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DELFT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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“The women in Delft are remarkable; they have an inner strength, perseverance, and a heart for the Delft community, particularly the children. They see their work as a calling, and they want to make a difference in the lives of the children. They believe they can bring hope to these children, hope for a better future. They believe they can help develop their God-given potential to achieve more in life and rise above the challenges in Delft (challenges such as drugs, gangs, and struggling households). Before, their lives were defined by these negative elements. Now they know there is a world out there that cares and holds hope.”

These are the touching words of Carla van der Merwe, the occupational therapist and Operational Manager of Amazing Brainz. Amazing Brainz is an NPC who created early childhood development programmes that have been specifically designed for the unique southern African context, particularly for marginalised communities.





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On the 27th of June, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that our country will move to an adjusted level 4 lockdown. Not only did the lockdown again have an immense effect on their schools' attendance and finances, but it also limited Amazing Brainz to continue with the training in person. However, weekly virtual support was given in creative ways and the teachers could continue to give feedback on the execution of the school activities via WhatsApp. The teachers proved their resilience and by the grace of God all the schools could remain open.

We are extremely grateful for the incredible partnership between Shofar and Amazing Brainz over the last three years. The credible fruit of their work, love and dedication are evident in the schools. Phrases from the teachers like, "I was disorganized, but now I'm organized" or "The training is making my life as a principal so much easier" confirming the success of this project. The decision to take on a new group of educators was obvious due to the big success and demand after the first intake. 43 ECD centers applied for the second project, where 20 ECD centers and 75 educators were selected to take part in the second training. We are elated to walk a road with the precious new group of educators which started in August.

Thank you for sharing this vision with us and carrying this dream of making a meaningful impact in our country.

Kind regards

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