



Dear Friends of HOPE Cape Town,

I hope you all started well in the new year!

After the summer holidays in South Africa, here at the Cape of Good Hope we are slowly getting back to normal, and our programs are starting up again.

We also formally opened the Youth Centre “Kap23” and transformed our Resource Centre into a so called eCentre in collaboration with the Western Cape Provincial administration. With this move, the Bavarian House becomes even more a symbol of the lively partnership between Bavaria and the Western Cape.

Our work in the health sector never really stopped during the Christmas period – in the wards of Tygerberg Children’s Hospital and in the maternity wards our staff continued to work tirelessly to make sure that the little patients and their moms are well cared for. In our ECD Centre our first Grade R class began, and it is heart-warming to see the excitement of our little students.

We are also busy strategizing and planning how our organisation can manage and conquer the uncertainties of our current times. In our next newsletter we will share with you more about it.

Otherwise so much has happened, please enjoy the newsletter. May I kindly ask you to keep supporting us, we can’t do it without you; and please feel free to share the newsletter with your friends, so that more people get to know about the work we are doing.

Best wishes
Fr Stefan



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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE KAP23 YOUTH CENTRE

Another milestone was achieved with the official opening of the Kap23 Youth Centre by Dr. Harry Malila (Director-General, Western Cape Government), Minister Sharna Fernandez (Western Cape Provincial Minister of Social Development) and Dr. Kristel Degener (Executive Chairwoman of the German AIDS Foundation).

Funded by the German AIDS Foundation, the Youth Centre is the last building that forms The Nex -Indawo Yethu campus in Delft. The centre will offer after school care, homework support and numeracy and literacy tutoring, youth development, and recreational activities and will cater for pupils aged 7 to 18 years.



Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Alderman Eddie Andrews, Dr Kristel Degener, Rev Fr Stefan Hippler



Dr. Monika Esser, Councillor Michelle Adonis, Dr Izane Reyneke



Dr Harry Malila, Dr Kristel Degener, Rev. Fr Stefan Hippler. Mini Sharna Fernandez, Deputy Mayor Alderman Eddie Andrews



Tanja Werheit, Consul General of Germany, Prof. Wolfgang Preisser



E-CENTRE OPENED AT THE NEX-INDAWO YETHU



Dr Harry Malila, Director General of the Western Cape Government, officially opened the Delft Nex-Indawo Yethu eCentre in Bavarian House at The Nex -Indawo Yethu in Roosendal Delft. Through the Cape Access programme, the Western Cape Government makes information and communication technology freely available and accessible to rural and underprivileged communities at these eCentres.

The Cape Access programme has established 70 eCentres throughout the province over the last 14 years, providing access to the internet and other services including: use of computers, access to the internet, access to email, printing of up to 10 pages per person per day and access to government information and services.

Accredited e-skills training courses are also offered at the eCentres and include an e-Learner Course and International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Course.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Not having the funds to purchase stationery or uniforms for school is often a barrier that less fortunate communities face. Without these essentials, children already start the academic year at a disadvantage.

But thanks to generous donors, the children from our 2022 Blikkiesdorp Playgroup and After School programme received their uniforms and stationery packs to get them ready and equipped for school.

*"We are called not to own
but to serve each other and
to create the space where
that is possible"*



Following an intensive six-months training programme, twelve participants were inducted as members of HOPE Cape Town's Advisory Committee by Rev Fr Stefan Hippler, Founder and Executive Chairperson of the HOPE Cape Town Trust.

The training programme gave the participants the opportunity to contribute their skills, develop them in a structured way, understand their situation in the context of Delft, analyse problems and make constructive suggestions to improve their communities - all in dialogue with relevant government agencies and civil society.

The establishment of the Advisory Committee is the beginning of a new communication structure between NGO and community. In this case, indeed, "the journey is the destination."

BIDDING FAREWELL

The Board of Trustees and the members of the Advisory Board bid farewell to two colleagues – Admiral (ret) Jacobus Louw and Detlev Geiss.

Thank you to Detlev Geiss for a dedicated service from 2011 - 2022 as Trustee of the HOPE Cape Town Trust and for holding also timewise the position of the treasurer.

Thank you to Admiral (ret) Jacobus Louw for his dedicated service and contributions as Trustee of the HOPE Cape Town Trust from 2014 – 2022.

We wish you well, and we are looking forward to keeping in touch in the years to come. You remain part of the HOPE Cape Town family.



Adm (ret) Jacobus Louw, Rev.
Fr. Stefan Hippler



Detlev Geiss, Rev. Fr. Stefan
Hippler

NEURODIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUP SUCCESS

Launched in June 2022 as part of our Cycle of HOPE Programme, the neurodiversity support group has provided practical and emotional support to parents and caregivers of children diagnosed or in the process of diagnosis with a neurodivergent condition. The majority of the participants have children or grandchildren with autism, while others are living with ADHD and one child has Down syndrome.



Special bonds have been formed in the group, stemming from their individually shared experiences of struggling to navigate parenthood/caregiving with their unique children, and the feelings of isolation and loneliness that they all experienced before joining the group.

The parents expressed that they were desperate for support and to be heard and from the start, the sentiment echoed by many was that they felt they finally now had a safe space and a family who could understand their daily challenges.

DRESDEN CONTAINER DONATION

The distribution of toys, games, stationery and equipment collected as part of the Dresden Container project has been concluded.



Moms receiving prams at the Blikkiesdorp Community Outreach Centre



Many kids blessed with school bags for the year



Donations delivery for the HOPE Cape Town playroom at Tygerberg Children's Hospital and the Tygerberg Hospital School.

DATES TO DIARISE

SOUTH AFRICA

6 May 2023

Ball of HOPE, Cape Town.

GERMANY

6 October 2023

HOPE Charity Dinner Berlin

28 October 2023

HOPE Gala Dresden

18 November 2023

HOPE Charity Dinner München

GRADE R CLASS STARTS

Education is the gateway to a world of dreams and Motivation is the key.

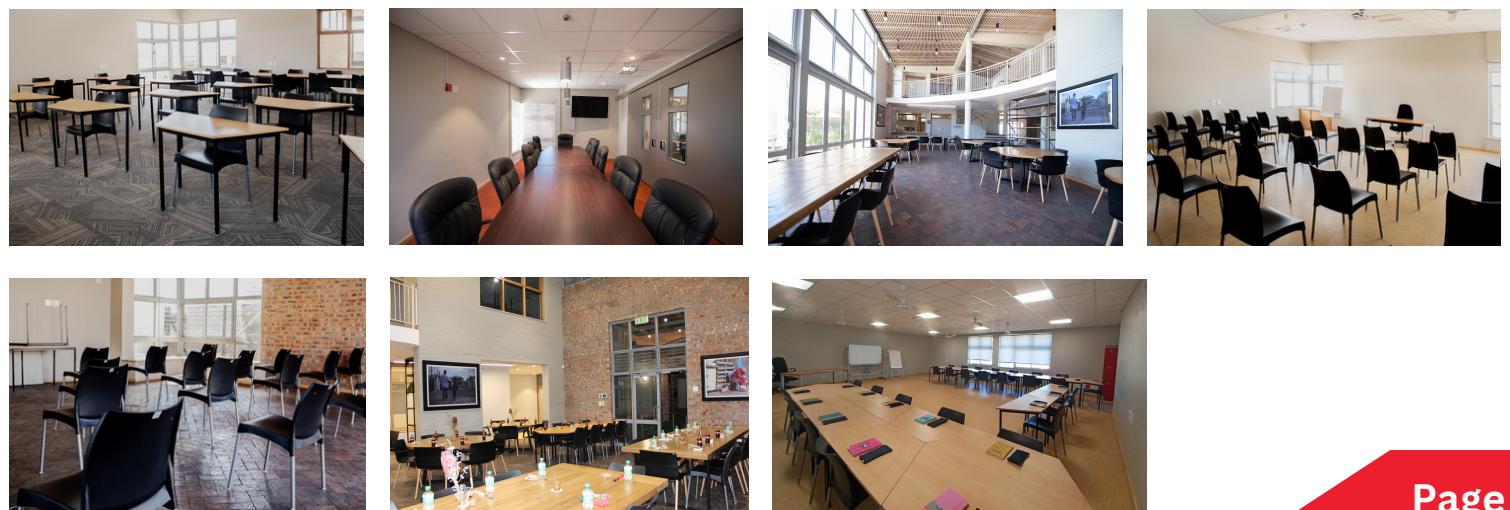
At the start of the school year, we welcomed the first Grade R class for Neuro-Diverse children at the Bayengarden Centre for Early Childhood Development. They have now settled into a daily school routine and have made new friends. Gr R educator Meagan Nel and her assistant Nicole have created a structured curriculum for play and learning new developmental skills along with lots of fun and laughter.



THINKING OF TAKING YOUR MEETINGS TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

The Nex-Indawo Yethu campus offers a variety of spaces that are ideal to host meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars, training sessions and other smaller company events. Fully equipped presentation equipment, on-site technical support and onsite catering available.

For more information, please contact Petra on (021) 001 2175 or email info@hopecapetown.org



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