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WHO WE ARE

The Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT) is a non-profit organisation which has been in operation since 1990, providing unconditional love and hope to HIV/AIDS impacted communities in the Valley of 1000 Hills region of KwaZulu-Natal.

HACT's vision is an AIDS free Valley of 1000 Hills and all of our projects, which include care, prevention, community empowerment and income generation, work towards making this vision a reality.

Originally founded as a ministry of the Hillcrest Methodist Church, HACT has grown and changed with the on-going needs of the people we serve, continuously evolving in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Situated in the accessible and central town of Hillcrest, the Centre serves several poverty-torn and previously disadvantaged communities in the Valley of 1000 Hills region in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa - one of the epicentres of the world's HIV pandemic with estimated HIV-infection rates of up to 40-60% of the population in some communities.

Along with high HIV infection rates, the Valley of 1000 Hills

region has high rates of unemployment, teenage pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, and crime. HACT is the only organisation providing palliative care to impoverished people, and specifically to people with end-stage AIDS, in this area. We are also the only organisation in the area that addresses the HIV/AIDS pandemic specifically. Through the integration and work of our many empowerment projects we are not only able to change lives for the better, but offer a second chance at life as well.

OUR VALUES

PASSION:

To serve with passion, energy and commitment, always acknowledging the privilege it is to be helping others.

FAITH:

Seeking to do as Jesus would do: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NIV John 13: 34-35.

INTEGRITY:

The message and the messenger must be the same, we must practice what we preach and be honest in all things.

UBUNTU:

'I am because you are' - being community driven and constantly aware that our actions impact on those around us and that the sum is always better than the parts.

EMPOWERMENT:

Helping people to take ownership over their lives.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

With a highly volatile macro-economic climate, drastic changes in the funding landscape and a crippling drought to mention but a few, this past year has undoubtedly been a challenging one for HACT and the communities we serve. It is therefore with a real sense of pride that we present this Annual Report which bears testament to God's awesome and unwavering provision.

From its humble beginnings almost 25 years ago, HACT has steadily grown in its size and impact. Our holistic and multifaceted approach has made us into a centre of excellence. As a result, the number of people from around the world who come to visit and learn from us, seems to grow year on year.

In turn, these visitors have passed on their knowledge and skills to us. From upskilling the carers in our Respite Unit, supporting our Woza Moya crafters and helping us develop young minds through our Education programmes, they have not only contributed to our vision and mission but have taken God's love and the HACT miracle back to their own organisations and countries.

I am truly blessed to sit on HACT's Board of Trustees and be part of this amazing group of individuals who each bring with them

such unique insight and wisdom from their respective fields. It is therefore with great sadness that we have lost two of our greatest contributors to the Centre over the past year.

David Smiley, who was a passionate member of our Board for many years, has relocated from KZN but is still an honorary member of the Board. And Neil T. Oosthuizen, the Hillcrest Methodist Church Minister who founded Hillcrest AIDS Centre, who was killed in an accident last year. He is missed and still loved by all who knew him.

Lastly, on behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our CEO, Olivia Myeza and all her staff for their hard work and perseverance over the past year. I know I speak for all of us when I say that I am in constant awe of the blessings and miracles that come out of the centre every day.

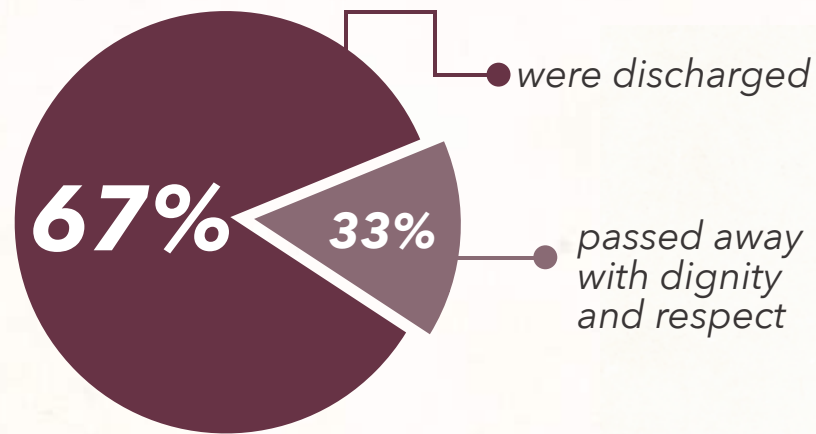
On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Linda M Knox
HACT Trustee & Founding CEO



OUR **IMPACT** IN 2015/2016

223 patients admitted to the Respite Unit



20 Child and Youth Care Workers provided care and support to **1006** orphaned and vulnerable children from **436** households.



1090 primary school children across five schools enrolled in the Life Skills programme



20

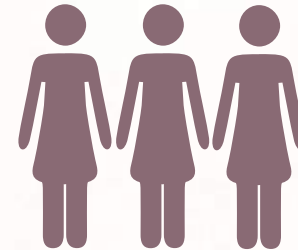
Home-Based Carers provided care and support to **600** HIV positive people in their homes.



60

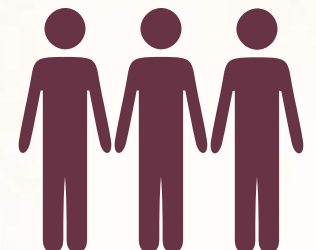
Peer Educators trained within six high schools

7 154 HIV tests conducted



89%

of women tested negative.



91%

of men tested negative.



More than **1000** crafters were supported through Woza Moya.

20 women were economically empowered by selling donated clothing through our Clothing Scheme.

Over **2000** grandmothers received care and support through one of our **51** Granny Support Groups.

CEO'S REPORT

Photo by: Allan Blackman



In 2015-2016, we took a long, hard look at our organisation's sustainability and asked ourselves some tough questions which called for brave answers and in some instances, significant changes.

For 25 years, we have been providing unconditional love and hope to those impacted by HIV/AIDS and we must walk forward knowing with confidence that we can continue doing so for at least the next 25 years. Our work is too critical for it to end or have to be scaled down anytime soon. The fight against HIV/AIDS in our region is far from over and we must continue to be key players in this battle.

Financially, we faced some hairy times this year. With key sustainability partners such as Oxfam Australia and PEPFAR pulling out their significant programme funding due to geographic and thematic focus changes; the continued weakening of the rand; and the increasing tightening of donors' and customers' purse strings due to the tough economic times

- we felt the strain. Tough decisions were made, such as not replacing staff who left, cutting staff benefits and not expanding existing programmes beyond our means. I remain ever-grateful to our team for the humbleness, commitment and passion demonstrated during this challenging period.

In response, we developed a fundraising strategy to help us diversify and tap into new funding streams. Pressure was put on our income generating projects - Woza Moya and Izingadi Zethemba plant nursery - to carry their own weight, which they did admirably, particularly Woza Moya who embraced the challenge and have emerged so much stronger for it. With much relief, by December 2015 our finances were looking much brighter. Since then we have continued to build and now have a clear vision for creating a sustainable future, and a road map of how to get there, God willing.

On a project level, it was also a year of significant change as detailed in this report, but in summary this involved closing our

long-running Feeding Scheme in December 2015; replacing our Home-Based Care programme with a Discharge Follow-up programme operating out of the Respite Unit; opening a Training Centre onsite; significantly scaling up our HIV Prevention programme that now reaches 1000 vulnerable young adults; and opening a second Woza Moya shop in partnership with Embo Craft.

My special thanks goes to Julie Hornby, previous CEO and current Chairlady of our Board of Trustees, who has also been our volunteer Nursing Services Manager since August 2015. Our Respite Unit and Out-Patients Clinic could not be in more passionate or loving hands. John Lund, Board Secretary and Facilities Manager, must also be acknowledged for his unwavering commitment to HACT and willingness to help wherever needed. His touch is visible across HACT, in the past year alone through the wheelchair paths he's built, his installation of fire-safety equipment in the Respite Unit, and the transformation of the old Feeding Scheme garages into a beautiful Training Centre. Tony Lott, Finance and HR Manager, and Claire Hodgkinson, Marketing & Fundraising Manager, are critical new members of our team and in a short time they have taken their Departments to new heights. To our Board of Trustees, I continue to be grateful for your wisdom, encouragement and support. John Lund regularly reminds me that 'metal put through fire becomes gold'. This is extremely encouraging as we certainly faced some fires this year. It's amazing to be able to look back on the ups and downs and know that we have come out shinier, more solid and more valuable than before. I'm grateful to God for enabling all that we do and opening and closing doors for us as He sees fit.

Olivia Myeza
HACT CEO

HIV CARE

RESPITE UNIT

"We often get asked how we can do this work, but it is in fact a privilege to be able to nurse patients back from the brink of death and witness them go on to live fulfilled lives with their families. I would not chose to work anywhere else." Julie Hornby, HACT Nursing Services Manager

A CULTURE OF CARING

Our Respite Unit provides recovery, respite and palliative care to people in advanced stages of AIDS as well as to palliative cancer patients. This 24-bed unit is currently the only facility of its kind in the Valley of 1000 Hills region and is regarded as a beacon of hope to the many people whose lives it touches every year.

Aptly named Othandweni or "Place of Love", our Respite Unit offers high quality care and treatment in a warm, loving and accepting environment. Run by home-based carers that are overseen by a small team of Nurses, our dedicated team strives to meet the individual needs of each and every patient. As always, reflecting on the work of our Respite Unit is a

bittersweet experience and this past year is no different. On the one hand, we celebrate the many lives that have been saved, while on the other, we remember those that we have lost and who serve as a stark reminder that we have still not won this battle.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Our Respite Unit had a change in leadership over the past year with HACT's ex-CEO of 16 years, Sister Julie Hornby, stepping in to take up the voluntary role of Nursing Services Manager in August 2015. With her passion for the patients and extensive experience in HIV/AIDS, Julie has brought about several improvements in the Unit. Change is always a good opportunity to review existing procedures and protocols and thanks to Julie's keen eye for detail, the Unit is running more cost effectively than ever without compromising on the quality of care provided.

UNIT REVAMPED

Thanks to the generous support of our many donors, our Respite Unit has also had a revamp over the past year. Each bed in the Unit now has new curtains and bed covers. Beautiful mosaic butterflies that serve as colourful symbols of hope were kindly donated, while a fresh coat of paint has left the Unit looking

cleaner, brighter and more welcoming than ever. These aesthetic improvements have also had a positive effect on our patients' and staff morale. We were also able to install wheelchair paths right around the garden at the back of the Respite Unit and up to the top of the property, enabling patients to get some fresh air and exercise in their wheelchairs or with their walking frames.

THE CHALLENGES OF DEFAULTING AND DENIAL

Despite all the education and the accessibility of ARV treatment, we continue to have a high number of patients admitted because they have defaulted. There are many reasons for this. Some simply can't afford to go to their clinic to collect their medication. Others struggle with internal and external stigma or can't accept the idea of taking life-long treatment, so opt for traditional healers in the hope they will be cured.

Internal stigma is a complex issue and takes many hours of counselling and education to overcome. Sadly, we have found this is most common amongst well educated people from the middle to higher income groups and for whom social standing and status is more important.

"I counselled a young woman recently who has a good job and

is university educated. She insists on travelling to a clinic 40km away from her home to get her medication as she is terrified someone she knows might see her..."

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The training and development of our Respite Unit staff continues to be a key focus. We have implemented a new in-service training programme whereby each year, all our caregivers receive one-on-one training and are then assessed in four key areas namely: general patient assessments, medication, bed bathing & mouth care and dressings. This has been enthusiastically embraced by our staff and is helping us to maintain our high standards of quality patient care.

Our nurses empowerment and training programme also continued this past year, with two of our home-based carers completing their two-year Enrolled Nurse training at Candlelight Nursing School and returning to the Unit qualified and ready to take on new roles as Deputy Nursing Services Manager and Supervisor respectively. We have three more staff members currently enrolled in training and due to graduate shortly. These staff members would never have been able to access tertiary study on their own as they come from disadvantaged backgrounds. We are so grateful to the donors who have made it possible for us to upskill our staff and better equip the Unit.

A WORD OF THANKS

We would like to convey our heart-felt thanks to the many people who make our Respite Unit such a special place. To our many Adopt a Bed donors and grant partners; Zulu Aid, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Anglican Aid, Gift of Hope, GAGA UK, Sibaya Community Trust, Discovery Foundation and First Presbyterian Church, Houston, we thank you all for your dedicated and generous support.



"The people at Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust act as a family to anyone who comes here or works here. I am proud to be part of this family because without them who knows what would have happened to me. May God bless this place so that it may continue to help others as it has helped me."

HACT Respite Unit patient.

STEP BY STEP

EMMANUEL'S STORY

Emmanuel (name changed) aged 41 years-old, lives in a large sprawling township in Hammersdale, situated on the outskirts of the Valley of 1000 Hills. Like many of HACT's patients, his journey to our centre was a long and painful one that very nearly cost him his life.

A strong and active man with a huge passion for soccer, Emmanuel was earning a good living working for a building supply company before his health suddenly started to decline in 2014. Losing weight rapidly and lacking energy to do the most trivial of tasks, Emmanuel went to his local clinic where he tested positive for HIV and was also diagnosed with TB of the lungs. Sent home with a six month course of TB treatment, Emmanuel was hopeful at that stage that he would get better.

Once home however, the treatment had little impact and Emmanuel's health continued to deteriorate rapidly. In January 2015, he could no longer walk and had no choice but to give up his job and rely on the support of his four brothers and sister. As a proud and independent man and the first born child in his family, this was not easy for Emmanuel.

A month later, Emmanuel was admitted Grey's Hospital in

Pietermaritzburg where new tests revealed that he was actually suffering from TB of the spine. He was put on a new course of treatment and due to a lack of beds was discharged and sent back home soon after in mid-March 2015.

Now completely unable to walk, Emmanuel struggled alone at home for several months where he was confined to his bed. He developed horrific bed sores and was in agony as a result. Emmanuel's hope for recovery was fading fast until one of his brothers, Sizwe (name changed) came to visit him and told him about HACT. The company that Sizwe worked for as a painter had recently painted HACT's Respite Unit and so Sizwe phoned the centre and arranged for his brother to be admitted in September 2015.

Upon arrival at the Respite Unit, our team were shocked at Emmanuel's condition and immediately set about treating him and implementing a basic exercise programme. Slowly, through the perseverance of both Emmanuel and HACT's Respite Unit team, Emmanuel began to put on weight and regain his strength. By January 2016, his passive exercise regime in bed progressed to him taking his first shaky steps with the help of a walking frame.

"Every day I just focussed on doing my exercises. It was the first thing I thought about every morning when I woke up."

With his bed sores almost completely healed and walking daily with the help of his walking frame, Emmanuel is now a different man filled with hope and enthusiasm for his future.

"I have plans now. I'm looking forward to going back home and together, my sister and I are going to run a tuckshop. "

Emmanuel's recovery in our Respite Unit will continue until such time as he has fully regained his strength and can walk unaided. At this time, our team are hopeful that Emmanuel can return home within the next four to six months.



"This place has saved my life. I want to say thank you to all the people that work here for what they have done for me."

Emmanuel, HACT Respite Unit Patient pictured above with volunteer physiotherapist, Mary Swindell and HACT Respite Unit staff member, Thami Mathe."

HIV CARE

HOME - BASED CARE

“A thorough evaluation of our recent Home-Based Care patients’ cases revealed most of them were successfully adhering to their ARV treatment and on the road to recovery, so they had no need for on-going home-based care assistance” Linda Chule, HACT’s ex-Home-Based Care Programme Manager.

The past year was the last one during which HACT ran its long-standing Home-Based Care programme. After two and half decades as one of our key services, the decision was taken to close down this arm of our operations in order to make way for a new Patient Follow-Up programme that would operate out of our Respite Unit.

The decision to implement this significant shift in programmatic focus was taken at a HACT strategic planning session in March 2015 after an analysis of our Home-Based Carers programme revealed that thanks to HIV education and the extensive roll out

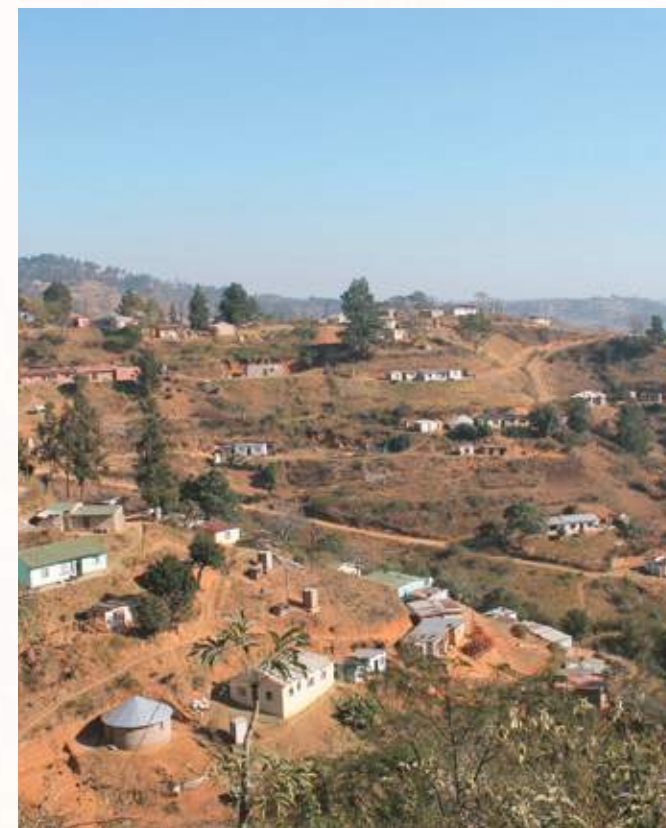
of ARV treatment, the need for the programme had slowly been decreasing over the past few years. Funding from NACOSA for the programme also dried up due to changes in PEPFAR’s strategy and focus.

So over the past 12 months, HACT’s 20 Home-Based Carers have successfully closed down our Home-Based Care programme. The vast majority of the 600 HBC patients in our care at the beginning of the year, were able to be discharged from the programme as they had recovered to the extent that they no longer needed care and assistance. Those that still needed short-term assistance, such as with the symptomatic treatment of opportunistic infections, were referred to their local clinics for ongoing care.

All of our 20 Home-Based Care Workers have since moved into other positions of employment be it here at HACT or through other local organisations. Our new Patient Follow-Up programme is up and running, operating out of the respite unit, and we look forward to reporting on its impact over the forthcoming year.

Our heartfelt thanks to goes to our entire team for the respectful

and dignified way in which the closure of our Home-Based Care programme was carried out. We would also like to thank our long-standing funding partner NACOSA, for enabling us to provide unconditional love and hope to thousands of people.





"I enjoy visiting the patients in their homes. It makes me happy to see them smiling because they are with their families again. "

Nokuphila Khanyile, HACT Staff Nurse

HIV CARE

HIV COUNSELLING & TESTING

"I've learnt that you can live with HIV. I wish I could tell the whole world to test while it's early. Then you can get treatment and live." HACT HCT client

HIV counselling and testing is critically important to HIV prevention and treatment. This is not only so those people who are positive can start treatment and stay alive, but because diagnosed individuals are also more likely to engage in safer sex practices.

Over the past year, our team of HIV counsellors tested 7154 people at our centre and through our various community outreach programmes. Of the 3711 women that were tested, 89% were negative while 11% tested positive. Of the 2543 men that were tested, 91% tested negative while 9% tested positive.

While HIV testing has never been quicker or easier than it is today, many challenges and barriers still exist to getting people to come forward for testing. This is why, here at HACT, we place great emphasis on making testing as accessible as possible

through our Community Wellness Campaigns.

Over the past year, our team conducted 54 Community Wellness campaigns through which 5585 people were tested. These campaigns are run in collaboration with local schools, clinics, churches and community organisations and partners that help us bring our services to new communities and groups particularly those living in the deeper rural communities of our region. For many communities this is the only way they can access HIV testing as many people are unable to afford taxi fares to get to government clinics for testing.

By combining HIV testing with other health checks, such as blood pressure and blood sugar, there is less stigma associated with coming forward for testing.

Sadly, in March 2016 funding from NACOSA for this element of our HCT programme came to a close, and from April 2016 onwards we are no longer funded for community testing campaigns. It is our hope that we will again secure funding for this initiative in the not too distant future. In the meantime we continue to provide testing in our onsite counselling rooms, in the Respite Unit and at workplaces.

Over the past year the counselling team were also kept busy running our Clothing Scheme and Feeding Scheme which you can read about on page 27.

We would like to thank our donors and partners, NACOSA and the Solon Foundation for helping us to save thousands of lives over the past year through our HIC Counselling and Testing programme.

H ACT's HCT Stats in 2015/2016

7154

HIV tests conducted

91% of men
tested
negative

89% of women
tested
negative

54

Community Wellness Campaigns hosted

6

Workplace HIV Education & Testing
Campaigns conducted



"When I first learnt I was HIV positive, I felt numb with shock. I was ashamed and did not want to tell my family. But after talking to the counsellor, I decided to tell them. The counsellor helped to answer their questions and make them understand. I am so grateful to her for helping me do that, it has made a big difference in my life."

HACT HCT client

HIV PREVENTION

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

This past year our Children's programme has expanded significantly thanks to the generous support of NACOSA (The Networking HIV/AIDS Community of South Africa) and an anonymous donor. Under the leadership of our Children's Programme Manager, Linda Chule, HACT now employs two Team Supervisors and 20 Child and Youth Care Workers.

Expanding our team from 10 to 20 Care Workers over the past 12 months has enabled us to greatly increase the number of

orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC's) who benefit from attending our weekly support groups and through our school and home visits.

We are therefore delighted to report that our Children's programme has supported **1006** orphaned and vulnerable children from 436 households in six different communities over the past year (as opposed to 420 in the previous year). Each Care Worker supports and monitors 50 orphaned and vulnerable children through our weekly support groups and regular visits to their homes and schools.

UPSKILLING OUR STAFF

Over the course of the past year, five of our Care Workers successfully completed the National Association of Child Care Workers accredited training course and are now registered Child and Youth Care Workers. Furthermore, 14 of our team attended training on how to design and deliver age-appropriate HIV prevention strategies.

"We are so proud of all our Care Workers who have undergone training this past year. Through this, we have been able to evaluate and strengthen our HIV prevention strategies for assisting children who are at risk and in need of additional care and support." Linda Chule, Children's Programme Manager

VHUTSHILO: TARGETED HIV PREVENTION FOR YOUTH AT RISK

Funded by NACOSA and run through our Children's programme, 40 local young people aged, 14 - 17 years-old were able to participate in the Vhutshilo (meaning "Life" in Venda) programme over the past year. Specifically designed for young people who are at high risk for future HIV infection, the programme comprises of 15 structured sessions aimed at creating a place of trust and consistency for young people to

optimise HIV prevention knowledge. Each session's learning activities target different educational objectives; but every session also provides fun, connection among members and facilitators, and a safe place to express emotion and ask for help.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

This initiative brings stakeholders together to discuss and find solutions to issues pertaining to children and young people. The objective is to fast track service delivery and ensure that everyone is aware of the work HACT care workers do in their communities.

Crucially, stakeholders from different sectors are invited to these meetings, such as the Department Of Health, the Department for Social Development, the Department of Education, as well as Community-Based Organisations, Non-Government Organisations, traditional leaders and other key role players from the community. This serves as a great platform for referrals as we have everybody under one roof at the same time.

YOUTH CAMP

In December 2015, 20 of our beneficiaries attended a three-day camp at Hibberdene. For most of these young people, this was their first ever experience staying away from home, and their first visit to the beach. The camp was used to instil the key messages taught throughout the year, and also as a chance for the children to relax, have fun and get to know other young people from different communities.



"To give the children a place to belong and help them build meaningful relationships, really makes you feel that this battle we are fighting is worth it."

Babongile, HACT Child & Youth Care Worker

HIV PREVENTION

Over the past year, five underprivileged primary schools from the Valley of 1000 Hills have participated in our Life Skills programme with a total of 1090 children benefiting from the 45 minute sessions that were delivered at each school twice a month.

The programme, which supports the national Department of Education's Life Orientation curriculum, targets learners in Grades 5-7. The overall aim is to equip these children with the skills and confidence they need to grow up and lead happy, healthy and productive lives – protecting themselves against HIV infection. Topics covered include; goal-setting, having a vision for one's future, the importance of working hard at school, healthy relationships, HIV/AIDS, how to deal with incidences of peer pressure, bullying and abuse.

LIFE SKILLS CAMP

In November 2015, we held a two-day Life Skills camp at Shongweni Dam for the top 15 learners from across our five participating primary schools. The camp, which involved fun activities, games and team-building exercises, served to celebrate and further motivate these hard working and determined children to pursue their hopes and dreams.

LIFE SKILLS

This was implemented in partnership with and thanks to funding by Margaret Turnbull and HACT UK.

POSITIVE LIFESTYLES EVENT

One of the highlights of HACT's Life Skills programme is our annual Positive Lifestyles event which this past year took place in May 2015 at the Molweni Community Hall. With their families, peers and community cheering them on, our life skills learners performed in five categories – poetry, Zulu music (Ingoma), gumboot dancing, wedding songs (Umshado) and gospel music.

Through music and dance, the event enabled our Life Skills learners to share the key messages they learned from the programme with their families and communities in a safe and supportive environment. The winning performers and schools received prizes comprising gift vouchers for educational materials and school uniforms to further boost their confidence and motivation.

The positive impact of our Life Skills programme in the five participating schools has contributed to HACT building an excellent working relationship with these institutions.

Over the past year, all five schools have reported an increase in the pass rate across the participating students and a marked increase in many of these learners' behaviour and attitude in and outside of the classroom.

Thank you to Oxfam Australia and the HCI Foundation for their support of our Life Skills programme over the past year.

"As a school, we have seen the difference HACT's Life Skills programme is making. The children believe in themselves and are excited about their futures."

Mr Ngidi, Principal of Ukusa Kwabasha Primary School.



"I love having sessions with the Life Skills facilitators. They inspire me to learn hard and have long term goals."

Dube Sabelo, 12 year-old learner from Ukusakwabasha Primary School

HIV PREVENTION

PEER EDUCATION

“Peer Educators are a safety net for those students in their schools who are vulnerable or at risk. They help build a positive and supportive environment in which both they and their peers can thrive and reach their full potential.”
Sbu Mthethwa, HACT Education Programmes Manager

HACT's Peer Education programme draws on the innate credibility that young people have amongst their peers, leverages the power of role modelling and provides a flexible tool with which to address the many challenges facing today's young people. Through our programme, young people become agents for change within their schools and communities, imparting practical information and leading by example when it comes to successfully navigating issues such as HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy.

This past year, 60 young people from six high schools in the Valley of 1000 Hills participated in our Peer Education programme. On completion of the three-day programme,

the newly trained Peer Educators were tasked with running awareness campaigns for their peers focussing on the issues they felt were most relevant to their particular school and community. In total, our 60 Peer Educators conducted eight awareness campaigns over the course of six months which reached over 5 200 young people – an incredible achievement.

PEER EDUCATION CAMP

In the 2015 Christmas school holidays, all 60 of our Peer Educators attended a three-day camp. The camp enabled the students to refresh their knowledge and collectively share and reflect upon their experiences as Peer Educators to date. The camp also provided our team with the opportunity to gain in-depth feedback on the impact of our programme – information which will be used to further refine the programme in future.

CAREER EXPOS

As part of HACT's Peer Education programme, eight Career Expos took place at local High Schools during the course of the year. Here, Grade 12 students received information about different career paths as well as bursary opportunities for tertiary level studies. The Career Expos served to motivate these

students to pursue their dreams after school, particularly those who may be eligible academically for entry to universities, but don't apply due to a lack of funds.

CORPORATE EDUCATION

Another highlight for HACT's Education team over the past year was their Corporate HIV/AIDS Education project. Targeting local companies, this project was delivered in collaboration with our HIV Counselling and Testing department who provided voluntary counselling and testing for employees. In addition to promoting responsible HIV/AIDS education and prevention in the workplace, the proceeds raised from this project contribute towards the long-term sustainability of our Life Skills and Peer Education programmes for underprivileged schools.

Our thanks and appreciation to Oxfam Australia and the US Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Community Grants programme for supporting our Peer Education programme in 2015/2016.



"Being a Peer Educator has shown me how important it is to treat people with dignity and respect..."

Lungelo, aged 17, HACT Peer Educator from Thokoza Mnganga High School

SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

MANDISE'S STORY

Mandise Shange, aged 17 is currently in Grade 12 at Thokoza Mnganga High School in Shongweni where she lives with her mother and one year-old brother. An exceptionally astute scholar with a passion for science and biology, Mandise was one of ten learners selected from her school to participate in HACT's Peer Education programme over the past year. "I was very happy when I learnt that I had been selected to take part in this training. I thought to myself - now this is an opportunity I must grab with both hands!"

"Many of my friends are chasing boys on the weekends..."

Mandise says that mostly, her hope was the training would help her find ways to address the issues of drug and alcohol abuse which is rife in her community. "Many of my friends are chasing boys on the weekends and because the boys are hanging out at the shebeen, so that is where my friends are too. I was very worried about them," confesses Mandise.

Through the Peer Education training, Mandise learnt about the importance of setting goals and motivating people to pursue

their dreams. "I learnt that being a good leader isn't about telling others what to do, it's about listening to them, understanding where they're coming from and leading by example."

After completing the Peer Education training, Mandise says she sat with her friends and spoke to them about her concerns. Together, the girls decided they needed to find something positive to do on their weekends, so they started a study group.

"Now, instead of chasing boys, my friends and I help each other to prepare for our exams and talk about our plans for the future. Yes, the boys are still there," says Mandise, smiling, "but there are now much more important things for us to focus on."

"I know as a woman it's going to be difficult"

Thanks to their hard work and discipline over the past year, Mandise and her friends have all passed their recent trial exams and are busy applying to university. "I want to be a scientist. I know as a woman it's going to be difficult, but I'm determined to do it."

We have no doubt that she will...



Thokoza Mnganga High School



"I learnt that being a good leader isn't about telling others what to do, it's about listening to them, understanding where they're coming from and leading by example."

Mandise Shange, 17 year-old learner from Thokoza Mnganga High School

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

GOGO SUPPORT GROUPS PROGRAMME

In 2016, HACT's Granny or Gogo Support Groups programme has been in existence for ten years and we thank God Almighty who has taken us this far. Over the past decade, the programme has grown in size and impact, becoming a truly powerful force for change in the lives of thousands of gogos and their families. The programme aims to empower and equip grandmothers to be better able to care and provide for their children and grandchildren, many of whom are orphaned by HIV/AIDS. The programme focusses on providing emotional support as well as entrepreneurship and income generating opportunities.

Our Granny Support Groups programme currently works with 51 support groups in 8 communities that serve to support, empower and uplift over 2000 grannies. We also have three community-based Dressmaking Schools - one at KwaNyuswa

and two at Molweni. We are pleased to report that over the past year, another 40 gogos have successfully completed a six month dressmaking course through our schools, gaining viable skills that will help them put food on their families' tables.

THE 2016 GOGOLYMPICS

The sixth annual Gogolympics event was held at the Molweni Sports Ground on Friday, the 22nd April 2016. More than 1500 grannies took part in this unique event which saw gogos compete in soccer, netball and a host of other traditional sports and games. The event was all about fun, health and fitness and we are very thankful to our sponsors and partners for their support: KZN Department of Sports & Recreation, eThekweni Municipality, The Fisher's Net, Woolworths, Aquelle, Future Life, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Local Clinics, Elangeni College, Siyababula High School, Solly M. Sports, Tiger Brands, Hillcrest Hospital, Kwik Spar, and Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchen.

SPAR GROUP DONATION

One of the highlights over the past year was our partnership with the Spar Group in our community vegetable gardens projects in Molweni, KwaNyuswa and Inchanga. Spar staff worked alongside our gogos over a series of visits, had lunch with them and donated gardening tools. Partnering with the private sector provides a much needed opportunity for local businesses to learn about and support the work of grass roots groups and is something we will continue to encourage going forward.

IMBOKODO (WOMEN) OF 1000 HILLS EVENT

Our annual Imbokodo (Women) of 1000 Hills Awards event celebrates our gogos who each year work tirelessly to uplift and empower themselves, their families and their communities. The 2015 event was held in December and was well supported

by the local communities who came out to help us honour our remarkable gogos. As ever, competition for the coveted titles of Gogo of the Year and Gogo Group of the Year was fierce, but in the end our Gogo of the Year title went to 65 year-old Lahliwe Khumalo, a gogo from Inchanga who has a fierce determination to succeed in life despite many challenges.

The title of Gogo Group of the Year went to our Khuthalani Support Group from KwaNyuswa. Started in 2009, this courageous group of gogos have worked tirelessly to uplift themselves. Over the past year, the group has bought two bread ovens and are now baking and selling bread, cakes and pizza in their communities. They have become very strong and have researched and sourced information on their own initiative on how to partner with the business sector and set up this enterprise.

HACT would like to humbly thank the Stephen Lewis Foundation, the DG Murray Trust and Zulu Aid for their generous support of our Gogo Support Groups programme.

Photo by: Max Bastard

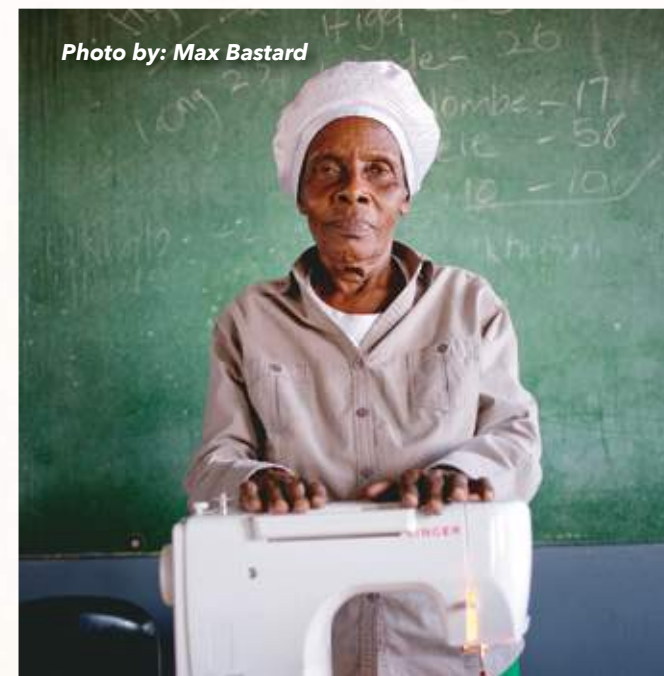




Photo by: Max Bastard

"When my brother passed away I felt sad; but when I joined the group I could share my problems. It now feels a lot better. I feel stronger as part of the group..."

Ntombiyona, aged 73, HACT Granny Support Group member from KwaNyuswa

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CLOTHING & FEEDING SCHEMES

CLOTHING SCHEME

HACT's Clothing Scheme assists impoverished, HIV/AIDS-impacted families by providing unemployed women with a dignified means to earn a living. Run by our Counselling and Testing Department, the scheme currently supports 20 women who are referred from HACT's Respite Unit or Granny Support Groups programme. Our counsellors interview each potential beneficiary and conduct a home visit to confirm if there is any other source of income, how many people each woman supports and that there is at least one family member who is HIV positive and needs to take their ARVT daily with food.

The second hand clothes are donated to HACT by the general public and sorted into bales by our

counsellors. Upon joining the scheme, the first bale is provided free of charge, thereafter the women have to buy the bales at R15 each. The women are encouraged to sell the clothes back in their own communities and on average make a profit of R250 per week. The policy of the women having to buy the clothing is crucial to the scheme encouraging entrepreneurship and in this way helps to further instil a sense of pride and self-worth amongst its beneficiaries.

HACT would like to extend its sincere thanks to all those members of the public that donate their second hand clothing to our Clothing Scheme each week.

FEEDING SCHEME

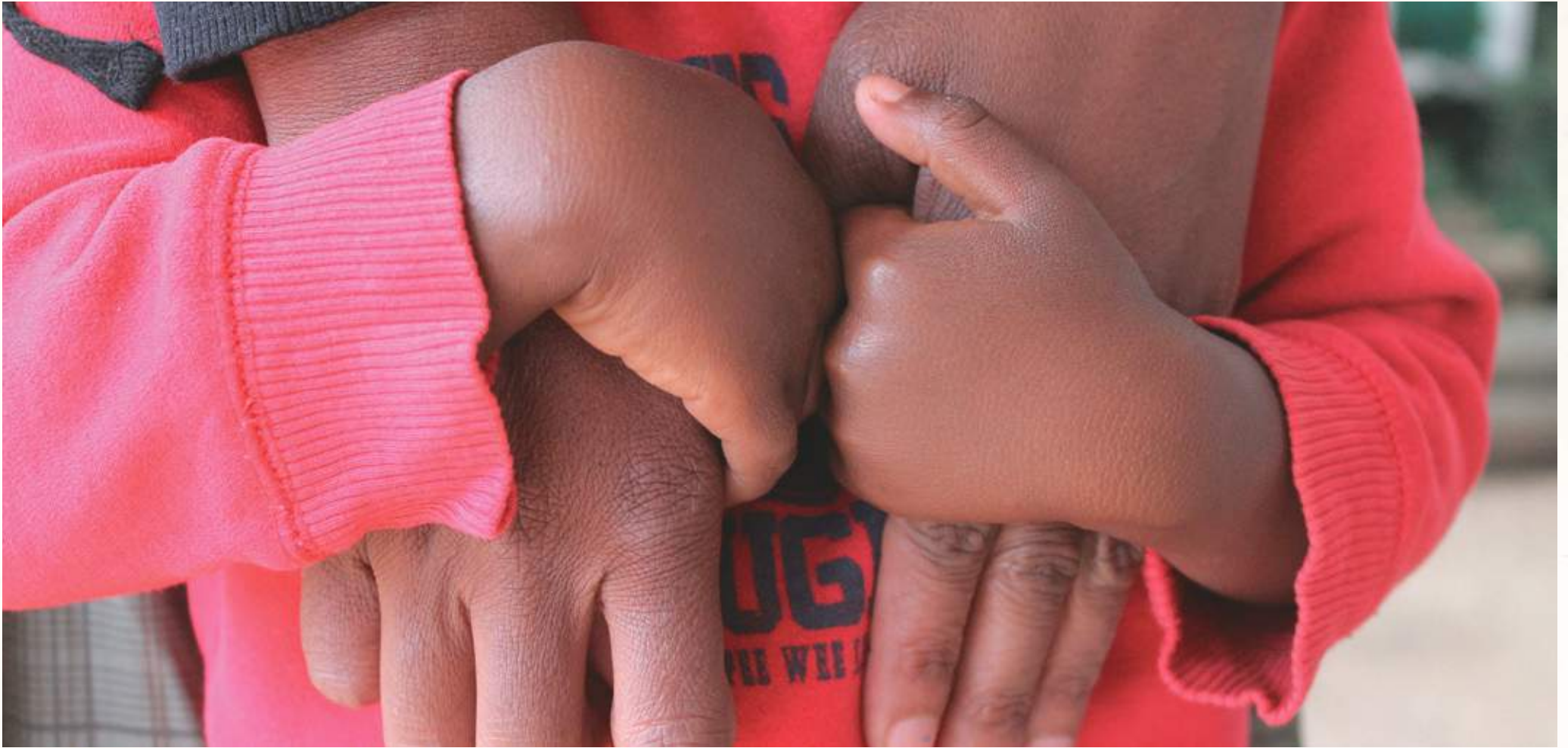
For many years, HACT has provided food parcels to destitute families with one or more HIV positive family members who needed to take their ARVs daily with food. Over time however, we found that our Feeding Scheme was unintentionally creating dependency amongst the participating families, some of whom were turning down employment or grant opportunities in favour of receiving a food parcel via our scheme. This situation went against HACT's underlying principles which is to find ways to uplift and empower people so they can break free from the cycle of poverty.

In March 2015, HACT's management team and Board held a strategic planning day at which it was decided that we would close down our long-running Feeding Scheme. Phindiwe Mashiolane, an experienced community development practitioner assisted us in designing and implementing a six month exit strategy between June and December 2015. During this time

Phindiwe and our Counselling team that historically ran the scheme, worked with each of the 40 families to access alternative sources of income and food security. Some were referred to our Clothing Scheme and our Granny Support Groups Programme, others were absorbed into our Children's Prevention programme. In partnership with Pailpac's HR department we also ran a CV writing and interview skills course which one member of each of the 40 families attended. Several beneficiaries accessed jobs out of this initiative.

We are pleased to report that the exit strategy was successful and by December 2015, all families had accessed an alternative source of income or food. We were able to throw a farewell/Christmas party for the families to celebrate their transition from the scheme and say goodbye to the HACT staff who had supported and journeyed with them over many years.

We would like to thank our amazing Feeding Scheme volunteers who served the Centre for many years, week in and week out, with such commitment and passion. Thanks also to our Feeding Scheme food donors, all of whom have continued to support us with food donations for our Respite Unit.



"There are seven people in my family and I am currently the breadwinner. I joined the clothing scheme three years ago after I was discharged from the Respite Unit. The clothes that I sell each week helps me to feed my family, buy electricity and pay school fees. I don't know what I would have done without this project."

HACT Clothing Scheme beneficiary

CARING FOR THE CHILDREN

KHONSIWE'S STORY

Khonsiwe came to Inchanga in 1994 due to political violence in her home town of Swayimane, near Wartburg in KwaZulu-Natal. After she was widowed in 1999, she was driven to start a crèche and after-school club when she learnt that a child nearby had died from neglect. Caring for seven of her own children (and 13 grandchildren), she has dedicated her life to helping children and parents in the community.

Khonsiwe founded the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust's (HACT) very first Gogo Support Group, and set up her own adult education school. She has just qualified for her first, full time paid job as a Child Support Worker with HACT, running a Support Group focused on HIV prevention and life skills for 50 children.

She says, "I never finished school so decided to educate myself and got my certificate aged 54. If I can educate myself at my age, so can others - fifteen parents at the school now have certificates."



"If I can educate myself at my age, so can others..."

Khonsiwe, HACT Child Support Worker and Founder of HACT's first Granny Support Group

INCOME GENERATION

WOZA MOYA

Woza Moya currently supports over 1000 crafters from the Valley of 1000 Hills. Our programme gives hope and dignity to people impacted by HIV/AIDS, helping them to earn an income through the sale of beautiful beadwork and other crafts.

YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

This past year has been a defining one in the history of Woza Moya. On the one hand, we have much to celebrate as the programme has grown exponentially with an almost R1 million growth spurt. On the other hand, we have been forced to re-evaluate our existing business model which was no longer meeting the huge increase in demand for our products.

Luckily, help was at hand. In June 2015 Marlene Powell from ActionCOACH, an international business coaching consultancy with offices in Durban, took on our project on a pro-bono basis and we have literally not looked back since. Within a month we were able to re-organise our stock and ordering systems allowing us to operate far more efficiently.

"Thanks to ActionCOACH I have learnt to implement better leadership strategies in Woza Moya and in doing so, empower our staff. I have also been able to take better responsibility

and ownership for the financial and structural systems that govern Woza Moya and work every day to try to build a better and stronger programme. A big thank you ActionCOACH and specifically Marlene Powell for taking on Woza Moya!"

Paula Thomson, HACT's Income Generation Manager

SHARING THE LOAD

From drug addiction and teenage pregnancy to crime and sexual assault, we know that our crafters, many of whom are single mothers, face significant challenges within their families and communities. The vast majority of our Woza Moya crafters are both the breadwinner and principal caregiver within their households. These dual roles can be difficult to balance and place our crafters under extraordinary amounts of stress and pressure.

"...It has been difficult for me as a single mother....I am one person so how can I be everywhere all the time and for everyone...I am very scared of my big responsibility"

In response to this, we have been actively involving more of

our crafters' children in our programmes over the past year by offering them trainings and internships. We hope to continue expanding on these opportunities in the near future.

UPCYCLED ART CENTRE

Under the care of Francis Ngaeje, our Upcycled Art Centre has continued to grow over the past year. We have trained more young men to be crafters and our product range has benefitted from their collective talents. Amongst the centre's many unique creations is origami jewellery made from recycled maps that are currently being exported to Germany.

In closing, Woza Moya's structural and financial metamorphosis is still ongoing and together our team is working hard to make our programme both efficient and sustainable. Through all this, we continue to strive to assist more crafters earn a sustainable living wage through training, access to new markets and constant product development. In addition to our Woza Moya staff, Olivia and HACT's financial team, we would like to thank our many friends and customers around the world for their generous support of our work.

*Ngiyabonga kakhulu,
Paula Thomson,
HACT's Income Generation Manager*



"Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust has changed my life and changed the HIV/AIDS stigma in my community. Before I came here I was working like a slave for the community. I was an alcoholic. I would wash clothes for people in the community, I would work in gardens and sometimes they would pay me but many times they would not pay me. I was a slave. Since I got to Hillcrest my life is very different now- I have learnt a skill, people in the community come to me to ask for work- they ask if they can help with orders because I can now employ them.... it is like a dream- before I felt like I was only at 32% now I am living 150% of my life. I am now sober and independent."

Woza Moya Beadworker - quote taken from an interview conducted by the Oxfam Australia trading research findings

INCOME GENERATION

WOZA MOYA

A few of the many Woza Moya highlights of 2015/2016 included:

- **Soap Dish exhibition** - we held a two-week exhibition in May / June 2015 at the Longmynd Gallery in Hillcrest which featured over 100 different soap dishes by local ceramic artists and Frank's Gogo ceramic group.
- **Development of our new gift card range** - we now have over 24 gift cards to choose for any occasion, designed by Storm and the Lumo design team with funding from the National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF). The card range now creates employment for over 20 crafters.
- **Mandela Day 2015** - In honour of Madiba, we re-yarn bombed our iconic Jacaranda Tree in front of the HACT centre to raise awareness as well as funds for the Respite Unit and our new training centre. A big thank you to Jose from Professional Access for once again sponsoring the crane.
- **International Quilting festival** - Woza Moya attended this unique festival held at Kearsney College. Our table was provided by the Quilting Guild and we received wonderful support from quilters from all over the world.
- We were part of the **Intellectual Property Exhibition**, brainchild of Robin Opperman, where we made a very exciting group artwork made from Recycled plastics; this was made possible by funding raised by Contigo through a crowd funding initiative.
- **The Wits Art Museum** selected several pieces from us for a major beadwork exhibition and bought one of our larger pieces and several smaller pieces for the museum's permanent collection.
- Zandile represented **Woza Moya in the USA** for Meet the Crafters with the US Embassy. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet with crafters from around the world and highlight the work of Woza Moya.
- The opening of **The Woza Moya Embocraft** shop saw us doing major renovations to the existing Embocraft shop and opening the Woza Moya Embocraft shop. This was made possible through crowd-funding. We had an incredible amount of funders, but a big **thank you!** to Gerti and Georg who were the major sponsors of the new shop.

The Embo shop has created a new market for us up the hill as it is on the tourist route. The highlights of the shop are the dedicated ceramic section and the small gallery where we can focus on the work of our crafters.
- **NLDTF Bench project** - six beautiful mosaic benches have been designed and made right here at Woza Moya by Frank Nthunya, our ceramic trainer. This project has also helped us to diversify some of our beadworkers' skills.

STRONGER TOGETHER

BEULA'S STORY

Beula first came into contact with HACT seven years ago when she became ill. Diagnosed as HIV positive, Beula was referred to HACT's Home-based Care programme by her neighbour and under their love, care and support, she quickly recovered.

However, Beula was now unemployed and had no source of income to sustain herself and her young child. Beula was referred to HACT's clothing scheme, but on her first visit to the centre she saw some of Woza Moya's bead workers and she asked one of them if she too could learn to bead. In a short space of time, Beula blossomed into a talented beader and started earning a steady income from the sale of her beautiful creations through Woza Moya.

A few years later, tragedy struck again when Beula was diagnosed with cancer of the stomach. Once again, Beula bravely fought back and beat this second major assault on her body. But her victory was short-lived and her will continued to be tested as she went on to develop secondary cancers that forced her in and out of hospital on regular occasions.

Throughout all these trials, Beula has sought strength and solace in her work as a Woza Moya crafter. Not once, despite her difficult circumstances, has Beula ever failed to deliver on an order or meet a deadline. It is this extraordinary tenacity that saw Beula win the Woza Moya award for Most Dedicated Crafter in 2014.

Over the past year, Beula's has continued to battle with her health and spent several months in our Respite Unit before she was recently referred to hospital for a major operation. Beula was very scared and terrified that she might not survive. For the first time in seven long years, Beula confessed to the Woza Moya staff that if she did survive, she would not be able to do her beadwork in the weeks following her operation.

News of Beula's upcoming operation quickly spread and the week of her surgery, all of the Woza Moya crafters arrived at the centre with a little Traveller and said "this is for Beula". When Beula came out of hospital and returned home, she found that her bank account was full - all of her friends had contributed so that for the first time, Beula could rest and not worry

about doing her beadwork.

This is the heart of Woza Moya and our incredible crafters. Together, we are a family, all contributing what little we have so together we may live on.

Beula continues to fight on and her one message to other women is never, ever give up hope.



COURAGE & RESILIENCE

NOMBANGO'S STORY

Nombango Bhengu is in her late sixties and supports a family of nine, including four grandchildren, all on her pension and a small wage earned by her son who works on a farm nearby. She has lost two of her six children. Successive strokes a few years ago left Nombango bedridden, unable to use her arms and with limited speech. A health care-worker from Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust encouraged Nombango to join a Gogo Support Group and exercise weekly. Slowly, she recovered her mobility, and this year proudly took part in the 400m relay races and 'pass the ball' event at the Gogolympics in Molweni.

"My arms are so strong now I can hold my grandchild, which makes me feel very happy," says Nombango.



Photo by: Max Bastard

INCOME GENERATION

IZINGADI ZETHEMBA (GARDENS OF HOPE) PLANT NURSERY

HACT's Horticulture programme runs two separate but interconnected projects. Our onsite plant nursery, known as Izingadi Zethemba (Gardens of Hope) is an income generating project, while our community vegetable gardens form an important part of our community outreach that helps to alleviate poverty and enhance food security.

The past year has been a challenging one for our Horticulture programme, but one from which we have also emerged stronger and more determined than ever to succeed. In addition to a change in leadership in both projects, our work over the past year has been hard hit by the country-wide drought. The repercussions of this have been mostly keenly felt by our grannies from our Granny Support Groups programme that rely on their community vegetable gardens to put food on the table for their families every month.

The down-turn in the South African economy and high levels of inflation have also proved a challenge and forced us to reevaluate our nursery's business model. Consequently, we have introduced a new strategy

and marketing plan in order to maintain and increase our sales and have scrutinized our expenditure and suppliers in order to improve our net income.

We are pleased to report that these plans are starting to yield some encouraging results. The variety of plants and gardening products available through our nursery is greater than ever and it is slowly growing in its reputation and support from the local public.

Sadly, due to the funding challenges faced by the project, we were unable to expand on our community food security work over the past year. Rather, we have focused on providing ongoing support, encouragement and guidance to our existing community food gardens, the majority of which are run by gogos from our Grannies Support Groups programme and also by the schools in which we implement our education programmes. For the foreseeable future the focus of our horticulture team will continue to be making our plant nursery sustainable and able to generate a profit.

We would like to thank all of our hardworking

Horticulture staff and volunteers for their determination and commitment over the past year. Together, we are looking forward to the year ahead and to reaping the rewards of our courage and perseverance.





"I've always enjoyed working with my hands and working with the soil. HACT has helped me put my hands to work so I can feed my family. For this, I am very grateful..."

Jabulani Msomi, Nursery Supervisor

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*Annual Financial Statements:
The Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2016 was approved by the Trustees and signed by the external auditors, Marwick & Company Inc. on 28th September 2016. The financial position of the Trust as at 31st March 2016 reflects an accumulated surplus of R7.7 million and net current assets of R4.8 million.*

The accumulated surplus for the current reported year to 31st March 2016 was R1.2 million. This was the result of controlling expenditure in line with funding and increasing both Grant funding for projects and income generation projects. This is in line with the fundraising strategy which continues into the next financial year.

Marwick & Company Inc.
20 Old Main Road
Hillcrest
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28th September 2016

To the Trustees of the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust

RE: INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the annual financial statements of Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Annual Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these annual financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities and requirements of the Trust Property Control Act 1988, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our Responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with international Standards of Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the annual financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures

in the annual financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the trust's preparation and fair presentation of the annual financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the trust's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the annual financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust as at 31st March 2016, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with international Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities, and the requirements of the Trust Property Control Act 1988.

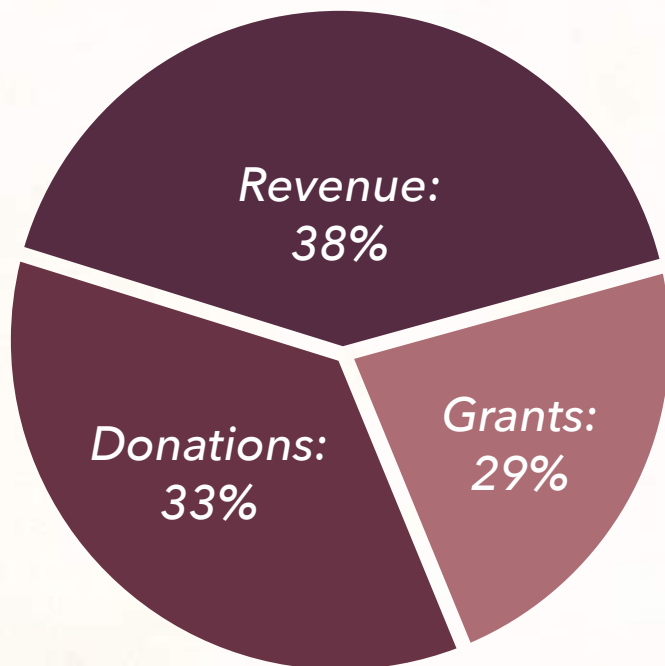
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BALANCE SHEET

	2016	2015
Non-Current Assets		
<i>Property, plant and equipment</i>	R2 945 136	R2 945 136
Current Assets		
<i>Inventories</i>	R3 115 533	R829 803
<i>Trade and other receivables</i>	R420 807	R522 416
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	R4 858 736	R4 134 379
	R8 395 076	R5 486 598
Total Assets	R11 340 211	R8 431 734
Equity		
<i>Trust Capital</i>	R100	R100
<i>Accumulated Surplus - Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust</i>	R5 384 371	R6 389 701
<i>Accumulated Surplus - Woza Moya</i>	R2 338 325	R175 293
	R7 722 795	R6 565 094
Current Liabilities		
<i>Trade and other payables</i>	R3 617 416	R1 866 639
<i>Total Equity and Liabilities</i>	R11 340 211	R8 431 733

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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INCOME STATEMENTS & INCOME OVERVIEW

	2016	2015
Donations	R4 356 983	R4 946 682
Grants	R3 810 839	R3 319 398
Revenue	R5 071 294	R4 631 536
Administrative Income	R297 247	R197 409
Counselling Income	R15 289	R13 702
Prevention Income	R1 750	-
Education Income	R20 645	R6 312
Granny Support Income	R3 300	R1 736
Home Based Care Income	R2 340	R360
Horticulture & Nursery Income	R502 239	R391 868
Income Generation Income	R4 199 060	R3 895 268
Medication Income	R27 377	R73 379
Respite Unit Income	R846	R303
School Fee Income	R1 200	R51 200
Other Income	R1 814 644	-
Stock Adjustment	R1 814 644	
Total Income	R15 053 760	R12 897 616
Cost of Sales	R2 165 286	R2 733 118
Expenses	R11 730 773	R11 680 056
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	R1 157 701	(R1 515 557)

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We would like to acknowledge the generous support of the following donors and partners who have played a vital role in helping us provide unconditional love and hope to HIV/AIDS impacted communities over the past year:

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Donate in-kind:

Check out our wish list: <http://www.hillcrestaids.org.za/wishlist>.

HACT is completely reliant on the generous support of its many donors, sponsors and partners in order to provide its life-saving and life-changing services. If you are keen to support our work, there are many ways individuals, corporates, organisations and groups from all sectors can get involved and help us deliver our important and timely mission...

New or second-hand books, clothing and household items are also gratefully accepted for use by our various income-generating projects and programmes here at the centre.

Support our Adopt-a-Bed Campaign:

Help us cover the essential operating costs of our Respite Unit by becoming an Adopt-a-Bed monthly donor. Each of our 24 beds costs R6000 per month to run. This includes our patients' food and medical care. Contact us at fundraising@hillcrestaids.org.za for more information on our Adopt-a-Bed Campaign.

Remember us in your Will

Help us build a legacy of hope across South Africa. By leaving a bequest to HACT in your Will, you can help us achieve our vision of an AIDS-free Valley of 1000 Hills. For a confidential discussion about leaving a bequest to HACT in your Will please contact us at

fundraising@hillcrestaids.org.za

Shop at HACT:

Purchase the ideal gift for that special someone in our Woza Moya shops or online at:
<http://www.hillcrestaids.org.za/craft-shop>
Support our onsite Plant Nursery which is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm & Saturday's, 8am – 2pm.

Volunteer:

HACT is always in need of the unique energy, skills and support that both local and international volunteers bring with them to our centre. If you would like to volunteer with us, please contact us at info@hillcrestaids.org.za



"What defines people are not their circumstances, but who they are as individuals. It's an honour for me to be part of a team that empowers children and young people, so that despite their challenges, they can rise up and lead healthy, positive lives."

Jane Iris Lee, US Peace Corps Volunteer working in HACT's Prevention Department.

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