

CONTINUING A LEGACY OF EDUCATION AND SERVICE: Khula's Impact and Initiatives



"Education was an intrinsic part of their mission, ensuring that every person, rich or poor, male or female, of every race, was equipped to flourish and serve in whatever field God called them to." This was said by Phil Anderson about the Moravian communities. In 1938, following the abolition of slavery in the British Empire, the Moravians established the college at Genadendal to train teachers who would in turn be able

to provide formerly enslaved people with an education. (Phil Anderson unpublished notes 2022.) Today 86 years later, we at Khula still believe that education is the way by which God called us to be His hands and feet to the most vulnerable learners in the communities we serve.

We are deeply humbled to share how God has worked through us this term, allowing us to host a prayer week at all the schools where we serve. The heartfelt prayer requests from both children and teachers touched us deeply, reminding us that our work is simply following in His footsteps.

This season has been filled with meaningful initiatives. We celebrated Women's Month with special activities, organised school attendance competitions, and held "Koek en Loer" gatherings to connect with our community. In collaboration with Inceba Trust, we trained teachers for our Tracking the Children project, offering valuable insights and guidance on how to support and assist the children most at risk of dropping out of school. We also collaborated with Nation Builder, KWV, and North-West University to host a successful Social Worker Support Initiative and Journal Club, where social workers earned CPD points. The Legacy Dad programme also from Inceba Trust helped us to reach out to Dads and helped them in their struggles to become good fathers to their children.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and continue impacting lives through His grace. Enjoy the read and please remember to keep us in your prayers.

May God bless you!
DALEEN LABUSCHAGNE
Programme Director



From struggles to a place in a specialised school

Elton Cupido*, a Grade 3 learner, joined our School2Home programme in June 2022, facing significant academic challenges that hindered his participation in daily class activities. His academic difficulties were compounded by a challenging home environment,

characterised by cleanliness issues and his mother's struggle with alcohol addiction. Elton struggled with foundational skills such as reading and writing, and basic tasks like cutting with scissors and pasting were particularly difficult for him. Despite these obstacles, our team committed to providing him with the extra academic support he needed through numerous home visits and classroom interactions.

A year into the programme, Elton's teacher noted his progress with pride, including his newfound ability to cut and paste,

which was celebrated by the class. However, his attendance became inconsistent, partly due to persistent home issues and his mother's reluctance to engage. Our team continued to offer support and encouraged his mother to seek help.

To ensure Elton's educational needs were met, we collaborated with his teacher to assess his suitability for a Learners with Special Education Needs (LSEN) school, and we quickly began the enrolment process. Elton also benefited from weekly Amado animal therapy sessions, which helped build his confidence and improve his attendance. His enthusiasm for learning grew, particularly as he overcame his fear of horses.

Today, we are thrilled to announce that Elton has been accepted into an LSEN school, where he will receive the tailored support necessary to thrive academically. His story highlights the impact of perseverance and dedicated support in transforming lives.

* A pseudonym was used to protect the identity of the learner.



The community pledges to uplift, love, and protect women, with children showing their support by marking their thumbs on the pledge.

Beneficiary REACH

Scope and reach within our target audience and community	45 898
Number of individual and group sessions which include home and school visits and community interactions	8 053
Number of educators reached, and trained in risk factors of school drop-out	576
Total reach through our Love2Learn community programme	19 063
Beneficiaries reached through our specialised School2Home programme	500

PRAYER WEEK:

A time for Reflection and Connection



From 26 to 30 August 2024, we celebrated Prayer Week at schools across Paarl and Stellenbosch. Learners and teachers were invited to participate in individual prayer sessions and share their prayer requests in designated boxes. Our team also visited classrooms, presenting the gospel engagingly and enjoyably.

WOMEN'S DAY:

A Month of Empowerment



In August, our team went above and beyond to honour women in our community. In Stellenbosch, we treated women to a pampering session with manicures and dress-up fun. At various events, our collaborative efforts had a meaningful impact: Taking Care of Business offered life coaching, empowering women to transform their lives, with a moving testimonial of someone who rebuilt her life and became an entrepreneur. In Chicago, Drakenstein Library, Fountain of Hope, and SAPS joined forces to address abuse and protect the elderly. Drakenstein Library shared insights

from Women, Know Your Worth and an inspiring message from Jeremiah 29:11, while also emphasising the importance of education and the support of the elderly in their children's schooling. We are thrilled to have brightened the lives of so many women.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMPETITION: Exciting New developments

At the start of Term 3, we announced our School Attendance Competition across the nine schools we support in Paarl, Klapmuts, and Stellenbosch. The competition has proven so popular that Ligstraal Primary, a special needs school for learners with learning disabilities, has also requested to join. Participating is simple—just remember our mascots' motto: "Wake up, Get Up, and Show Up." Winning classes in each phase at each school will be awarded a floating trophy at the beginning of term 4, following a review of attendance records.



AUGUST'S "KOEK EN LOER" EVENT: A Great Success



In August, we were delighted to host the "Koek en Loer" event, inviting the primary caregivers of our learners to join us for a day of creative fun and connection. As they enjoyed a selection of refreshments, caregivers and their children engaged in arts and crafts, creating cherished keepsakes together. The event not only fostered a stronger bond between caregivers and their children but also facilitated meaningful interactions between caregivers and our facilitators. We are pleased to report that the turnout was excellent, with both male and female attendees participating enthusiastically, making the day a memorable success for all involved.



#67: A Day of Giving and Learning

Mandela Day at Khula Development Group was a truly impactful event, encompassing more than just donations of funds and resources. We engaged with learners and their primary caregivers while addressing real-life issues.

Collaborating with Stellenbosch Municipality Disaster Management and Klapmuts Neighbourhood Watch, we shared crucial information on community safety and child care. Our thanks go to Williams Brothers and the municipality for providing meals to attendees. Mediclinic Paarl generously donated essential items to bolster our school attendance programmes. KWV employees spent 67 minutes with learners from our School2Home Programme, provided meals, and contributed funds towards building a classroom canopy. La Rochelle Girls' High School showed remarkable spirit, with students preparing over 2 000 sandwiches for distribution to learners and children in the community.

A heartfelt thank you to all our partners, volunteers, and supporters who made this day a success. Your generosity and dedication are deeply appreciated and make a significant difference in our community



CELEBRATING GENEROSITY:

A heartfelt thanks to our supporters and a special tribute to the Mergon Foundation



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every donor who supports Khula monthly. This quarter, we've been blessed with contributions from individuals, companies, trusts, and foundations. We are profoundly grateful for each donation and wish to recognise your generosity. Special thanks to The Mergon Foundation for their long-term support. Although our formal funding cycle with Mergon has concluded, their commitment to our work endures. Thank you, Mergon Foundation—Khula will always be part of your family.

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Empower a child's future with just R500 monthly or a one-time donation. Your sponsorship ensures vulnerable children stay in school, creating lasting change. *Receive an Article 18A certificate upon contribution.*

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DRIVING IMPACT TOGETHER: Our Collaborative Network



Attendees of the Western Cape Social Worker Support Initiative.

Western Cape Social Worker Support Initiative

On 6 September 2024, in partnership with Nation Builder, KVV, and North-West University, we hosted the quarterly Western Cape Social Worker Support Initiative at Ashanti Estate in Paarl. This event offered valuable networking for social workers and featured Dr Jessica Johannissen from Hugenote College, who shared insights on self-care and resilience.

Engaging with One Hope Church



Britney Abrahams, Gadieja Pasquallie, Carlyn Dhelminie, and Jacques Gabriels promoted KDG at One Hope Church in Stellenbosch.

On 8 September 2024, we had the honour of being one of the NGOs invited to One Hope Church to showcase our organisation and its work. During the event, special prayers were offered for the well-being of learners, the upcoming final school term, and financial support. Attendees asked insightful questions about our activities, and we were delighted to welcome a new volunteer who signed up on the day.

Tracking Children Project: Feedback and Future Prospects



Ethan Van Wyk and Megan Shoyer WCED Support Programme Assistants, Daleen Labuschagne KDG Programme Director, Irma Duvenage Inceba Project Manager, Erns Labuschagne KDG CEO, and Dr Johannes Erasmus from Inceba Trust.

On 29 August 2024, we held a brief feedback session with Grade R and 1 teachers involved in the Tracking Children Project, in collaboration with the Cape Winelands Education District and Inceba Trust. Megan Shoyer, WCED Support Programme Assistant, praised the project as a beacon of hope for quality education, aiming to benefit every child in every classroom across the province.

TEAM TALK



Shannen Louw is a School2Home Community Worker who began on 9 July 2024. She started her career as a Social Auxiliary Work student, swiftly taking on support roles across various schools. Her enthusiasm for working with children soon became evident as she took great joy in observing their development. Although her studies focused on social auxiliary work, she discovered that her true passion lay in nurturing children's growth, witnessing their transformation—

much like caterpillars becoming butterflies—with each child displaying their unique patterns and colours.



Jamie-Lee Engelbrecht joined us as a Community Worker on 18 July 2023. Her passion for working with children was evident through her enthusiastic engagement and leadership during sessions. A dependable and friendly colleague, Jamie was consistently reliable. Although she has valued the growth opportunities at Khula, she is now moving

on to new ventures. We wish her all the best. Her dedication to our parents and children has been greatly appreciated.



A Beacon of Hope and Support

Meet **Cornel Nel**, a dedicated social worker at KDG Paarl since 2018. Cornel has a genuine passion for supporting parents, providing guidance on crucial life issues such as financial management, overcoming substance abuse, and nurturing loving relationships with their children. Her profound compassion for the community shines through in her work, as she connects with individuals on a personal level, often visiting them at home where their challenges may feel most daunting. Cornel's strong faith and commitment to sharing the gospel enable her to bring hope and light into even the darkest situations, empowering and uplifting those around her.



LEGACY DAD: Strengthening Father-Child Bonds

After participating in the Legacy Dad Programme by Inceba Trust, which focuses on empowering fathers to connect meaningfully with their children, our Love2Learn Facilitator, Jacques Gabriels, decided to introduce the programme into our own initiatives. The programme has been a success, with attendance growing to twenty-three members. They now meet regularly to discuss a variety of topics, from faith to health and parenthood, among the primary caregivers in our programme.

STEP INSIDE KHULA!

Get ready to dive into the heart of Khula Development Group! Join our thrilling tours showcasing our impactful programs in local schools.

Next tour: October 24th, 2024, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in Paarl and Stellenbosch.

Reserve your spot: WhatsApp +27 73 176 5086 or email bianca@khuladg.co.za

Spaces are limited— secure yours today for an unforgettable experience!



VOLUNTEERING JOURNEY: A Heartfelt Experience with Khula



Volunteering with Khula for the past five years has been a weekly highlight for me. Despite lacking formal training, Khula's support has made me feel at ease. The children truly benefit from a consistent, caring presence. It's a genuine joy and privilege to spend time with them.

Requirements:

- Personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Patience, care, love, and approachability.
- At least 2 hours per day, Tuesday to Friday, during school hours.
- Fingerprint clearance at SAPS (volunteer's expense).
- TB screening at our office.

Contact bianca@khuladg.co.za for details.

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