



Rotary Club Bedfordview Cnr Skeen Boulevard & Nicol St Bedfordview, 2007. 12/03/2015.

Attention: Mr Ferdi Heyneke.

: Ms Anne Murray.

Cc: Mrs Tracy-Ann Willcock.

## **Letter of Thanks and Appreciation**

Dear Mr Heyneke, Book Project, and Club Members,

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for the Love Trust to be able to thank you very specially, and indeed all the members of the Bedfordview Rotary club for your most welcome donation of many, many wonderful and excellent books you gave us during February this year. We chose the books from your collection and filled a trailer load!! Words fail us to thank you adequately for your generosity towards the children of Nokuphila School. We thank you sincerely from the bottom of our hearts.

This amazing donation will help fill our new Primary School Library and the children will benefit enormously from such a useful Educational gift. There has been great excitement in receiving these books and the children and teachers are delighted. They are in good use already!

Love Trust thanks you sincerely and values your support. We depend on folk such as yourselves to help our School run and function as a Professional Institution of Learning as well as giving an opportunity to the children to progress and uplift their lives and in so doing prevent any ongoing poverty and vulnerability.

We would also like to express the sincere thanks of the Trustees of the Love Trust who are most appreciative of your interest and support of our Children and their educational needs.../2

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We are proud of the children and how they are growing and developing and taking advantage of the wonderful opportunity that has been afforded them. They are learning with great enthusiasm, gaining academic skills at a high standard and we hope to see them all matriculate one day.

We are privileged indeed to be able to serve in this way and to see the fruits of the good work that is being accomplished at Nokuphila School as the children grow as individuals. It is a wonderful encouragement for all concerned as donors, volunteers and teachers work together for the benefit of those less fortunate.

Your involvement and giving will make a significant difference in their lives and we remain deeply grateful to you.

It is the prayer of the Love Trust that you will be blessed as you serve in such a pivotal way to those who need it most.

Kindest Regards,

Love Trust Administrator.

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#### December 2014

## Staring at the Stars

"We are all in the gutter but some of us are staring at the stars." Oscar Wilde

Recently the Department of Education released a report on the Annual National Assessment (ANA) for 2014. This initiative was first developed and implemented by the department in 2012 to monitor the standard of education in all provinces across the country. In 2010, the President in his State of the Nation address, set 2014 as the year in which at least 60% of South African learners in Grades 3, 6 and 9 should achieve acceptable levels of achievement (50% and above) in both Literacy (Language) and Numeracy (Mathematics).

The result that shocked the country was the Grade 9 average percentage for Mathematics – a mere 11%. Only 3% of learners in Grade 9 achieved above 50% for Mathematics. What chance can the matriculants of 2017 have with results like these? What are their employment prospects? Who will drive the economy without results in the critical gateway subject of Mathematics?

We are all in the gutter. But some of us are staring at the stars.

Grade 1 learners at Nokuphila and Hillbrow Independent, run under the auspices of Love Trust, wrote the ANA tests too. While both are independent schools, it was felt necessary to test the high quality standard we promise our donors. We compared the results with the national average:

Mathematics Average Percentage (2014)		
National Average for Grade 1	Nokuphila Grade 1	Hillbrow Grade 1
68%	90%	96%

Home Language: Average Percentage (2014)			
National Average for Grade 1	Nokuphila Grade 1	Hillbrow Grade 1	
63%	80%	89%	

Hard results often feel the most credible. Four years since the inception of Love Trust, these have been the first easily measurable fruits of our work. Roughly 20% more than the national average is certainly worth celebrating! And the intention is to maintain and improve these percentages, ensuring the highest standard across all grades in both schools.

However, results can be viewed in a number of ways and forms. Qualitative results often give a more human story. Nokuphila school learners received Love Boxes for Christmas – arranged by a member of Christ Church Midrand. Golder and Associates also donated a pair of new shoes for each child. To celebrate the end of a successful year, Nokuphila hosted a ladies breakfast for all mothers, gogo and caregivers of the learners. The ladies had a









wonderful breakfast, as well as being pampered with manicures and back massages – a first for most! Following these spoils the school received this letter:

"The Nokuphila Family

I would like to thank the Nokuphila family, the Trust members, donors, and volunteers for all the good work they have done and for putting a big smile on my grandchildren's faces, with the goodies and everything they have given them. It has filled them with so much joy and happiness.

This has been a phenomenal year filled with lots of love, joy, peace and happiness. You couldn't have done this without our Lord and Saviour. So we would like to thank Him for blessing us abundantly.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart and I appreciate all you have done.

May you have a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Stay Blessed.

From: Christine (Ntuthuko and Ntokozo's grandmother)"

It has been an extraordinary year for Love Trust - particularly with respect to extending our reach.

While our schools have brought us results and real joy to the communities they operate in, our focus for 2014 was on growing the model for Early Childhood Development (ECD) Teacher Training Centres, and working with existing ECD centres (or preschools) to raise their standards.



Arguably, investing in teachers is the greatest investment one can make in the education sector. A teacher has the ability – if well-trained and fully committed – to positively change the lives of hundreds of children.

This year saw Love Trust opening three additional ECD Teacher Training Centres being Heronbridge (Diepsloot), Arcadia (Tswana), and Ga-Rankuwa. At present, 263 teachers are undergoing accredited ECD training at six sites across the country. We are hoping the impact will be deep and far-reaching, which is why we've invested in improved monitoring and evaluations systems so that we will be able to present our positive results.

A real highlight for the year was the graduation ceremony of the first tranche of Level 4 ECD students from Nokuphila Teacher Training Centre. This was our first formal graduation ceremony where 51 ECD teachers received their accredited certificates to great applause and jubilation! Much credit and gratitude must go to our trainers – who patiently and very enthusiastically impart the joy of teaching our little children to explore, question and grow.



The need for quality ECD and the vast number of existing preschools and crèches without support in our communities is obvious. This was a significant part of our focus this year. As part of a pilot, we partnered with the principals of 14 preschools in Tembisa with the objective of supporting the school to improve the quality of





education provided to children. The schools were identified through the Nokuphila Teacher Training Centre. Principals attending the training, showing potential and commitment, and running existing crèches/preschools, were approached to participate in the pilot. The pilot also extended to Himeville and working through their Asifunde Sonke Teacher Training Centre 6 more ECD centres are participating.

Support to the ECD centres has come in the form of providing a full curriculum and useful administrative documentation in line with best practice; encouraging application of what principals have learnt at the teacher training centres; and running additional relevant workshops. Fieldworkers – Puseletso and Wandile – were employed to develop relationships with the ECD centres, and form a critical part of our monitoring and evaluation of the pilot.

Only initiated this year, it's still too soon to judge all significant outcomes of this initiative. One of the highlights was following a fundraising workshop run by Love Trust. One of the principals applied what she had learnt at the workshop and managed to secure three donations as a result. A wonderful story of enabling and empowering teachers!



Augmenting the work with Teacher Training Centres and the ECD Centres, guidebooks for both were developed this year. The guidebooks provide detailed information including establishment, operation, compliance and management for ECD centres and Teacher Training Centres. Both will be updated on a regular basis and have already proven a highly valuable resource.

If one well trained teacher in an ECD centre, reaches a minimum of 20 pre-schoolers per year, she will touch the lives of 100 children in 5 years. We currently have 263 teachers currently training at our centres. These teachers will potentially reach 5 260 children in a year, and 26 300 children in 5 years.

Our goals for 2015 are as big, hairy and audacious! We plan to open two new Teacher Training Centres in Vhembe and Kwa-Mashu in January. Further opportunities to open more of these centres are currently being explored. With land finally being approved for construction, we will commence the building of our world class school facilities for Nokuphila. We also plan to assist in growing one our ECD centres into a primary school. With a continued focus on growth, we will balance this with our



commitment to excellence and best practice. Monitoring and evaluation of all of our projects is key priority for 2015. And, as always, this will require renewed efforts and creative ways in which to fundraise for these plans.

As we grow, we cannot fully express our gratitude to our donors – those that have believed in our cause from the beginning and those who have recognised the potential of our efforts more recently. None of this can be achieved without funding. As precious, have been the less tangible rewards of building lasting partnerships with donors who have added value through their insights, knowledge and in ways beyond donations. Our deepest, and most sincere 'Thank You' to all of you.

To the Love Trust team – Martin, Erik, Lindsay, Mike, Chantal, Aika, Wandile, Puseletso, Norma, Suzette, Megan, Kathy and Rose – I salute you, and thank God for the privilege of being able to work with you for another extraordinary year!





"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light." Romans 13:12

#### Sarah Cairns

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## The Leadership

Love Trust is led by a highly experienced, diverse and networked team of individuals.

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world

Nelson Mandela



## **Love Trust**

Love Trust is a national organisation which has over 50 associate members around South Africa. Love Trust has developed into 3 educational branches as seen in the diagram below.

#### **LOVE TRUST**

Christ Church Midrand
Christ Church Preparatory School & College

#### **ECD CENTRES**

Early
Childhood
Development
Centres

## ECD TTC'S

ECD Teacher Training Centres

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# Early Childhood Development Centres (ECD Centres)

We have 20 ECD Centres or Pre-Schools in Gauteng and KZN. They are run on a networking model and allow us to incorporate 10 – 15 ECD Centres annually. The Principals of these ECD's have been trained at our Teacher Training Centres. Love Trust provides them with regular workshops and training in governance, financial systems, curriculum, health and safety. A sophisticated Monitoring and Evaluation System is being introduced in 2014/15.





## **ECD Teacher Training Centres**

Love Trust provides nationally accredited training for Pre-Schools and Early Childhood Development principals and teachers. We started with 10 students in Tembisa and presently have over 280 Pre-School principals and teachers attending our 6 Teacher Training Centres in Gauteng and KZN. The students are trained part-time over 2 years and receive a South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) approved Diploma.

## Nokuphila School

In January 2010, Nokuphila School opened its doors to 45 preschoolers from the Greater Tembisa area. Children were admitted to the school based on their vulnerability. The school is run by a highly experienced principal Michelle Peters, Ruth Nkomo the Community Liaison Manager and trained teachers. Christ Church Preparatory School and its Principal David Bell provide significant educational expertise and oversight.

The school provides the following services to its children:

- Quality education
- Christian values and teaching
- Meals: breakfast & lunch
- Transport to and from school
- After-Care Facility
- Extra curricula activities

The school currently accommodates 225 learners in 11 classes from Grade 000 to Grade 3. We also employ 5 student-teachers from Tembisa registered with UNISA who receive practical hands-on training at Nokuphila School.

## How you can help

Love Trust is seeking your help. There are many ways to do so – large and small. We are grateful for any giving - in cash, in kind and in time, and we value relationships with all our donors.

#### 1. Funding - Operational Requirements

#### SPONSOR A CHILD

It currently costs R1,200 per child per month to run Nokuphila School. Our "Sponsor a Child" programme offers you the opportunity to help cover those operational costs. You can sponsor a child in increments of R200 per month, with these as your options:

R200 per month R800 per month R1,000 per month

R600 per month R1,200 per month or more

#### SPONSOR A TEACHER TRAINING CENTRE (TTC)

R185,000pa or part thereof. Includes TTC Trainer, Resources, Administration.

#### SPONSOR LOVE TRUST TTC HEADQUARTERS

R900,000pa or part thereof. Includes managerial, fund-raising and administrative staff.

#### SPONSOR LOVE TRUST ECD HEADQUARTERS

R1,7m pa or part thereof. Includes ECD specialists; Monitoring and Evaluation; General Administration.

#### SPONSOR A UNISA STUDENT (TEMBISA)

Student teachers registered with UNISA at R40,000 pa.

## 2. Funding - Capital Requirements

The capital costs of the Teacher Training Centre:

Self-Study Room R1,200 000

Lecture / Training Room R1,200 000

Library R700 000

Specialised Classrooms R600 000

Admin / General R1,300 000

## 3. Resource Centre (Equipment & Resources)

The cost of establishing a fully stocked resource centre for the use of the ECD's in the Tembisa area is R260,000 and an annual management cost of R100,000.