



Dear friends and supporters of HOPE Cape Town ,

2022 has just started and already it feels here in Cape Town, like a year full of promises and challenges at the same time.

Promises, because for the first time, we could start a new year in our new premises “The Nex – Indawo Yethu”; a place to be filled with more joy and laughter in the coming months. Students of existing courses have returned from the long summer holidays and filling classrooms and the resource centre in the Bavarian House again.

The Phase 2 construction site is developing well, and we hope construction finishes by end March: giving us the opportunity to up the game in Early Childhood Development, with the assessment of children and offering courses for Grade R teachers and similar professions. At the same time, we

anticipate that we will have all the requirements for our preventive holistic health facility “La Maison de Christoph” ticked off and the official inspections done. We are already offering some services and are looking forward to really expand this area of expertise and to extending the fantastic cooperation we have already with the township clinics and the respective Departments of Health from the City and Province.

Obviously, there are challenges of which one is water: Our elaborate system of filtered well water, municipal water and rainwater tanks have given us sleepless nights or better weekends; the frequent cut of water from the municipality due to burst and damaged pipes will mean some adjustments to our system. Another challenge is of a completely different nature: Unfortunately, lots of charity work but also governmental grants trigger the expectation that everything is for free. A campus like ours depends on everybody who uses it also chipping something, in according to their means. To change the mindset and to stop the expectations of free rides remains a question which touches also on respect and dignity.

While the Omicron wave of the pandemic seems to calm down in South Africa, the consequences of the Covid-19 times are lingering strongly in the communities, heightened poverty, unemployment, and school dropouts. Crime, violence, especially gender-based violence, the feeling of despair and of not having a future remain challenges of a serious note.

Having said that, the HOPE Cape Town Team is looking forward to an exciting new year with meaningful engagements and interactions as well as interventions which really make a difference. For those interventions to happen, we must 'walk our talk' with those in the communities we serve, but we also depend on your involvement as friends and supporters: your grants, your donations, your contributions in money and kindness, your prayers and practical help form the backbone of everything we do. We simply count on you and that you continue to be 'HOPE Heroes' in so many ways. Please feel free to distribute information about our work, let us know when you are in Cape Town, and please pay HOPE Cape Town a visit. If you need more information or you would like to organise a talk about our work, about South Africa or related topics please feel free to contact us.

Please stay safe and healthy – have a blessed 2022!

Kind regards

Fr Stefan

SHARING HOPE

It has been a busy start to 2022 and we have already welcomed many visitors, supporters and Friends of HOPE Cape Town to The Nex and our Blikkiesdorp Community Outreach Container Village.



Rev Fr Stefan Hippler welcomed Alderman James Vos, City of Cape Town's Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Opportunities and Asset Management to The Nex-Indawo Yethu to discuss HOPE Cape Town's current skills development programmes and possible synergies with the City. Students participating in the Freight & Forwarding Dual Vocational Course facilitated by the SA German Chamber of Commerce met with Alderman Vos and discussed the important role of various sectors including freight and forwarding in building the economy of the Western Cape



We would like to thank Penguin Random House SA for donating 120 new books to our library in The Nex -Indawo Yethu. Kaelyn Frans, Education Coordinator for Entrepreneurial Skills at HOPE Cape Town (left), Mrs June Harris and Mr Clinton Frans from Penguin Random House SA



We welcomed Milne Becker and Auwin Govender from Standard Bank - South Africa. We are looking forward to creating with our 'house bank' more synergies for the better good of the people we serve.



Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Alderman Eddie Andrews joined Ward Councillor Michelle Adonis and Rev Fr Stefan Hippler for a tour of The Nex-Indawo Yethu in Delft. Located at The Nex-Indawo Yethu, Bavarian House, will serve as a centre of learning, entrepreneurial skills development and vocational training while La Maison de Christoph, the Holistic Health Centre will provide a relevant model of holistic, preventative care services. The visitors were enthusiastic about this holistic project approach of HOPE Cape Town and pledged further support for our projects.



Mike Saxby from Rotary Club Signal Hill accompanied Andreas Heydemann from Rotary Club Oldenburg - Graf Anton Guenther (Germany) and his daughters Patricia and Ellen on a visit to The Nex-Indawo Yethu and Blikkiesdorp on 11 January 2022. Mr Heydemann was particularly interested to see the progress at Blikkiesdorp as it was through his Rotary club that we were able to "go double-storey" and extend the children's area with two additional containers.

We welcomed to The NEX -Indawo Yethu, Rotary District 9350 with District Governor Ian Robertson, Incoming District Governor Tracey Wilson, Past District Governor David Holthausen and District Membership Chair Menno De Wett. A great discussion and exchange on collaboration projects with HOPE Cape Town and the Delft community with HOPE Cape Town Trust members Stefan Hippler and Carole Armstrong-Hooper, both active Rotarians and Past Club Presidents.



It was such a pleasure to welcome Minister Sharna Gail Fernandez on campus. Intense discussions about early childhood development (ECD) and social work, as well as all the possibilities of synergies creating a better future for all.



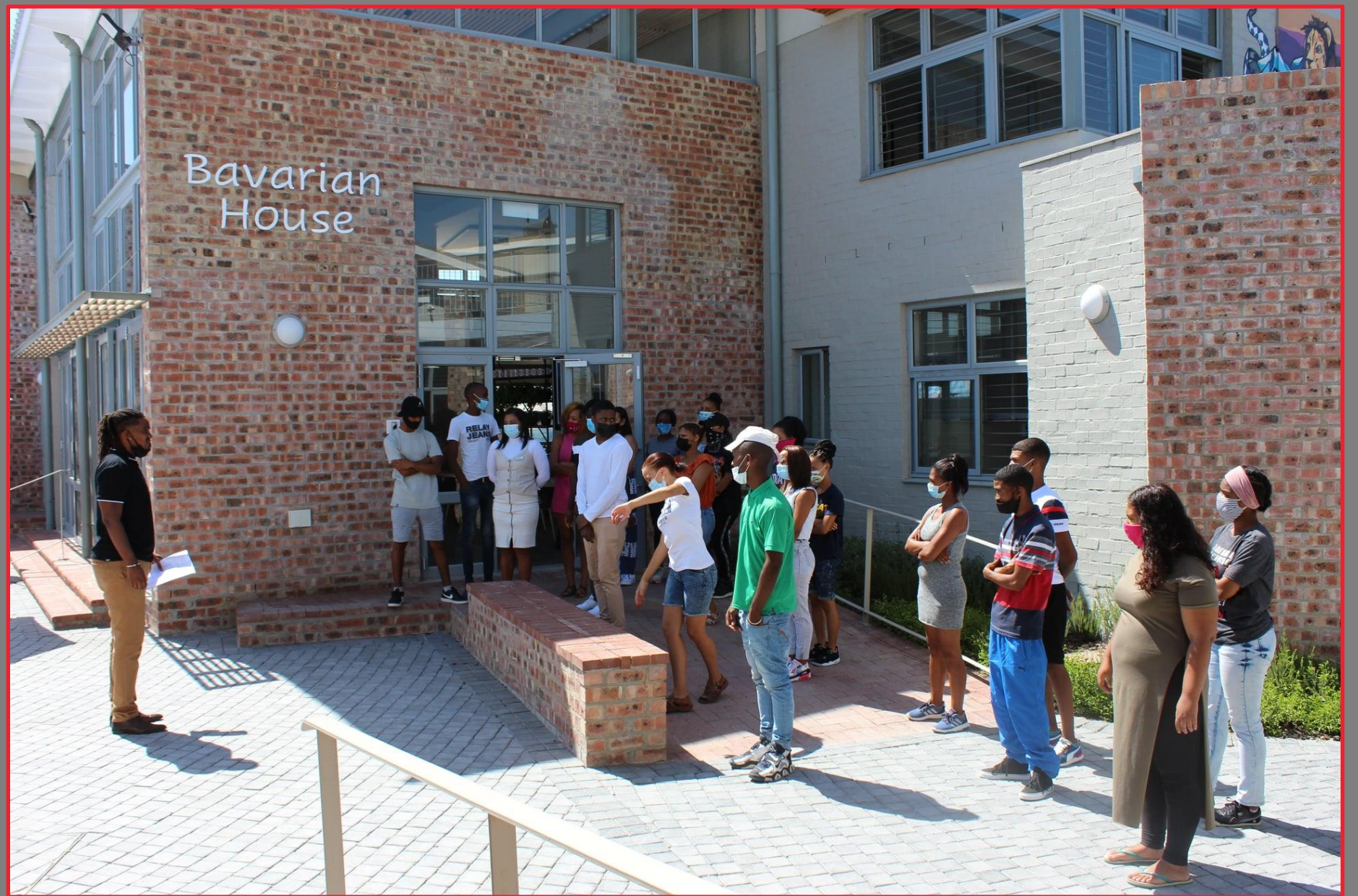
Senator h.c. Marco Scherbaum visited HOPE Cape Town . Marco is European Senator for economics; Member of the Advisory Body of the EWS (European Economic Senate) and he's also running his own company "Health for all". A very interesting encounter in #blikkiesdorp and #thenexindawoyethu.

Living in Würzburg this picture was necessary

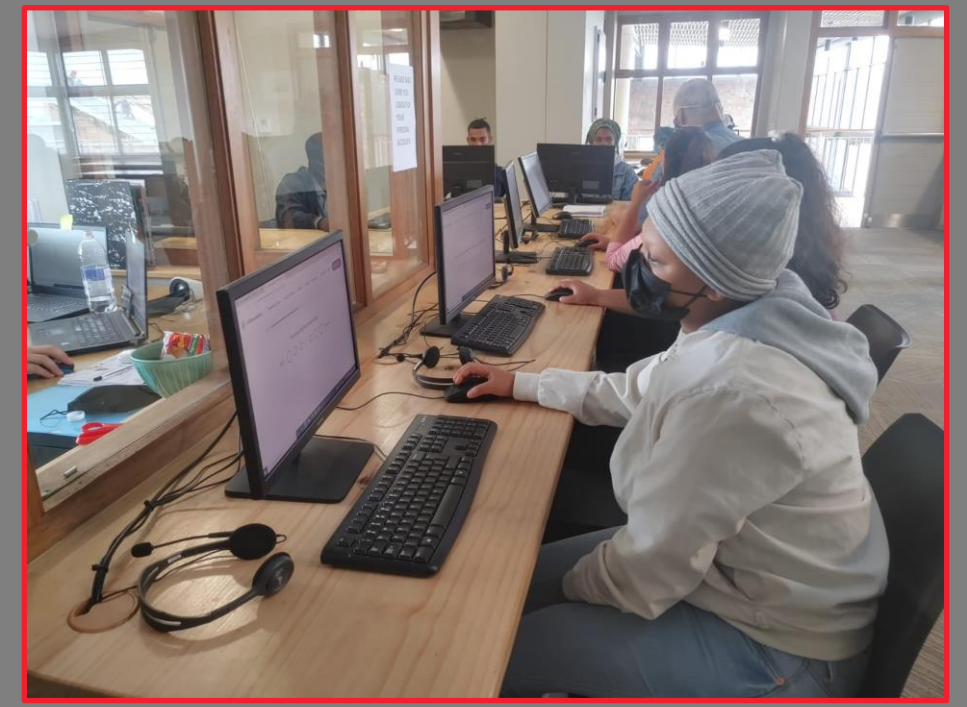
CAMPUS LIFE



And so a new adventure begins.... Our 2022 Blikkiesdorp Playgroup has started! The beginning of a wonderful journey of learning and playing for the children.



Course facilitator Calvin Daniels leads the new group of participants in the Entrepreneurial Skills Development Programme through some structured fun activities to build confidence and get to know each other.



Often when young individuals are asked to identify their personality and characteristic type, they find it difficult to describe who they are and begin to question their identity. The participants of the Entrepreneurial Skills Development Programme undertook an online psychometric test where questions asked were based on the way in which they approach life, tasks, and decisions. They were able to identify feelings, attachments and interactions with people and society. The observations, planning and structure of their daily tasks were also reflected upon. After doing this they were able to identify specific strengths, challenges, and qualities about themselves. At the end of the test, they were able view results which helped to explore hidden talents that at one stage in their life could not be expressed in words.



First HOPE Community Health Workers Training day of 2022. It was lovely to have the HCHWs back at The Nex -Indawo Yethu .The guest teacher, Lebogang Makokoana from Anova Health Institute, taught on HIV self screening with Oraquick swabs; and Index contact testing (ICT). He also brought much wisdom and laughter as he facilitated discussion around the challenges of relationships, parenting, marriage and talking about sex.

DATES TO DIARISE

South Africa: 21.05.2022 20th Ball of HOPE Cape Town
Germany: Charity Dinner: Berlin 14.10.2022 Dresden 05.11.2022 München (Munich) 26.11.2022

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