

A TREE GROWING OUT OF A ROCK

This is how ten year old Laylah Rhode* is described by Lize Eloff, Khula Development Group Programme Coordinator and Occupational Therapist. Laylah is a Grade 4 learner enrolled in our School2Home Programme. Here school- and home-based support are given to learners presenting with early warning signs indicating an increased risk of school disengagement. It also promotes learner, parental and household engagement in the child's education.

*Pseudonyms were used to protect the identity of this family.

Laylah was enrolled as a Khula learner due to high risk factors for dropping out of school.

She attends a primary school and resides in Cloetesville, Stellenbosch. The primary home is that of her grandmother, Karen Rhode,* who takes care of her needs and those of her two brothers. Her mother, Michelle Rhode,* lives across the street in a wendy house in someone else's backyard, with her three sisters and boyfriend. Her father, Neil Rhode, passed away not too long ago. She does not talk about him often, but when she does, the only thing she says is how much she misses him.

The challenges of family life is prominent in Laylah's story. Her mother, who is unemployed and recently had a baby, is highly addicted to tik. Her addiction is supported by her boyfriend who provides drugs in the household. This is one of the factors that negatively impacts her ability to have a loving relationship with her children. Laylah's sister went through two teenage pregnancies and dropped out of school. Laylah does not talk about her older brother, but mentions the younger one is troublesome. He also dropped out of school and presents with anger and behavioural issues.

Like all her other siblings, Laylah's birth certificate is missing. This is one of the

reasons why she was enrolled in school a year later than she should have been. Despite the administration barrier, Laylah skipped pre-primary and joined primary school immediately as she showed a lot of promise in the class room. She attends school on a regular basis and participates in class. Her teacher has grown extremely close to her and often spends time with her in prayer. Khula also offers her academic and emotional support on a weekly basis. Resulting from home visits, our social worker has referred the Rhode* family to a welfare organisation for intervention.

Remarkably, despite her circumstances at home and the heavy weight she carries on her shoulders, Laylah is presented well, always neat and tidy. She says that doing drugs is wrong and is the cause of arguments and problems. Becoming a teacher after completing her school career is her biggest dream. Laylah is determined to teach and care for other learners. Emma Dippenaar, Khula Development Group School2Home Facilitator, says at a young age Laylah's exemplary behaviour led to her being named a Go2Captain at her school in 2023. This is a Khula initiative that identifies young leaders. As role models to their peers, Go2Captains:

- Attend school every day
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Emma reiterates how their team remains inspired by Laylah's resilience and her story. She describes working with her as a privilege and a joy, one of the biggest blessings she has been awarded. " May we all, when we see a plant growing in hard, rocky places, think of Laylah and all the little boys and girls like her. May we pray and trust that they will persevere and share their stories of hope with confidence and glory to their Maker" - Lize Eloff, Khula Development Group Programme Coordinator and Occupational Therapist.



Emma Dippenaar (KDG School2Home Facilitator) with Laylah Rhode* during a School2Home session.



A School2Home learner building puzzles with Facilitator Cyrillene de Kock. This activity has many benefits including problem-solving and fine motor and hand-eye coordination.

Achievements Q1 2023 Active in 9 schools 9 Schools reached

275
- Number of children reached

225
- Number of active children

1249
- Individual and group sessions with learners at risk of dropping out

592
- Home visits to children not attending school and to empower parents to reduce dropout

116 - Primary caregiver group sessions and workshops

377 - School visits, network and collaboration meetings to empower teachers and learners to tackle the issue of school dropout

Special child protection focusses: 3 Form 22's referred to Designated Child Protection Organisations and 40 urgent child protection cases were escalated to urge on the service delivery to the most vulnerable children

Through love and education, we can make a difference.

Success Stories

- Two community members, who are determined to go for rehabilitation, joined our primary caregiver group. One member was referred to Good Hope Psychological Services. She made her appointment with them and returned to attend our group the following week. She reports that she is feeling better and more equipped to take care of her children. The other member went to the clinic to complete her medical certificate. She was referred to Badisa to assist her with her rehabilitation application.
- The primary caregivers of our Go2Captains were invited to attend two workshops in the community. The events have proven to be successful as primary caregivers not only enjoyed it but also participated. During an activity where a traffic light was used, one primary caregiver mentioned she never knew what the meaning of the green, orange and red lights were.



DONOR *spotlight*



IPIC Group was introduced to Khula Development Group during 2019. Marissa Gibbs, Personal Assistant and Events Coordinator at IPIC, says they invited Khula, as a well-known NGO, to do a presentation. With so many people, especially children, struggling due to poverty, they decided to donate towards Khula, who help children become the best versions of themselves despite their circumstances.

To them it is our passion for education, learning and how we promote school attendance that matter.

Donations

If you would like to join the act of charity you can donate via Zapper, EFT or Givengain.

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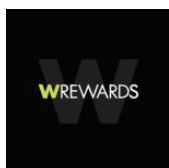


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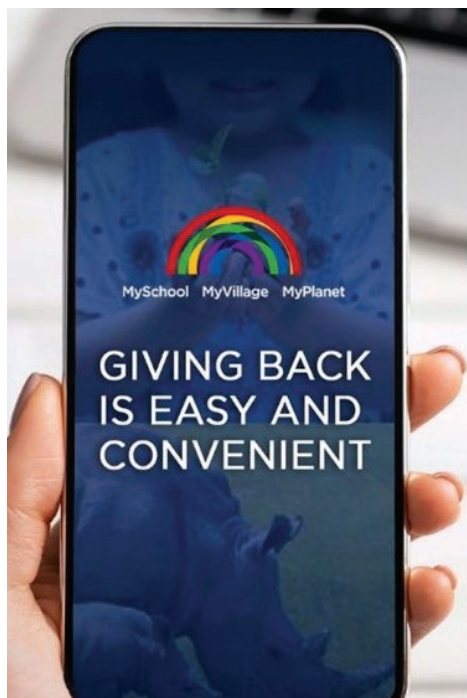
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Go2Captain Awards



We named Go2Captains for the school year of 2023 at Rietenbosch Primary School in Cloetesville, Stellenbosch. Go2Captians do not only show good leadership skills but also:

- Attend school every day
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Congratulations to all Go2Captains! We are excited to see you and all your classmates at school every school day in 2023. Wake Up, Get Up, Show up!

↑ Front Left: 1. T-Jay Loggenberg, Devodeen Adams, Rewano Samuels, Shailo-Jay Fritz, Thagen Lakay and Keira Adams.
Back left: Carlyn Dhelminie (School2Home Facilitator), Emma Dippenaar (School2Home Facilitator), Anniëka Mostert (Programme Coordinator), and Gadieja Pasquallie (Community Worker).

collaboration matters

We are grateful to every organisation and individual for collaborating with us. Working together shows promising results and makes a difference on a huge scale.

FIRST SOCIAL WORKER BREAKFAST FOR 2023

Social Workers play an important role in promoting social change, solving problems in human relationships and helping to enhance well-being. In partnership with Valcare, KWV, The Grape Community and Ashanti we hosted our first social worker breakfast and journal club on 3 March 2023. Western Cape Minister of Social Development, Sharna Fernandez, was the guest speaker. She shared her testimony as a victim of Gender based violence and a mother of a son who was addicted to crystal meth. Fernandez praised social workers for their work in the community. March is Social Worker month and her presence at this event could not have been more timely.



Front Left: Annemie Van Reenen (Chief Director Social Services), Minister Sharna Fernandez, Carien Van Zyl (KDG Principal Social Worker) and Jolanda Van Der Lingen (Valcare Relationship Manager).



Front Left: Emma Dippenaar (School2Home Facilitator) and Teacher Nicole Boucher.

REUSABLE SANITARY TOWEL DONATION

The lack of sanitary products is one of the reasons why girls often miss out on school. On 22 February 2023, we received a donation of environmental, reusable sanitary towels from Valcare, sponsored by a Heyday beauty emporium in Val de Vie Estate. As a result of this donation girls will not only attend school but have access to sanitary products 24/7. Thank you Valcare and Heyday!

TEACHERS' APPRECIATION

Once every quarter, we show teachers how much we appreciate them and what they and most importantly, their learners, mean to us. We were very privileged to receive a donation of fresh apples from Ceres Fruit Growers and decided to incorporate it as a gift for our wonderful teachers.



Front Left: Abigail Adams (Social Auxiliary Worker), Cornel Nel (Social Worker) and Linda Zietsman (School2Home Coordinator).

staffNEWS Welcome!

Cyrrilene de Kock joined our Paarl branch as School2Home Facilitator on 18 January 2023.



Lauren Cyster joined our Stellenbosch branch as a Social Worker on 13 March 2023.



Promotion

Moriska Thomas has been promoted to a School2Home Facilitator on 1 March 2023. She joined our Paarl branch as a Community Worker on 1 June 2022. Her journey with Khula started in 2021 when she was enrolled as an intern in the @Home Learning Programme.



We are so excited to have you on our team! With your experience and knowledge, you are a great addition to the Khula family.

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Social Work Students training

Recently, we trained sixty-five social worker students from Hugenote Kollege who will be doing their practical at various organisations in the Western Cape. Twenty of them will be doing their practical at our organisation for the next three months. They will facilitate programmes and work with active caseloads to gain exposure in the social worker profession. Induction took place on 2 March 2023 and was presented by Linda Zietsman (School2Home Coordinator), Maria Von Backström (Stellenbosch Branch Manager), Niesha Februarie (Love2Learn Facilitator) and Annieke Mostert (Love2Learn Coordinator).



Go-Go and So-So are promoting school attendance in the community after school. Children are eager to participate and enjoy the dancing and singing.



In celebration of Human Rights Day on 21 March 2023, we made bracelets with our primary caregivers. Every bead represents a colour of the South African National Flag as well as a verse from the bible. Gadieja Pasquallie (KDG Community Worker) is discussing human rights with Isabel Jantjies, a member of our Primary Caregiver Group.



Khula was chosen to receive a R12 000 gift card donation by IM4Change NPC who represents the Shoprite SA Group on the We act For Change Community Network Initiative. Here Bianca Petersen, (KDG Communications Manager) received the gift cards at Shoprite in Paarl.

Khula TOURS

Khula Tours give supporters, potential donors and volunteers a hands-on experience of the work the organisation does. After a short information session at our Paarl office, attendees are driven to the Paarl East community where we render services. Guided tours of our three programmes are conducted among the different schools we work in.



SEE OUR WORK IN ACTION!

ATTEND A KHULA TOUR

20 APRIL 2023
25 MAY 2023
17 AUGUST 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
AT OUR PAARL OFFICE
6 LOOP STREET

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