

And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.

**Zechariah 8:5**

# NEWS

QUARTER TWO  
2019



## "It shouldn't hurt to be a child"

**This was the slogan painted on a poster by learners at Magnolia Primary School, Paarl. Khula aimed to raise awareness of Children's Rights in celebration of Child Protection Month.**

National Child Protection Week is commemorated annually in South Africa. Khula celebrated throughout May as we did not wish to disrupt school exams. As a member of the Child Protection Steering Committee and a Child Protection Champion organisation, our Paarl Branch celebrated under the theme Safe Community, Safe School, Safe Child. Our Stellenbosch Branch emphasized the importance of Body Safety. This meant lots of learning, activities, and fun throughout the valley.

Khula mascots GO-GO and Friends visited several schools in Paarl East. Their performance displayed the dangers and safety implications of bunking school. Learner awareness of right and wrong was evident in their reactions to the play. They were also empowered with the relation between Rights and Responsibilities. A peaceful protest advocating for the type of community they want to live in concluded the event. Primarily, a safe community.

Child Welfare Stellenbosch, Becoming Kids Stellumthombo and Community Keepers helped launch the Body Safety Project.

Cloetesville and Ida's Valley Primary schools considered the message well and useful. Teachers indicated they would include the topic and presentation in daily teachings. This empowerment tool promotes Child Protection and opportunities for sustainable intervention.

Khula assisted The Department of Social Development with their Child Protection Programme at Klappmuts Clinic. It focused on education and created awareness of child abuse and neglect, negligence of medication, school enrolment and family planning.

**"two learners had the courage to step forward and report the abuse they were facing at home"**

Child Protection Month was also an opportunity to promote our services and emphasize the importance of education. Staff and volunteers continuously showed commitment to Khula's mission and vision. Reintegrating learners and promoting attendance remained the primary focus.

However, they addressed and referred to any social problems encountered while doing what they love. As a result, two learners had the courage to step forward and report the abuse they were facing at home. We referred fourteen cases to external statutory organizations and completed six Form 22's.

Khula had the opportunity to chat with Johan Rademan and Martelize Brink on Oggend op RSG about Child Protection and Drakenstein Child Protection Programme initiatives.



Left Front: Hanlie van der Merwe (Branch Manager KDG Paarl) Martelize Brink (Presenter RSG) Nandi Myburgh (Social Worker KDG) Back Left: Johan Rademan (Presenter RSG) Jolanda van der Lingen (Relationship Manager Valcare)

# PRIMARY CAREGIVERS

Creative Projects involved crazy patch and embroidery. Marie-Louise Rautenbach, Programme Facilitator considers expressive art **important in life skill education**. Primary caregivers chose offcut fabric they considered special for each of their family members. Sewn together on a single piece of fabric, they embroidered an object of value for every family member. This project forced primary caregivers to reflect what is important to their family members. As they spent time sewing and embroidering, they were constantly in their thoughts.



## SAGO2school

We are proud that this is now officially our fourth programme! SAGO2school **promotes a culture of school attendance and imparts the value of education through child participation and community collaboration**. Five Primary Schools, situated in Paarl forms part of this initiative. They are Amstelhof Primary, Magnolia Primary, Nederburg Primary, Orleansvale Primary, and New Orleans Primary. Students representing schools are Go2Captains mentored by Go2Mentors representing Paarl Junior Town Council. Go2Captains and Go2Mentors are leaders of change empowered to advocate school attendance. Go2Captains were named at the Badge Ceremonies at their respective schools.



Go2Captains and Teachers at Orleansvale Primary School Badge Ceremony, Paarl.



## In-school support

**Koek and Loer events creates opportunities for the primary caregivers to engage with their children. Children, registered in our In-school support programme, share what they do in a relaxing environment. Francis Louw facilitator of this programme also used this opportunity to facilitate bonding time. As both enjoyed arts and crafts, they helped each other to make bracelets. This serves as a sentimental keepsake.**



## REINTEGRATION

What did we achieve?

- 22** schools in 5 areas in and around **PAARL** and **STELLENBOSCH**
- 711** children in the Khula **CASELOAD**
- 1503** home and school **VISITS** between Mar-May '19
- 87** new **REFERRALS** between Mar-May '19
- 31** referred cases closed **FULLY REINTEGRATED** Mar-May '19

# STORIES OF HOPE

A single mother of five, with a son that is Autistic and a daughter who fell pregnant and dropped out of school when she was sixteen, is one of our primary caregivers. She lives in a wooden shack and her primary income when joining our group was social grants. We shared in many of her hardships and assisted where possible. Despite her difficult circumstances, she attended our support group faithfully. **Here we laughed, cried and prayed together.** She did not only listen attentively when financial topics and family care were discussed but applied it in her household. Through her faith and commitment, she feels as if the sun is shining in her life again. She gained full time employment and stability. Social grants will now be used for her children's needs as it should be. With food in the cupboards and clothes on their backs, she can treat her children to a soft serve ice cream in the park. She emphasizes how Khula helped her. Helped her to get out of debt, equipped her with life skills and planning for the future. She even managed to get her own savings account. She also plans to demolish her shack, relay the foundation and erect a new-tech home by the end of September 2019. This home will have two bedrooms, one bathroom, a kitchenette and a living room. We are so proud of her!

**The successful reintegration of a fifteen-year-old was made possible by our team. The learner is not able to function in the mainstream school environment. The school showed resistance in allowing the learner's return. By continually motivating the family and learner to negotiate with the school, reintegration took place. As the learner requires special needs education, an application was made. On the day of the School of Skills assessment, the learner was absent with the flu. Luckily the learner could be fetched from home to complete the assessment.**

After Khula's intervention, a teacher indicated **increased communication** between herself and a parent. Before, the mother provided false contact information avoiding communication with the school. She is now part of the class WhatsApp group, creating a space for regular communication and feedback.



Two enthusiastic cyclists are making a difference in the local community. Jaco Lategan and Eben Potgieter chose Khula as their beneficiary. They will take part in the **Absa Cape Epic between 15 - 22 March 2020**. Their goal is to secure donations for 846 km's @ R350 per km. Each km represents a child across the schools we work in. A full km sponsorship is not compulsory, any contribution is welcome. By sponsoring 15 km's you are guaranteed a spot as a main sponsor. Your name or logo will be published on all updates and campaign material. To donate visit the Miles for Minors Facebook Page or Givengain  
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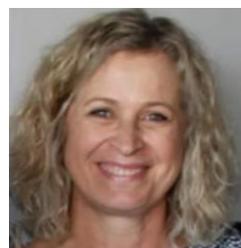
## Staff Testimony



**Zelda Roode**  
 In-school support  
 Facilitator

**"Before Khula, I never realised there was another world out there. I knew about the struggles, parents having to cope with the little they had and the hungry children in the streets. My view changed completely. I face these children daily. I see the hurt in the unspoken words. I see the sadness and the questions in their eyes. I feel everything breaking inside of me. Where do I go from here?"**

## GOODBYE



**Marliza Koen**, In-school support Facilitator was a special staff member for ten years. She loves working with children facing challenging circumstances. We bless her in her new season as a Teacher at Elohim Facilitating Centre.



We said goodbye to **Frances Louw** who did an amazing job as an In-school support Facilitator. Frances worked at our Stellenbosch Branch for the past five years. We wish Frances all the best on her new journey.

# PHOTO FEATURE



We partnered with **Radio KC**, a local radio station in the greater Paarl and Wellington area. During our weekly dedicated slot on Wednesdays at 15:30, we discussed topics relevant to our organisation with guests, listeners and presenters. Left: Bradley Shaun (Presenter Radio KC) Bianca Oppelt (Communications Manager KDG) and Eddie Jef Williams (Koinonia).



**World Foster Day** was celebrated on 31 May. We supported this initiative by sharing pictures with smiley faces drawn on our fingers. World Foster Day reshared the picture featuring our Stellenbosch Branch on their Instagram account.



We are so proud of Mr. Melville Lawrence, Principal of Nederburg Primary School. He started an initiative **awarding teachers** with certificates for 100% attendance. With Mr. Lawrence is Ms. Samaai receiving her certificate.



Go2mentors received training by Khula and The Paarl Junior Town Council alongside teachers for the **SAgo2school** Programme.



Paarl Branch **Khula Tours** are open to the public. Through these tours you get a glimpse of where we work. These Tours are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month. To secure your seat check out the events section on our Facebook Page or Contact our Paarl Office.



Nederburg Primary School **Go2Captains** at their Badge Ceremony.



Klapmuts Primary School learners busy with Arts and Crafts in the **In-school support** Programme.



Learners at Cloeteville Primary listening attentively to the **Body Safety** message delivered by Khula Social Worker Maryke Holtzhausen.



**GO-GO and Friends** along with Khula Staff at Child Protection Month Initiatives.

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