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PROCHORUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT







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Overview

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.

VISION

Prochorus Community Development exists to collaboratively achieve social justice and empowerment of individuals and communities.

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.

FOCUS AREAS

- ▶ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ▶ Community Welfare
- ▶ Youth Development
- ▶ Skills Development

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326

BENEFICIARIES
& THEIR
FAMILIES

12

PROJECTS

4

BRANCHES

Letter from the Chair person



Towards the end of 2018 the Board of Prochorus Community Development started discussions with the leadership of Shofar Christian Church to explore ways for closer collaboration. Several models were considered, and it was ultimately decided to maintain the independence of Prochorus through its Board while taking advantage of administrative efficiencies between the two organizations. It is very important for social development work to be church based and it has always been our vision as Prochorus to work with the local church in our activities. This is necessary to ensure a steady flow of volunteers as well as a reliable source of funding.

I stated in my letter back in 2017 that, “Prochorus will become an effective tool through which human suffering will be alleviated and communities empowered to realize their full potential”. Our efforts in the intervening years have been to determine how best to achieve this vision.

In 2019, Prochorus continued to empower communities through early childhood development, skills development, poverty alleviation and trauma counseling. Most importantly, in 2019 we paused to consider how the various projects are linked or can be linked with local churches. In most areas where we operate, the projects are run in close collaboration with the local churches. However, there are projects that we identified that have been running as stand-alone projects for many years with no direct relationship to any local church, although the volunteers involved are from various local churches. We decided that these projects should continue and that we will continue to do as much linking with local churches as possible.

Peter Drucker was quoted as saying that; “non-profit organizations, if managed properly, could become the best avenues for meeting human needs and alleviating suffering”. I believe that investing in our capability to continue to realize our objective as an organization, we need to continue to develop young community leaders with an ability to properly manage non-profit organizations. We did not make significant progress on this objective in 2019 and we are looking to gain traction on this in 2020.



As a country we are confronted with big challenges related to the high unemployment rate especially among the youth. The lack of accessible and affordable vocational training opportunities for many young people creates an opportunity for the Prochorus community to make a bigger impact. Our experience in running successful projects for over two decades can be turned into a platform to create learning and work opportunities for unemployed youths.

Prochorus has over the years trained and employed ECD practitioners, Carers, Project managers, Tour guides, Bicycle mechanics, Trauma counselors, Sports coordinators, Youth coordinators and Computer trainers. This capability needs to be enhanced and deployed in the under-resourced communities in the Western Cape and beyond, the need has never been bigger and we can rise to meet the challenge.

Letter from the MD

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This year at Prochorus for me, could be summed up as one where many battles was fought and giants faced, one where we persevered and believed, and one where we came out victorious. One doesn't need to speak to many people in the NGO sector, before you start realizing there's a common view that things are really tough in the sector at the moment. In the current economic climate everybody is feeling the pressure, while giving to charity is often the first place where expenses are cut. Left-right-and-center, one hears of organizations or projects closing its doors, yet at the same time, new ones start. People see such a great and vast need in our society and there is a group of people who really want to make a difference.

In the times we're in, solutions have to be innovative and well developed. Partnerships, relationships and collaborations are crucial. One has to surround yourself with the right people; those who believe that change is possible and that they are to be part of that change, while encouraging others to make their contribution count. If you are reading this, then you are most likely one of those people; I therefore salute you and thank you.

One of the most meaningful, yet often most challenging ways Prochorus does the above, is within the Connect Network of Christian NGO's. We've become official members in 2019 after the completion of the Quality Improvement System (QIS) verification and receiving top honors for reaching "Accountability Level", being the highest rating. One of the most exciting and innovation award winning initiatives which we are involved with in the network, is the "Safe Communities for Woman and Children" also called the "Keeping Children Safe Project", which is currently being rolled out in ten different communities across the Boland region.

We have also intentionally narrowed the collaboration with Shofar Christian Church and also other church groups and ministry movements, like The World Needs a Father (TWNAF). Eight of our staff has been trained on TWNAF and we're starting to connect with the parents of beneficiaries to teach them these principals. We plan to roll this out even more actively in the new-year.

Our various branches are going from strength to strength and I'm proud of the hard working people who makes an impact in their respective communities. The team working in Delft on early childhood development, in partnership with Amazing Brainz, are doing wonders in transforming the face on ECD. The project in Nomzamo has received a complete facelift recently and there is a beautiful synergy of symbiotic relationships making their work something truly unique and exciting. The Stellenbosch branch, serving the three communities of Jonkershoek, Cloetesville and Kayamandi) are managing to do the near impossible with the available resources, making a very tangible difference in each of these communities in each of their specific focus areas. The team in Malmesbury, who's mentoring, empowering and discipling young girls, are gearing up for great things as they're working towards a simple model of their project in order to scale it nationally. We're excited to also have some new prospected branches appearing.

As for myself, after completing the Responsive Leadership course of the A2B Transformation Movement, a model for developing occupational intelligence and human optimization, I'm making plans on how to implement these principals within Prochorus. Basically bringing us back to innovation and integration as I've mentioned at the start of my letter.

We're constantly putting our faith out and trusting for new funding streams to come into fruition. Just recently we've successfully registered with GlobalGiving, an American and UK based crowdfunding platform, which gives us the vehicle to use available contacts to channel funding from donors in these countries, while giving them their TAX benefit and getting the government's charity support portion in the UK, for donations coming from there.

Make sure to "use your power to empower" in 2020.

Meet the team

Meet the team of champions behind the vision.

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*Everybody can be great
because anybody can serve.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Early Childhood Development



Over the years research has shown that the early developmental stages of a child's life lays the foundation for future development and growth. Thus, the importance of early childhood development cannot be overstated in the emotional, physical and social well-being of our children.

This being said - 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. This sustainable approach to early childhood development is crucial to the long term impact and empowering communities.

70

Teacher Trained

18

Creches involved in
training

4

Prochorus creches in the
Western Cape

over 1400

Children and their
families reached

2

Training sites (Delft and
Kayamandi)

ECD Teacher Training

Delft Early Childhood Development Project



The Delft Early Childhood Development Project, led by registered NPO, Prochorus Community Development, in partnership with another community development organization, AmazingBrainz, focuses on offering a 25-week training course for unqualified ECD workers in the large and crime-ridden township of Delft, near Cape Town International Airport.

The course teaches many committed women from the community how to use age-appropriate and play-based teaching and learning activities to optimally develop children's brains. It also provides educational resources, and the information on how to use these effectively, in an ECD centre. This learning process facilitates the progression of ECD workers obtaining formal ECD qualifications. The consequences of this are that informal centres can then register with the Department of Social Development which in turn gives centre managers access to available subsidies.

The first cohort to completed the course received their completion certificates in November 2019.

We are excited about the progress made by this project, and the future impact of the project in the Delft community.

To get involved or for more information, contact delftecd@prochorus.org.



ECD playgroups

The Playgroup provides an educationally safe learning environment for children, from unemployed families, between the ages of 3 - 5 years. 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.

Little Builders

Little Builders playgroup is located in Cloeteville, Stellenbosch. Little Builders is run by a team of 5 staff members and serves 27 children and their families in the area.

Our parent support groups and parenting workshops has been one of our successes for the year. We have continued to do parenting workshops once a week as well as supporting groups to develop relationships between teachers and parents.

Some of the parents struggle with drug and alcohol abuse and the teachers have done their best to create a safe haven for the children who come from these families. For a lot of these children this is the only positive environment during their day.

Siyanda

Siyanda playgroup is located in Kayamnandi, Stellenbosch. Siyanda is run by 3 staff members and serves 25 children and their families in the area.

2019 has really been marked by an improved relationship between the creche and the parents of our beneficiaries. As well as by an increased involvement from the parents in their child's development and progress.

We invited them for one-on-one lunches during the year and during this time we have build relationship with them as well as discuss their children's progress and development.

This has been such an effective tool during this year to better our service to the beneficiaries and their families.



Spring of Life

Spring of life is an Educare centre located in Asanda Village, Somerset West. The centre is equipped, with a creche that provides day-and aftercare. The center is run by 3 staff members operationally, with the support of the Somerset West area manager. The centre currently serves 60 children and their families in the area.

Through this year Spring of life has seen many people plough into the vision, and help keep the arms of the project up, through emotional, spiritual and financial support. A highlight for the calendar is the annual graduation ceremony, there will be 21 students graduating to go to grade R.

Unakho day care centre for differently abled children

Unakho day care center is situated in Kayamandi Stellenbosch. The center does assessments of the beneficiaries, and creates customized programs for each child, which is then facilitated by two qualified staff members. Unakho is currently serving 13 children and their families.

The centre further goes on to educate parents and assist them in the development of their own children. We have received good reports from family members and parents, commenting on their children development and stating that their children are accomplishing things they never thought they would.

2019 has been marked by a year of developmental leaps for the students, and we are excited for 2020.



Youth Development



South Africa is a young country, a third of the population constitutes young people aged 18 – 34, and 18,7% of South Africans are between the ages of 15- 24.

The youth are a well of unharnessed potential, and as Prochorus we understand the future of the country lies in the next generation. Thus, youth development with a focus on empowerment and skills development is a key focus area for Prochorus community Development.



Dream Again Foundation (DAF)

DAF is a monthly girls club in Riebeek Kasteel. DAF provides a safe atmosphere for farm girls between the ages of 12 and 18. The aim is to create a culture wherein the beneficiaries will be encouraged to pursue their dreams in choosing a career path of their choice. DAF hopes to create a structure where the beneficiaries can grow in confidence in who they are and recognizing their value and worth. The monthly get-together focuses on skills and development training, as well as personal life skills.

This project also focuses on community development. There are local mentors from each of the registered farms that act as chaperones and assist with communication. The farm owners provide transport and a local venue



Jonkershoek Educare Centre

The Jonkershoek Educare centre is situated in Jonkershoek, Stellenbosch and run by 2 staff members. The centre creates an educationally safe environment that enables, motivates and stimulates school going children. We aim to equip the beneficiaries with the necessary skills to finish school and attend tertiary education.

Further we aim to empower the families in the community through parent meetings and classes.



Dream

Dream is a mentoring project for girls and boys situated in Stellenbosch. The target ages are between 10 and 18 years.

Life group sessions are hosted where a variety of social challenges are explored.



The focus is building trust relationships and creating a safe environment in which tough conversations can be had. Life-skills and life-coaching also forms a part of the sessions to ensure that the beneficiaries are empowered and equipped to navigate their challenging circumstance emotionally, spiritually and physically.

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. The project focuses on children from the Jonkershoek valley, although children from other communities are also involved. The program inspires them to start dreaming again, to believe in themselves, to see their own potential, their opportunities and empowers them to attain success in whatever they set as a personal goal. We intentionally work to develop them emotionally, physically, socially, spiritually and intellectually.

Poverty Alleviation / Community Welfare



As of July 2019, more than half of the South African population lived below the upper-bound poverty line, which is R 1 227 per person per month. The reality of poverty in many communities is crippling.

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.

Storehouse project

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. We have assisted many households in 2018 and partner with various organizations in the surrounding area. Our function is as a networking organization between other NGO's, people in need and donors. From our recent successes with individuals who struggle recovering from injuries/setbacks in their lives, and connecting them with the required help, we can deduce that we are making a difference.

Support a school child

The Support a child project provides assistance to school going children from underprivileged families. This project is based in Kayamandi, Stellenbosch.

The project provides school going children with assistance in acquiring school essentials, without which they would be hindered in attaining scholarly excellence.

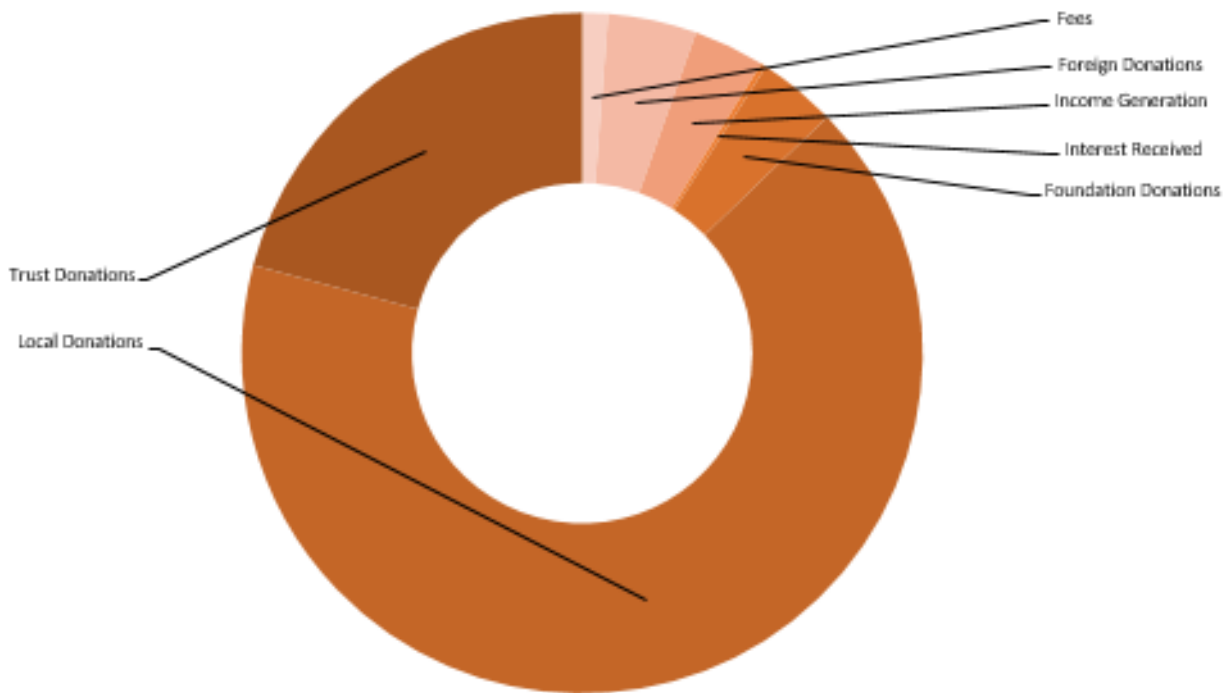
This support is done with the support of donors, as well as with the beneficiaries parents.

FINANCES



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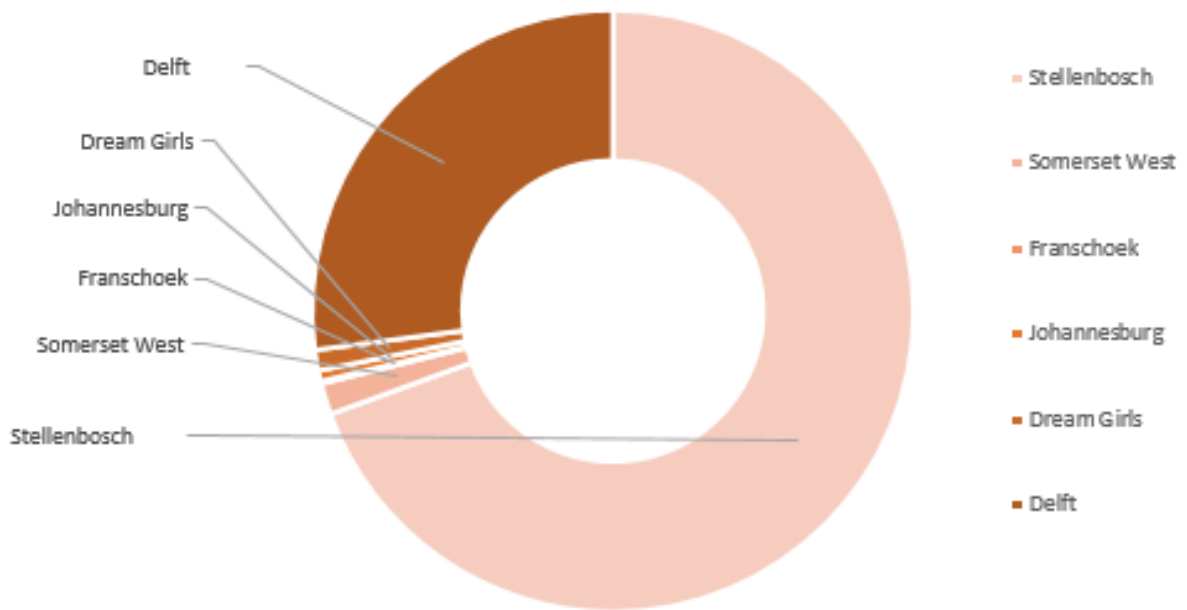
INCOME	
<i>Fees</i>	R 32 800
<i>Foreign Donations</i>	R 112 941
<i>Income Generation</i>	R 91 055
<i>Interest Received</i>	R 6 972
<i>Foundation Donations</i>	R 100 000
<i>Local Donations</i>	R 1 783 640
<i>Trust Donations</i>	R 560 000
R	2 687 408



EXPENDITURE |

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<i>Stellenbosch</i>	R	1 502 036
<i>Somerset West</i>	R	36 382
<i>Franschoek</i>	R	2 802
<i>Johannesburg</i>	R	12 500
<i>Dream Girls</i>	R	24 009
<i>Delft</i>	R	585 323
	R	2 163 052





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