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GEARING UP FOR MANDELA DAY

What a busy second quarter we have had! We have much news to share with you ... but right now we are focused on Cast On 4 Kids 2024 on 18th July.

#togetherwecanmakeadifference



MANDELA DAY 2024



This year there are a number of ways you can help us to celebrate this special day. You might want to knit or crochet a blanket, beanies or scarves. You could sponsor beautiful warm blankets at R120 per blanket (see below for details) or collect the recycling items we need for our training courses. Whatever your contribution, please know that it will be much appreciated by the beneficiaries in the multiple ECD Centres we work within our marginalised communities.



**Masikhule's
Cast On 4 Kids
Mandela Day
18 July 2024**

Urban Voice Church
c/o Schapenberg and Sir Lowry's Pass Roads
11h00 - 14h00

We are collecting **blankets, beanies and scarves** for preschool children in our local marginalized communities. Please join us to knit or crochet for 67 minutes on Mandela Day, or pop in to drop off your donations. Children's fleece blankets are gratefully accepted too!



We are also needing gently-used picture books for toddlers, empty cereal boxes, large tea boxes and colourful plastic lids.

**We look forward to seeing you this
Mandela Day!**



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100 fleece blankets for Mandela Day

For those not knitting this year, please consider sponsoring double-sided fleece blankets lovingly made by KHULANI CREATIVES - an empowerment project supporting unemployed women in Alexandra.

Cost per blanket: R120

EFT details: MASIKHULE CHILDCARE
FNB | Branch Code 200512 | Account Number 62430665812
Reference: your name and blanket
Send payment proof to info@masikhule.org



Thank you for your support!

WISHLIST

- Picture books for toddlers
- Empty (flattened) cereal and large tea boxes
- Coloured (clean) plastic bottle lids



FEEDBACK ON EVENTS



Swim False Bay for Books

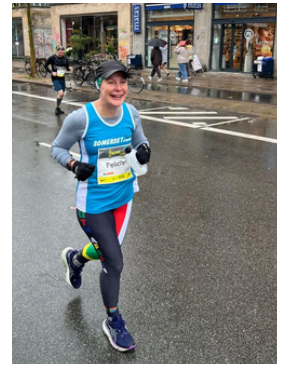
THANK YOU

- 7 Community-based ECD Centres
- 7 Stocked reading corners
- 7 Play mats
- 85 Extra educational book packs
- 355 Young children
- 33 Educators



TAKING ON THE VIKINGS COPENHAGEN MARATHON

Our huge congratulations to Felicity Gallagher for her achievement - not only in successfully completing the Copenhagen marathon - but also on reaching her target of R25 000 for Masikhule! These funds go towards another Inclusive Learning course diarised for 16 - 20 September - empowering more ECD educators in order to ensure the young children in their care have a brighter future.



TRAINING: EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM FOR 0 - 3 YEARS AND 3 - 5 YEARS

We are very proud of the 20 ECD principals and educators who graduated from our 6-month Early Learning Program training in June. Twenty training sessions were given and topics covered included playing with purpose, implementing a daily program that ensures holistic child development, inclusive learning, how to plan for a successful ELP, observations and solutions, administration and classroom management, practical incorporation of themes to ensure a lively, fun and engaging ELP, amongst others.

The ELP training courses included Resource Kits to ensure implementation of the program at the ECD Centres. 130 Mentorship visits to the ECD Centres also provided feedback opportunities and developmental guidance during implementation.

We are looking forward to the next 20 ECD Centres attending their Foundation Training and fortnightly ELP training in the second semester.



WASTE2TOYS

In April the Singakwenza Team hosted a Waste2Toys Workshop for 25 ECD Principals and practitioners. Masikhule focuses on using recycled or waste materials for ELP activities - so this really resonated with us!

The fun-filled morning was spent making a wide variety of toys and teaching materials from waste to improve:

- Gross and Fine Motor Skills
- Early Literacy and Numeracy
- Stages and types of play



ELDAS TRAINING

In June Anne Pedersen, one of our ECD team, facilitated an ELDAs training course for Funda Kunye in Hout Bay, whose Early Learning Program is also aligned with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) and its Early Learning Development Areas (ELDAs).

The ECD Centres greatly appreciated Anne's guidance with regards to the understanding and implementation of these principles.



RESOURCES



Junior Book Nooks

In April we delivered of the first 11 of 20 Junior Book Nooks - each stocked with age-appropriate books ... suitable for the very young! Our grateful thanks to CheAfrica for funding this wonderful project! We truly appreciate our long-term partnership focusing on the empowerment and upliftment of early learning centres in marginalised communities, their staff and their children.



Warmth and Comfort in Time for Winter!

A huge thank you to Siyazana YDF for their wonderful donation of much-needed carpet tiles. As you can see from the photos, they have made such a difference to the classrooms!

The Principals of the 14 ECD Centres all extend their gratitude and appreciation to the team at Siyazana. Below is a message from the Principal at Nash & Friends:

"Good afternoon, thank you very much for the mats we really appreciate with the winter that has arrived the children will feel comfortable and warm for morning at ring time and when doing other activities. We all thank the Masikhule team and Siyazana."

Basins Full of Fun

We were excited to deliver 20 sensory play basins to 20 ECD Centres. This resource can be used inside or outside and in a multitude of ways. It is a wonderful resource that will:

- Stimulate children
- Offer opportunities for imaginative play and interaction with others
- Develop fine motor skills as well as hand-eye coordination
- Allow children to experience joy, fascination, and curiosity through exploration
- Develop vocabulary, language, literacy and mathematics skills.



Music To All Ears!

Our huge thanks to Erinvale Eagles for a wonderful donation that allowed us to provide music kits for our Early Learning Resource Library and a number of ECD Centres.

New research shows that making music has even more developmental benefits than simply listening to music. This is one of the reasons why it's so beneficial for children to experiment with musical instruments. More specifically, allowing them to play percussion instruments – those that are hit, scratched, shaken or tapped can be incredibly valuable to their development.

We created fun music activity posters and spent time training the ECD educators to ensure maximum use and benefit.

MASKOT 

**Keep
Children
On Track**



Holistic Online Early Learning
Program and Resources for ALL.

Our online program - **MASKOT** - continues to grow and add value, not only to the early learning of young children, but also to the depth and quality of teaching of their educators and caregivers.

The number of users has grown to over 440, with many new users from a variety of provinces, professions and organisations.

Thank you Upside Trust and our App partners, Beeline, for making this happen.

Click here to sign up: [MASKOT](#)

◀◀ **THANK YOU** ▶▶

Thank you to ALL our donors and supporters. Every cent is spent on ensuring the ECD community as a whole - the children, educators, principals, parents and caregivers - benefit from Masikhule's needs-based programs and initiatives. Thank you!

**"PLAY IS THE FOUNDATION OF LEARNING, CREATIVITY, SELF-EXPRESSION,
AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING. IT'S HOW CHILDREN WRESTLE
WITH LIFE TO MAKE IT MEANINGFUL." SUSAN LINN**



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