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PROCHORUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS EXISTS
TO COLLABORATIVELY ACHIEVE
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT OF
INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES



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MANAGING DIRECTOR - JAN SCANNELL

By the time you read this letter, it means you've made it through 2020 – well done! We're sure glad we've come to the end of a rough year. By much grace we were able to do so with most of our feathers intact, while having helped our beneficiaries to also remain flying, even soaring. Mostly, Prochorus have gone far out of the way to accommodate and serve the immediate needs of our beneficiaries and even the wider communities we serve in. Due to many generous donors, committed volunteers and dedicated staff, we were able to go beyond the call of duty and be the conduit of basic needs and emergency relief required by so many people during the tough effect of COVID 19.



Early after lockdown level five started, Prochorus was registered as an Essential Services organization, mostly doing food parcel and food voucher distribution.

I am proud of our branches and Area Managers who worked tirelessly to make arrangements and compile working documents to comply with regulations for reopening normal project activities; as per government allowance. This year has been a test of our resilience and it has proven our ability to adapt and innovate at an increasing rate. Staying relevant and adaptable are ever essential aspects of sustainable development: various collaboration and coordination efforts allowed for organized and effective supply of resources to the overwhelming need. I am amazed at how each of our branches made the most of their available resources. The statistics in the report will speak for itself.

The most rewarding part for me is to assist where it's most desperately needed and at the same time, empower people to move forward. Through various ways, this was possible in 2020. In one instance we were able to assist one very marginalized group of people with food parcels and vouchers, but later also empowered them with resources which could be sold for a profit and also help their families.

One of my favourite times, was when we got some feedback from parents who spent time with their children during lockdown level 4 and 5, doing the activities in the educational packs we supplied with the food parcels, to our beneficiaries. Moments which was very precious to parents and children alike, which might not have happened without these resources sent home.

Another highlight was being on a manhood camp with the teenage boys from our Development Cycling project. The camp followed after we had various sessions with them at the beginning of the year, about the important aspects of manhood. At the camp, they were faced with multiple challenges, where they could prove to themselves that they have what it takes to walk the journey of becoming a real man.

Having witnessed how these boys transformed during this year, was priceless.

A heartfelt thank you, to all our donors, supporters, volunteers, partners, staff and other stakeholders, who made this year a success. Each of you played your part, used your power to empower and changed lives.

BOARD CHAIRMAN- LUSANI MULAUDZI



The power and importance of non-profit organizations in our country should not be underestimated. We live in a highly unequal society that requires us to continuously build the necessary bridges to enable individuals from different societies within our society to work together. Our challenges as a country demand this of us and Prochorus has been answering this call for many years. In 2020 we faced a pandemic that caused serious harm to our economy and our health system. Our communities were devastated due to losing loved ones as well as the loss of income due to retrenchments.

Prochorus responded to this challenge by raising funds from existing donors and new donors. These funds were distributed in various areas in the Western Cape including Delft, Stellenbosch and Somerset West. Many families were sustained for several months and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the donors and the Prochorus staff members for working hard to make this happen.

Although Prochorus is not a specialist relief organization, we responded to this crisis with the help of other non-profit organizations and specialist relief organizations. It is important that non-profit organizations should recognize their own strengths and weaknesses and wherever possible to partner with other organizations that are better suited to execute certain tasks. The working relationship between the Stellenbosch municipality and the non-profit organizations working in Stellenbosch was impressive and Prochorus will endeavour to cultivate this kind of working relationship with government institutions and other non-governmental institutions.

The Premier of the Western Cape, Mr Alan Winde, visited Prochorus in November 2020. This was part of his exercise to engage with community organizations to understand issues they may be facing dealing with both the community and government institutions. This was a very useful engagement, and we were privileged to have been identified to be part of this. We want to continue to be a respectable non-profit organization that effectively and efficiently delivers needed assistance in under-resourced communities.

WHO WE ARE

Prochorus community developments exists to collaboratively achieve social justice and empowerment of individuals and communities

Prochorus is a community-based organization, which was established in 1996 and is a registered non-profit. Registration number: 2008/012209/08, NPO Number: 086- 767- NPO. Prochorus offers sustainable programs to ensure that every person has the opportunity to reach their full potential spiritually, intellectually, physically and emotionally.

We partner Prochorus projects with local churches to ensure volunteer involvement, access to resources and integrity of the management of projects.

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FOCUS AREAS

- Early Childhood Development
- Youth Development
- Skills Development
- Poverty alleviation

MISSION

We serve disadvantaged communities according to the guidelines of need-assessment studies, and the accessibility of resources. Our focus is directed towards Early Childhood Development, Youth Development, Skills Development and Community welfare. Empowerment of individuals and communities



Prochorus Branches | 4 in the Western Cape

This is a local branch that has been established in a designated area, and managed by an area manager employed by, or volunteering at Prochorus.



Partner Projects | 4 Nation Wide

These are projects that are empowered by Prochorus through resource assistance. These include our community champions.



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BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR FAMILIES



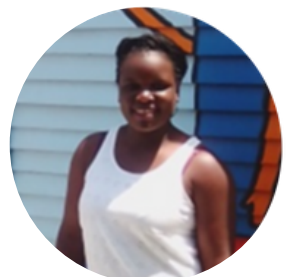
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PROJECTS





The community movers and shakers,
beneficiary champions and
hope bearers - that
keep the machine
running.



TOGETHER WE REACHED OVER 7000 PEOPLE

The COVID-19 Pandemic threw many of our plans off-course. The development of our beneficiaries remained our primary outcome – level 5 and 4 of lockdown saw many of our beneficiaries and their families in need of basic support. We decided to meet the immediate needs of beneficiaries with funds raised while the projects where closed.

The collective effort of all the branches and community of stakeholders has allowed Prochorus Community development to continue to serve during the hard lockdown.



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Prochorus has as one of its flagship projects early childhood development (ECD) playgroups and early childhood development teacher and facilitator training. The two-prong approach is taken to tackle both the current state in communities, as well as to equip communities into the future.

SPRING OF LIFE

Spring of life playgroup provides an educationally safe learning environment for children, in Asanda Village, Strand. The main aim of this project is to provide children with affordable, high-quality early childhood development education so that they will be school ready.

As per government restrictions, the crèche was closed during level 5 and 4 lockdown.

However, this allowed us to do maintenance to the crèche property. These improvements include upgrades to the playground, installing an electricity supply, installing a galvanized gate and preparing to lay artificial grass.

In Septemeber, we reopened with strict PPE regulations in place – allowing to provide a place of safety for the beneficiaries once more.

We are excited and expectant for the Spring of life crèche in 2021.

ECD TEACHERS TRAINING

All these dreams and objectives, however, came to a grinding halt when Covid-19 struck. After regrouping and realizing our mandate would change in this time of crisis, we realized that a figurative ark had been built by the project in 2019. We were ready and able to shelter a small community of creche educators and their children from the brutal impact COVID-19 would have on them financially and practically.

Due to willing hands and generous donors, we could respond and reach out to these beautiful women and children in their time of need.

Food vouchers, food parcels and three soup kitchens varying in size served a community of over a thousand individuals. Thank you to the generous donors who contributed more than R750 000 into Delft, to feed and encourage those we have grown to know and love over the last few years.

Despite the challenges, 2020 brought we are thankful that some of our objectives and dreams were achieved. Our motivation is greater to see how we can serve the ECD community of Delft in 2021.

We hope to see the Curriculum training with 80 educators completed. We hope to provide principles with the opportunity to attend a comprehensive business course, allowing them to run their businesses with greater confidence. We hope to walk the crèche registration journey with each crèche, ensure successful registration, and access to government funding. We hope to take in a new group of ECDs for training.

We are hopeful for the new year, and the opportunity to serve the Delft community.

SIYANDA + LITTLE BUILDERS PLAYGROUP

The playgroups (Siyanda in Kayamandi and Little Builders in Cloetesville) started on a high note. Together the playgroups hosted 35 children. Our playgroups received a donation of dried foods from The Lunch Box Fund. It was a great help for the feeding programme at our playgroups.

The Lockdown resulted in the playgroups closing. However, there was a great effort to ensure the children do not fall behind. The teachers distributed food parcels and learning-aids to the parents of our beneficiaries.

In July, we received the protocols and safety measures that has to be in place for crèches and aftercare projects to open legally. We are excited to share that the playgroups safely opened on the 10th of August.

We have extended the crèche in Kayamandi – and are happy to report we will be able to receive all the children registered in 2020 next year with the increased spaced – while still adhering to all the COVID 19 protocols and regulations. Thank you to Bester Feed for making this possible

The pandemic also encouraged us to upskill our staff. Increased cases of trauma experienced at home caused us to send all our staff to trauma training. They are equipped to assist the beneficiaries through various kinds of trauma. They've also received compulsory Covid-19 regulation training.

Since opening, we have not reported any positive Covid-19 cases. Our staff has worked very hard to create a safe environment for the children to learn and develop. A fun learning environment is still crucial for us. We have tried our best to create a fun, educational and exciting learning environment for the children, within the protocol requirement.

The Stellenbosch playgroups make use of Prochorus's very own registered curriculum



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Prochorus Community Development is currently running 3 youth development programs across three of our branches, focusing on whole-life skills and student support. There is a fundamental understanding of our core that developing the youth develops a bright future for our nation.

Dream Again Foundation focuses on support and guidance to school going farm girls in the Riebeeck Valley, age group 12-18. This is achieved by teaching the girls practical skills, facilitating identity discovery and exploring their unique gifts and talents in a mentor group context.

At the start of the year, we welcomed 27 girls and six mentors back to the program

Despite the uncertainty and unexpected nature of 2020 – we managed to meet up six-times with our girls and support them throughout the lockdown. The project is fortunate to be partnered with generous companies and donors who have enabled us to take care of our girls' physical needs throughout the year, allowing our mentors to focus on the emotional and educational circumstances.

The last few clubs of the year saw local artists invited to introduce the girls to the Stone Circle (landscape art) project in Riebeeck Kasteel. We had a speaker to help the girls understand what it is like to live with Parkinson's disease and a sugar/cake-artist to help us all creating Christmas cupcakes for the whole family.

Despite the unprecedented nature of 2020 – Dream Again Foundation achieved what it set out to do, and we are looking forward to 2021.

JONKERSHOEK CYCLING PROJECT

Prochorus uses cycling as a vehicle for development through a whole life coaching program, to train and equip marginalized children at risk, with life skills and sound values.

This year, our cycling project looked a bit different. The beginning of the year started with significant momentum with a mountain bike race in Kylemore, Stellenbosch and the Cape Town Cycle Tour. Our cycle tour experience was great. We had two new boys take part for the first time, and they did well!

However, due to COVID, we had to stop cycling for a few months and only reopened in September 2020. We continued to support the beneficiaries and their families with food parcels throughout the Lockdown.

As a consolation, we participated in a small race for the lost year at the end of November. The beneficiaries all waited for so long to race after the long offseason. All the boys showed so much patience this year.

The older boys, age 13 - 16 went on a manhood camp at the beginning of November. All the boys came back changed men. They began accepting more responsibility, challenging themselves more and carrying themselves differently. I can't wait to see what the next camp does, with the next set of boys.

We hopefully look forward to 2021. A year with fewer interruptions, more training sessions and successful races.



JONKERSHOEK AFTERCARE

Our Jonkershoek Aftercare Centre exists to provide the scholars of Jonkershoek with an accessible and appropriate place to receive help with their school work. There is also a focus on developing other skills and providing mentorship.

The Jonkershoek Aftercare project registered 35 children during 2020. Shannon Herbst started as the new project leader for Jonkershoek, and her fresh energy and ideas took the project to new heights. She has implemented many new systems, and the children have made a lot of progress.

During Lockdown, we also supported the beneficiary families with food parcels. We are currently the only operating NGO in the Jonkershoek area, leading us to assist the families whose children are attending the centre faithfully.

Preparing the centre after Lockdown took time, but thanks to some donors who made it possible, we could open mid-August. Due to limited space to implement social distancing, we had to host the beneficiaries on alternating days. The new arrangement reduced the overall time spent with the beneficiaries; however, it allowed for much needed one-on-one time. Despite our concerns regarding the Lockdowns effect on the beneficiaries work, we have seen a large number of our beneficiaries improve. We also started life-coaching with a group of ten teenage girls at the centre. The girls cannot wait for each week's sessions, and the coaching has proven effective. Despite all the changes, we still had a wonderful Mandela Day, with the Help a girl Foundation and the Kusasalethu Foundation. It was a special day, and the girls had a fantastic time. We also hosted a holiday program in October.

Unfortunately, our beneficiaries were not exempt from the adverse social effects of Lockdown. One of our beneficiaries fell pregnant during Lockdown. She has decided to complete her schooling – despite the current circumstances. We will continue to assist her as best we can.

Despite the challenges, we finished 2020 strong at the aftercare centre. We look forward to 2021 and welcoming our beneficiaries.



“We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future.”

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



POVERTY ALLEVIATION

As Prochorus desires to uplift communities in holistic manner we understand that poverty alleviation action needs to accompany empowering action to see empowered communities in the future.

The Store House project is the heart of Prochorus, distributing resources collected from the network in which we operate to people who have a need. We collaborate with like-minded organizations towards a better, empowered community.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the StoreHouse project received financial and physical donations from new and unexpected places. A recent partnership with Global Recordings entails the distribution of an Educational/Counselling tool, 'Tumi the Talking Tiger'. We are very pleased and privileged to be assisting this NGO with the distribution in the Helderberg region. Tumi is a well-timed tool and is received well by the beneficiaries.

Our current service network includes Bridging Abilities, Somerset West Night Shelter, Somerset West Family Shelter, Thomas House of Hope (old HSPC), ChangeAbility and Global Recordings.

STOREHOUSE PROJECT

SUPPORT A SCHOOL CHILD

Support a child is a project that supports school children with school necessities such as uniform and stationery. In 2020 we managed to help seven beneficiaries with all their back-to-school needs.

The COVID-19 pandemic saw our reach grow to 58 children – providing the additional 51 children with school shoes and stationery. We also issued food parcels to our seven initial beneficiaries throughout the Lockdown.

We further had one student in tutoring to assist with his mathematics; this ensured that he could confidently write his exams.

We entered a partnership with a local business for 2021 and are excited about this project's capacity for growth.



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SCAS
GRS ACTUARIES
STILL WATER SPORTS
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