

HOPE Gala Anniversary concert

Despite storm warnings and heavy rain during set up, the 15th annual HOPE anniversary open-air concert took place on the banks of the Elbe in Dresden on 08.07.2021.

Initiator of the HOPE Gala Viola Klein and her team have been organizing benefit events for HOPE Cape Town for 15 years and this year's anniversary concert was therefore also intended as a thank you to all partners who have supported the children's projects in South Africa since inception.

All 135 featured artists waived their fees and performed a varied program of classical and rock items, as well as Latin music, hip hop dance and graceful artistry. The orchestra accompanied great soloists like the soprano Steffi Lehmann and the tenor Martin Lattke from the Saxon State Operetta, the 15-year-old Phil Schaller, finalist of "The Voice kids" and The Dark Tenor with his rousing mix of classical, rock and pop. Juan Daniél, last year's Latin pop newcomer was accompanied onstage by four dancers of the DDProject. Behind the 3 HIGHligen hid three charismatic singers: Dirk Michaelis, André Herzberg and Dirk Zöllner. And the artists Dou Dou and Roberto of the Chinese National Circus offered a wonderful Pas de deux. Anja Koebel and René Kindermann were the two charming presenters of the evening.

This year's program was characterized by a particularly large number of young artists, including the Dresden Youth Symphony Orchestra of the Heinrich Schütz Conservatory and the Children's Choir of the Semper Opera.

Pastor Stefan Hippler, founder of HOPE Cape Town and executive chair of the HOPE Cape Town Trust, was visibly moved by the many young musicians and singers from the orchestra and choir on stage. All of them were committed to helping children of their age in South Africa without a performance fee and in an honorary capacity.

"I had the opportunity before the concert to tell the young musicians about why the children in South Africa need support," said Stefan Hippler. "I think they all gave their best, it fantastic! A lot of money was donated today, but the idea was also carried forward that it's important to think outside the box and that every individual can help."

Viola Klein, Trustee of HOPE Cape Town and Chair of the Governing Board of the HOPE Kapstadt Stiftung expressed her happiness around the success of the concert. During the year, despite Corona, donations amounting to more than 57,000 euros were collected through various campaigns including the event, part of which has already been successfully used in projects in South Africa. "The fact that so much money was collected in the end leaves me speechless. I can only say thank you."



Photo: Michael Schmidt



Photo: Claudia Jacquemin

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Final Touches

The construction of Phase 1 of “The Nex - Indawo Yethu” campus is nearing completion and we are set to take occupancy of the first three buildings by end August, namely Bavaria House, the Health and Wellness Centre and the administrative headquarters of HOPE Cape Town.

The manufacturing of eco-bricks for the second phase building - an early childhood development learning centre has also commenced. While inclement weather initially hampered the start thereof, bricks are steadily being made and stacked, readying for construction to begin later this year.

Bavaria House, located in the centre of the campus has made dramatic progress and is turning into a truly beautiful space. This will be the hub of Dual Vocational Training and a resource centre. The wall, floor and ceiling finishes in the wellness centre are complete as is the lobby connecting the wellness centre and admin offices.

There are approximately 50 workers on site every day with most of the ongoing work involving the installation of finishes, cabling and infrastructure. The last big item is progressing from building site to ready-to-move-in offices and as part of our commitment to community involvement, a team of ladies have been recruited from Delft to clean and prepare the buildings for furniture deliveries and occupancy.

We are excited about the prospect to serve more children, adolescents and families and together creating hope for so many more.

DATES TO DIARISE

23.10.2021	HOPE Charity Dinner Munich
30.10.2021	HOPE Charity Dinner Dresden
06.11.2021	HOPE Charity Dinner Berlin
04.12.2021	20 th Anniversary HOPE Cape Town, The Westin Hotel
21.05.2022	20 th Ball of HOPE Cape Town

Sharing Hope

Over the past few months, we hosted various dignitaries and visitors at The Nex and the HOPE Container Village in Blikkiesdorp.

Rev Stefan Hippler hosted Western Cape Provincial Minister for Agriculture, Ivan Meyer and Western Cape Provincial Minister of Social Development, Sharna Fernandez for a site visit at The Nex.

Both ministers were impressed at the rapid progression of building and have pledged their departments' support for our initiative with Minister Meyer donating the first book for the resource centre - The Agricultural Trilingual Dictionary.



Flowers for the visitors: Gladina from HOPE Cape Town welcomes German Consul Sven Hardwig and intern Marcello Carnero in Blikkiesdorp at the HOPE Container Village.



Clint Sarge Gould from the USA, who serves as a member of the HOPE Cape Town Trust Advisory Board and is at the same time a member of the local Rotary Club of Signal Hill in Cape Town visited the HOPE Container Village in Blikkiesdorp and the construction site of "The Nex-Indawo Yethu."



HOPE Cape Town Senior staff paid a site visit to their soon-to-be new home at The Nex - Indawo Yethu. Joining the staff on the visit were Prof. em. Monika Esser, Chairperson of HOPE Cape Town Association and Prof. Wolfgang Preiser, Board Member.

Catch up classes at Blikkies

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and related lockdown affected formal school teaching with many children only attending school lessons two to three days a week due to restrictions. This resulted in an increased need for supervised homework and at home teaching by parents, many who were ill equipped to do this.

With limited or no resources for online learning, many township children faced falling behind in the curriculum. But thanks to the Blikkiesdorp afterschool programme and Literacy and Numeracy assistance lessons, the children enrolled could continue with these much-needed lessons and support provided.



Gardening Graduates

The first group of participants in the Blikkiesdorp Outreach Gardening course were recently rewarded with their own garden start up kits. Forming part of the Five Steps to Health Programme - sponsored by the Saxony Government - the course saw both adults and children attending once-a-week gardening sessions where they were taught the basic techniques of how to start their own vegetable gardens.

After attending the first six sessions where they learnt basics from sourcing seeds, germination to soil preparation, course co-ordinator Gladena conducted home visits to assess the students' progress before awarding them the necessary gardening equipment and seedlings to expand their gardens.

The aim of the programme is to show community members that growing food for yourself and others is not only good for the health but is also economically sustainable and most of all that it is FUN to do.

Charlene, mom of 10 ten-year-old Miche says that she is so proud of her daughter's commitment to the course. "I never believed that we could grow anything in the sandy soil in Blikkiesdorp but Miche and her green fingers have proved me wrong. The other night I said the rice was so tasteless and Miche ran out to her garden to pick her homegrown herbs which added so much flavour to our meal. She is now planning to grow potatoes, butternut and tomatoes."

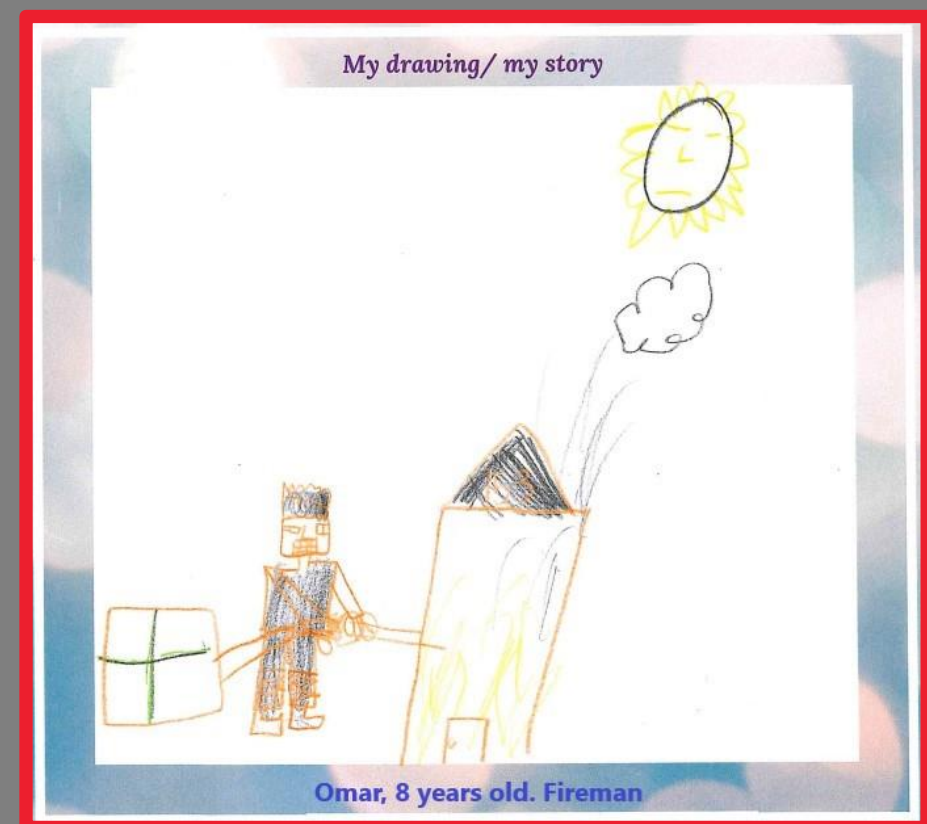
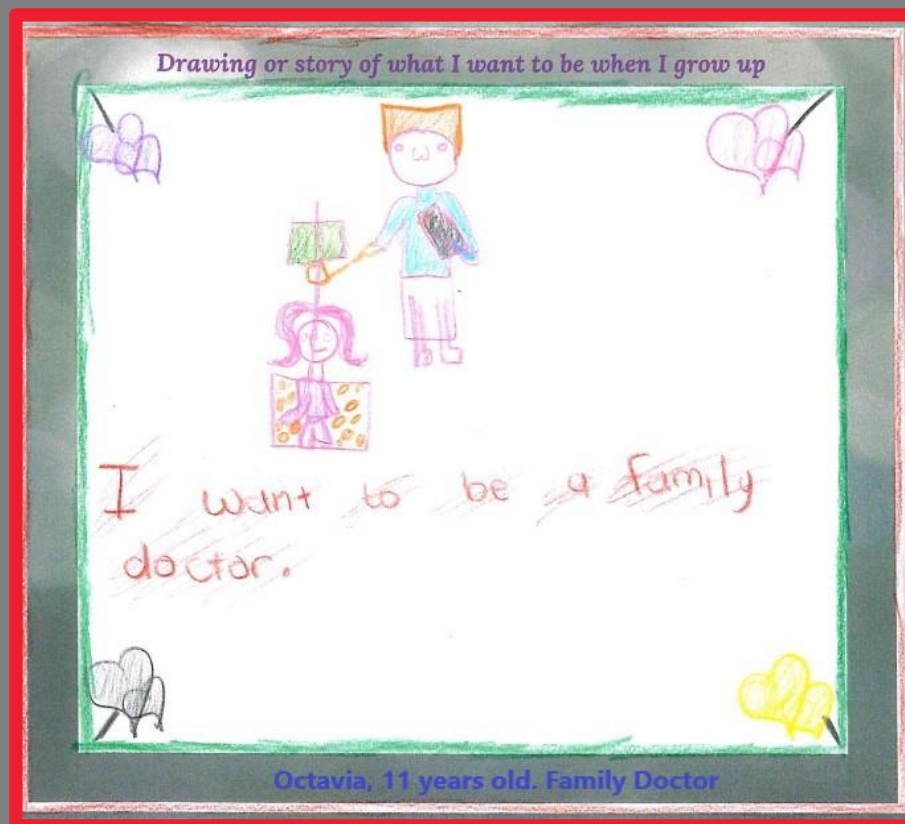
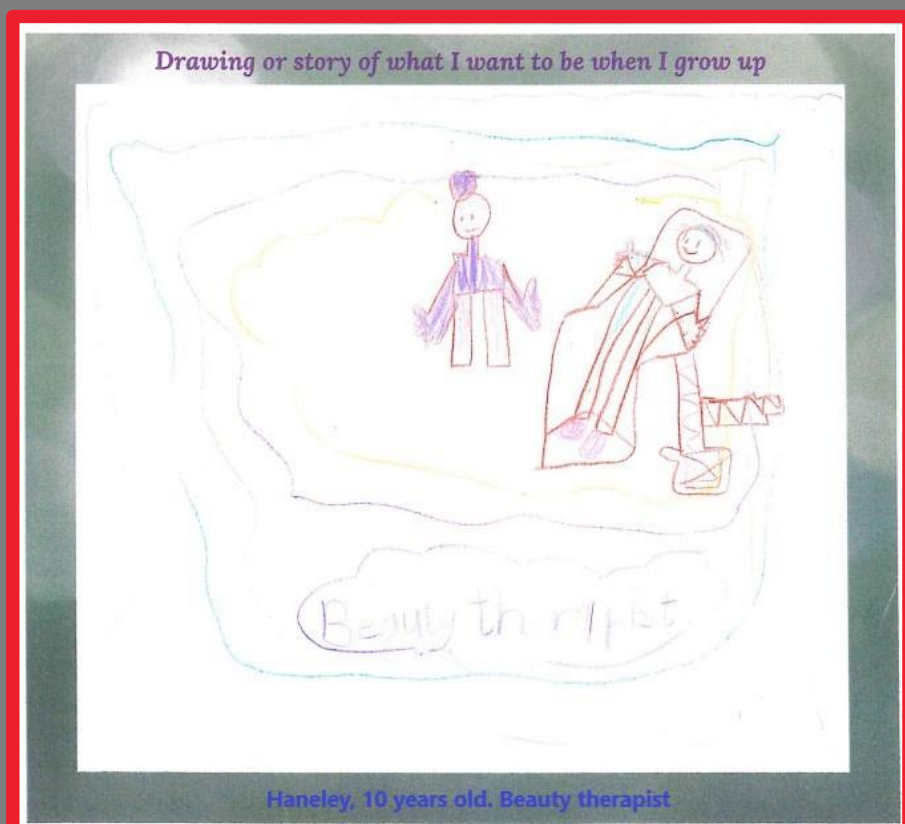
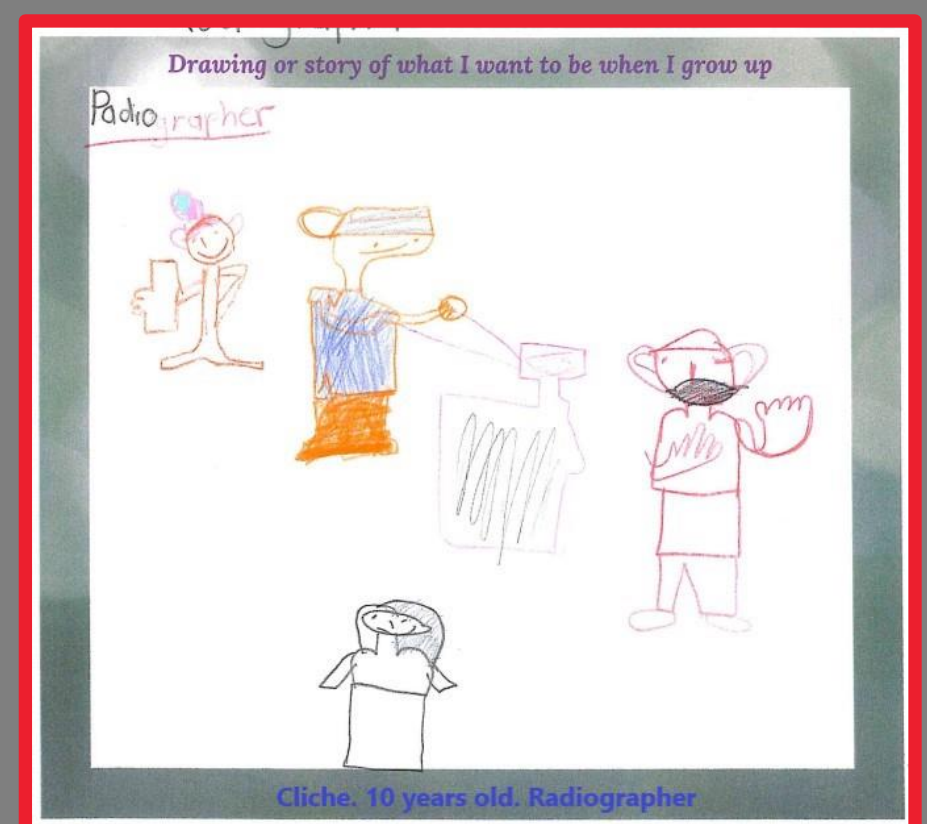
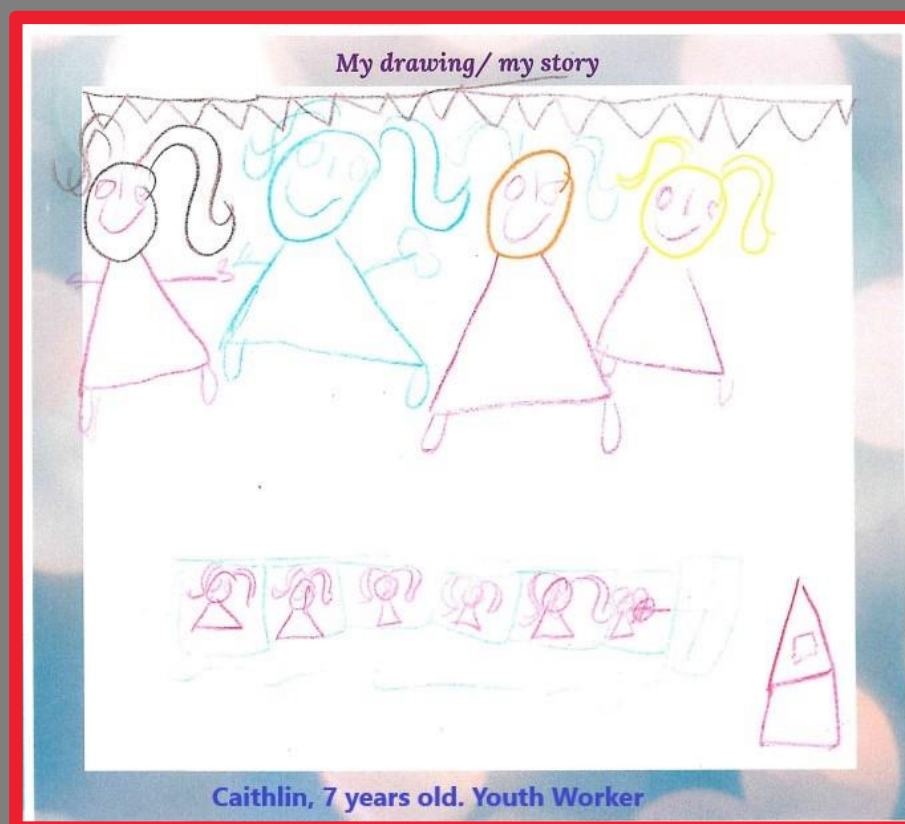
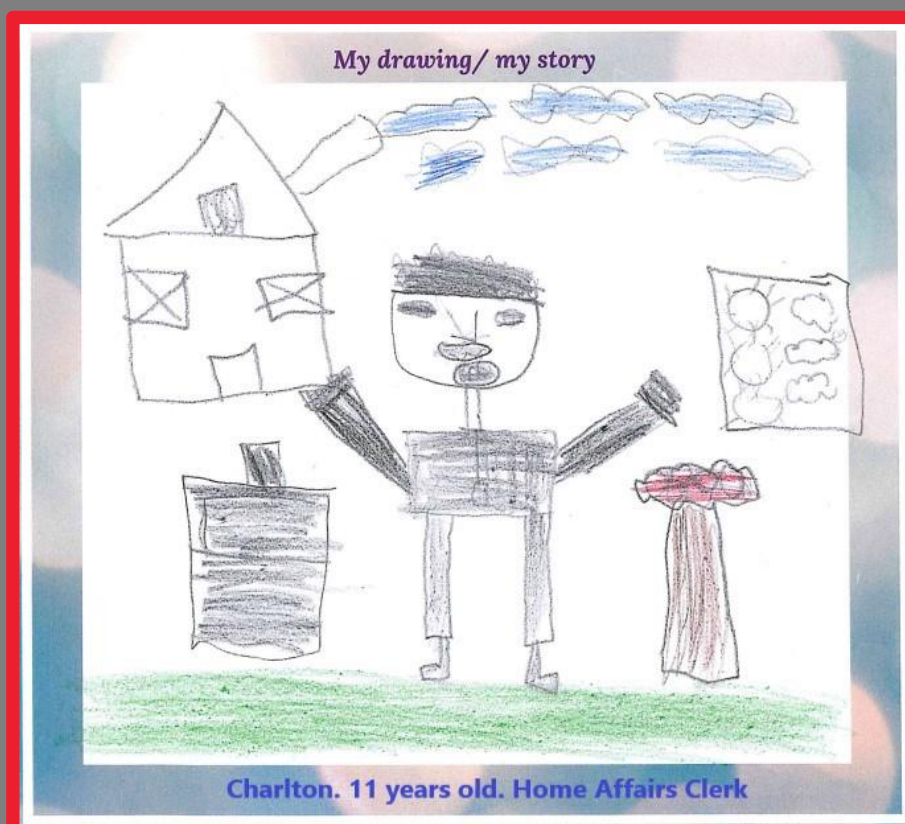
Melissa and Thomas Smit also commented how proud they were to have an opportunity to grow their own vegetables and were looking forward to one day serving their new baby home grown and home cooked food.



Encouraging Dreams

Experiencing or growing up in poverty and low socio-economic status affects people's lifelong decision-making and especially amongst children can curtail their dreams and aspirations.

Many cannot see themselves in a career outside of their impoverished surroundings. HOPE Cape Town is committed to transforming young lives and assisting them to reach their full potential and thus during Youth month in June, we encouraged the younger children at Blikkiesdorp to talk about their future dreams and what they wanted to be when they grew up. It was encouraging to see the vast spectrum of career choices, many inspired by the HOPE staff and services we offer.



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