see over 60 ECD principals and loyal donors at the event. It was a wonderful gathering to share relevant information and celebrate the previous financial year – complete with ululating and a spontaneous song of thanks to conclude the meeting.



To have a look at what we achieved during the 2022/23 financial year, please have a look at our Annual Report here:



THANK YOU

In closing we would like to thank you all – our partners, the ECD centres we work with, our donors and supporters as well as our wonderful team for making this all possible. We are looking forward to the final quarter as we know there will be more to achieve and to celebrate – made possible by all of you!



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