



HILLCREST AIDS CENTRE TRUST

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WHO WE ARE



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As one of the first NGO's in South Africa to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust (HACT) has established a reputation for making a significant and meaningful difference in the lives of people impacted by the disease.

Founded in 1990 as a ministry of the Hillcrest Methodist Church, HACT is dedicated to saving and transforming lives.

While our work and services continues to grow throughout KwaZulu-Natal, we primarily focus on serving the semi-rural and disadvantaged communities of the Valley of 1000 Hills region of KwaZulu-Natal, one of the epicentres of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic with HIV-infection rates of up to 40% -more than double the national average of 19% (South African National AIDS Council).

OUR MISSION

HACT's mission is to provide unconditional love and hope to all those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

OUR VISION

Our vision is an AIDS-free South Africa, and all our projects work towards this dream. Collectively our projects and services directly impact the lives of over 10 000 people every year, the majority of whom are women and orphaned and vulnerable children and young people.

OUR APPROACH

HACT adopts a holistic, family-centric and asset-based approach to tackling HIV/AIDS and strives to deliver practical, sustainable and community-led projects and services. Ultimately, this enables us to uplift and empower individuals, families and communities so they grow in resiliency and also actively contribute towards the development of our country.

HACT is governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees which brings with it expertise from the medical, corporate, community development and NGO sectors. Our team consists of 107 paid staff and 40 unpaid volunteers. HACT works with a wide range of local and international donors and partners to deliver its life-saving and life-changing projects and services.

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

"WE OURSELVES FEEL THAT WHAT WE ARE DOING IS JUST A DROP IN THE OCEAN. BUT THE OCEAN WOULD BE LESS BECAUSE OF THAT MISSING DROP."

Mother Theresa



Dear Friends,

Wearing two hats, firstly as a trustee but also as a volunteer working inside the Centre affords me a unique insight to write this report.

Meaningful, hopeful, perplexing, dynamic, empowering, worrying, uplifting, stimulating, loving and miraculous are all words that come to mind as I reflect on the work that is done at HACT.

There are days when the work is hugely challenging but when given the opportunity to look in from the outside, there is no doubt that it is both successful and life giving.

In the current economic climate there are so many organisations within the non-profit sector clamouring for an ever diminishing pot of funding and resources. This means that finding ways of sustaining organisations such as ours has to be multi-faceted and inventive. Creativity is what HACT has always done well and in this regard, the organisation continues to adapt to new ways of making our organisation more sustainable.

The privilege of being selected as one of the official Comrades Marathon charities in 2018 has been a God-given opportunity and one that our fundraising and marketing team has taken on with flourish. Comrades Marathon has been a tremendous boost, not just financially, but has also made HACT more visible to the greater community both locally and globally.

Although in some ways, addressing HIV/AIDS is much easier than it has been in the past, we need to be cautious in thinking that the fight is over. Too many people are still defaulting on antiretroviral treatment (ARVT) and many are still not aware that if their viral load is suppressed, the risk of passing on the virus is prevented. Treatment is therefore prevention and the more we get this message out, the closer we will get to slowing down and seeing an end to this epidemic.

HACT has already climbed many hills and valleys in its 29 year existence, but with God at the centre of its work, I know it will continue to serve the greater community for many years to come.

**Julie Hornby
Chairperson**

CEO's Report

AFTER CLIMBING A GREAT HILL, ONE ONLY FINDS THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE HILLS TO CLIMB."

Nelson Mandela



Dear friends and supporters of HACT

The past year at HACT has been another season of celebration, challenge and growth. As we continually strive to be part the global response to HIV/AIDS, we know great progress has been made in increasing treatment access, particularly here in South Africa, which has the largest antiretroviral treatment (ARVT) programme in the world.

However, the HIV/AIDS response has also become a victim of its own success, as many no longer see it as an important issue demanding urgent action. As a result, there has been a slowing down or lag in HIV prevention. Currently, there are an estimated 5000 new global HIV infections per day with 231 000 new infections taking place in South Africa per year.

In KwaZulu-Natal, more than half of these new infections are among young women and girls, who remain three times more at risk due to a myriad of factors and increased vulnerability. This issue is compounded by the sheer number of young people who make up our population

figures. Adding to this, we are now dealing with a maturing epidemic as people living with HIV (PLHIV) are living longer and are at higher risk of developing other health conditions (comorbidity), which we see daily in the increase of HIV-related cancers in our own 24-bed Respite Unit.

There is no question that tackling HIV therefore remains a health, developmental, human rights and socio-economic challenge of paramount importance and that the projects and services offered by HACT have never been more essential. Through our ongoing HIV prevention and education projects, awareness and advocacy, family strengthening, income generating activities for vulnerable households, respite and palliative care, gender-based violence prevention projects, and services along the continuum of young and old – our battle cry remains unchanged and there is no time for complacency!

In saying this, HACT continues to adapt and respond to the ever-changing needs of our beneficiaries, be it through finding new ways to empower grandmothers raising orphaned and vulnerable children, to shifting from a conventional classroom delivery-style in our life-skills programmes and harnessing the universal appeal of sports through our outdoor, after-school-based soccer programmes, to tackling youth unemployment through skills training and development opportunities, and conducting large-scale, door-to-door HIV/TB screening campaigns. Indeed, in the words of our own beloved Nelson Mandela,

"After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb."

So as we continue to climb, we thank everyone who has and is supporting us along the way. From our local and international partners, to our generous donors and volunteers, we know this journey would not be possible without you.

Finally, it is in awe of God's faithfulness that we see, on the horizon, HACT's 30th anniversary which will be commemorated in 2020. For now however, we hope you will join us in celebrating this past year's successes and as our journey continues to unfold, you are invited to continue climbing with us.

Blessings,

Candace Davidson
CEO

Our Impact 2018/2019

203  patients were admitted to the Respite Unit

60% **40%** **121** were discharged
82 passed away with dignity and respect

1807 adult HIV tests conducted 

5019 children and young people (aged 0-19 years) were screened for TB

1030 children and young people (aged 0-19 years) were tested for HIV and linked to care services

7 staff were employed through our **Izingadi Zethemba Plant Nursery** and facilities services enabling them to financially support themselves and their families.



36  people were economically empowered by selling donated clothing through our Clothing Scheme

15  gogo support groups established savings clubs through HACT's partnership with Siyakhula Sonke

More than

2000 grandmothers from



68 gogo support groups across

13 communities were supported and empowered through our Gogo (Granny) Support Groups programme

220 grandmothers equipped with sewing, entrepreneurial and or parenting skills



203 children and **101** grandmothers supported through family-strengthening activities



1299 primary school children across five primary schools enrolled in HACT's Life Skills programme

60 Peer Educators trained within six high schools



902 individuals were screened for TB in their homes 

33  community-based vegetable gardens providing food security for over

500 grandmothers and **2000** orphaned and vulnerable children

350  crafters received a sustainable living wage through Woza Moya

1500  crafters received market access through Woza Moya

30 out-of-school, unemployed youth trained in glass-cutting and entrepreneurial skills for income generation



807 Grade 12 learners from 9 high schools received career guidance and assistance with bursary applications through HACT's Career Expos



HIV CARE

Respite Unit Report

HACT's 24-bed Respite Unit is a place of refuge for those in need of care where patients can receive compassionate care when they need it most.

It is a very special place where the everyday burdens of life are lifted and patients can focus on getting well or where they can pass away with dignity, knowing that they are not alone and are loved.

In 2018, our Unit commemorated its 10th anniversary. Looking back over this past decade during which over 3000 adults and children with late stage AIDS or cancer have passed through its doors, it has been heart-warming to reflect on how many lives have been saved and how many people have returned to their families and proceeded to live fulfilled lives after they had lost all hope. To celebrate this milestone event and honour this achievement, the HACT team held a moving tribute on the 1st December 2018 - World AIDS Day - which was well attended by many of our Unit and Centre's long-standing donors and partners. A beautiful candle lighting ceremony commemorating the lives lost in the Unit during that time was a sobering reminder of how the **need for the Unit's essential services is still with us** and will be for some time.

It was with great celebration that HACT's caregiver, Sphe Gamede not only completed her registered nurse training in June 2018 but was also the recipient of the prize for the most compassionate nurse. As a team, we are immensely proud of her achievements and those of the others before. In 2012, in line with our ethos, it was decided that we needed to empower our caregivers by sending them on formal nursing training. Selection is based on performance and a total of five of our staff members have now completed their Enrolled Nurse training between 2012 and 2018, enabling us to have a trained nurse on duty at all times in the Unit. Sphe has now stepped into the position of HACT's Nursing Services Manager and which she has taken the reins with confidence. What a celebration of women empowerment this project is!

Additionally, Sally de Villiers, our part-time registered nurse completed the palliative care course in 2018 and we have been fortunate enough to send another two nurses for palliative care training in 2019. These efforts continue to develop our professionalism and ensure quality care for our patients.

Our work is sometimes a celebration of triumph against the odds and at other times a sad reminder of the fact that we have not yet won the battle against HIV/AIDS. Even with access to antiretroviral treatment (ARV), we still lose far too many patients who default on their treatment and need to be initiated onto second regimen ARV. Currently, we only have two regimens being rolled out in clinics across South Africa, so this trend is extremely worrying.

As a team, we have witnessed and had to respond to an increasing number of cancer patients being admitted for end-of-life care over the past year, (HACT's cancer admissions have more than doubled over the past two years from 11 admissions in 2016 to 28 admissions in 2018) as people live longer with HIV, chronic or terminal illnesses (i.e. cancer) surface in many cases. These patients have their HIV infection under control but sadly lose the battle to other illnesses due to a lack of screening or delayed treatment as inadequate access to oncology services remains a real challenge.

Since we gained membership to the Hospice Association KwaZulu-Natal (HA-KZN) and the Hospice & Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCSA), we are also receiving increased referrals from hospices across the province because many do not have inpatient unit services. HACT's long standing experience and expertise in palliative care was recognized by the city this year when we were invited to be members of the Palliative Care eThekweni Task Team which envisions a greater roll-out of such services within the district. We are very happy and welcome the opportunity to share our experience and philosophy of care to other service providers.

Our Respite Unit remains the heartbeat of HACT and is a God-given ministry. We pray that with the support of our generous donors in the coming year, we can continue to offer this essential service of love to the greater community.

OUR RESPITE UNIT IN ACTION:

203

patients
admitted to
our Respite
Unit



121 (60%)

patients were
discharged

82 (40%)

patients passed
away with dignity
and respect

188

patients received
adherence
counselling from
HACT's trained
counsellors

124

disability grants
were secured to
assist patients
financially upon
discharge

252

clinic visits for
monthly ARV
collection were
conducted for
/ on behalf of
patients

147

hospital visits
were conducted
for testing and or
further / on-going
patient care

**"BEING A CAREGIVER IS
ABOUT BEING STRONG FOR
OTHERS WHEN THEY ARE
WEAK AND BEING BRAVE
FOR THEM WHEN THEY ARE
SCARED. OUR PATIENTS RELY
ON US AND WE MUST NOT
LET THEM DOWN."**

Siphamandla Phakathi, HACT Respite Unit caregiver

PHOTOGRAPHER
Francois Anderson



PHOTOGRAPHER
Claire Hodgkinson

HIV CARE

Philani's Story

35 year-old Philani Hlophe was admitted to HACT's Respite Unit in early 2019 after he had defaulted on his antiretroviral (ARV) treatment.

In addition to severe weight loss and being so weak he was unable to sit-up, Philani, a self-confessed alcoholic, also presented with the most crippling case of Pellagra (a debilitating and often fatal disease caused by a severe deficiency of vitamin B-3, Pellagra is also found in patients suffering from alcoholism which can prevent the effective absorption of vitamin B-3 in the body) our team had ever seen.

As Philani states that in addition to being bed ridden his hands had seized-up completely and he was unable to use them at all. Suffice to say, there were many including Philani himself who didn't think he would survive. Having given up all hope Philani says he didn't believe that he would make it. As Philani himself will tell you;

"I thought I was coming here to die. The pain was so bad and I had no fight left in me..."

But the Unit was not what he expected at all and even in his weak and confused state the immediate love and kindness shown to him by HACT's nurses and doctors from when they first carried him to his bed, planted a small seed of hope within him.

"They washed me, fed me and did everything for me. Every day, the nurses sat on my bed and talked to me. I thought, no, this place is different, even the doctors here are friendly and want you to get better!"

And over the next 10 weeks, with the help of HACT's volunteer physiotherapist, Mary-Ann Swindell and the Centre's medical team, that's exactly what Philani did until he reached the point where he is today, which is sitting outside enjoying the warm midday sun and chatting to other patients on the Unit's verandah.

Philani says that getting to know some of the other patients and sharing their personal stories and challenges has also been a big part of his journey to recovery;

"Many of us have defaulted on our treatment and have almost died - my friends back home thought I had died! It has helped a lot to talk with the other patients and learn from each other during our time here."

Having struggled for several years to find fulltime work and getting caught up in a vicious cycle of drinking, Philani knows that the biggest part of his battle for survival still lies ahead of him when he is discharged from the Respite Unit and has to return to normal life. While he says that the extensive counselling he has received during his stay in the Respite Unit has enabled him to regain a sense of purpose and hope for his future, he knows that he has been given a second chance at life and that it is now up to him to ensure he succeeds in getting his life back on track.

"I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO WORKS HERE AND HAS HELPED ME GET BETTER"

says Philani,

"THERE ARE MANY MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO ARE STILL HOPELESS AND NEED THIS PLACE AND I HOPE THAT THEY TOO GET THE CHANCE TO COME HERE..."

HIV PREVENTION

Children's HIV Prevention Programme Report

**"HISTORY WILL JUDGE US BY THE DIFFERENCE WE
MAKE IN THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF CHILDREN."**

Nelson Mandela

HACT's HIV Prevention Children's Programme aims to close the gaps which exist in South Africa's delivery of effective HIV prevention and treatment strategies for high-risk groups by adopting an integrated approach that addresses the unique needs and challenges faced by orphaned and vulnerable children and youth.

Over the past year, our Children's Programme has impacted countless lives by identifying and linking children and youth living with HIV to crucial services such as HIV testing, TB and STI screening, counselling and psycho-social support. This includes after-school adherence clubs, which assist children and young people to remain adherent to their antiretroviral treatment (ART) and to stay linked to long-term care.

Central to these activities this past year was our team's delivery of **"Unfinished Business"** between April and September 2018. This international initiative aimed to find, test and initiate hard-to-reach children and adolescents

onto ART. Through this and other efforts, it is apparent that adolescents, especially young girls, face an ever-growing set of challenges to their health, educational opportunities, and ability to realise their full potential, which is why addressing underlying societal factors such as gender inequalities and violence is becoming a key focus area across many of HACT's HIV prevention programmes.

While tuberculosis (TB) is curable and treatment free within South Africa, TB still presents a major health problem for our country, especially as people living with HIV are 17-22 times more likely to develop the disease. Therefore, from September 2018 to March 2019, our Children's team partnered with the AIDS Foundation of South Africa (AFSA) to deliver an intensive TB screening campaign funded through the **Global Fund's Community Strengthening Systems (CSS) programme**.

This involved HIV testing and TB & STI screening services for children and adults, delivered door-to-door in informal settlement and communities. With 10 902 lives (children and adults) reached and impacted through this targeted initiative alone, HACT continues to play its part in assisting South Africa to achieve the ambitious targets set by the UNAIDS 90-90-90 initiative and the 'Getting to Zero' strategy, with the aim of ending the HIV epidemic by 2030.

OUR IMPACT

5019

children and young people (aged 0-19 years) were screened for TB



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PHOTOGRAPHER
Claire Hodgkinson

HACT'S LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME IN ACTION

1299

Grade 5-7 learners from five rural primary schools in the Valley of 1000 Hills were equipped with the knowledge skills and confidence they need to make positive and informed choices about their futures

75

life skills training sessions were delivered in each of the five participating primary schools covering topics such as HIV/AIDS, sex & sexuality, stigma and discrimination, drugs and our bodies, what's my vision, managing my life, healthy environments and My education, My future

22

physical education and team building sessions

400

Grade 5-7 learners participated in HACT's Positive Lifestyles event, using song, dance and poetry to convey positive lifestyle messages to over 700 of their peers

45

Grade 5-7 learners

gained improved literacy and public speaking skills through HACT's Spelling Bee Competition which also familiarised the learners with a local library



HIV PREVENTION

Life Skills Programme Report

"I UNDERSTAND ABOUT HIV NOW AND HAVE EVEN SHARED WHAT I HAVE LEARNT WITH MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY. MY OLDER SISTER WENT TO THE CLINIC AND GOT TESTED AND IS NOW ON TREATMENT FOR HERSELF AND HER BABY."

Grade 7 learner, Inchanga Primary School

HACT's Life-Skills programme is underpinned by the principle that every child in South Africa is an asset to our country and should be nurtured to be resilient in order to reach their full potential.

We are therefore pleased to report that over the past year, HACT's Life Skills programme has benefitted over 1 200 vulnerable Grade 5-7 learners. By building children's self-esteem and equipping them with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to solve problems and make positive decisions in their everyday lives, HACT's Life-Skills programme focusses on enabling vulnerable learners to rise above their challenging socio-economic circumstances, protect themselves from HIV or live positively and develop into happy, healthy and productive adults.

Fundamental to these aims is acknowledging that education itself is key to unlocking children's potential and, in the case of vulnerable learners, this requires consistent and active encouragement to ensure they stay in school, engage in learning, and develop a positive vision for their future.

"Encouraging our learners to believe in their futures and have a vision for their lives is the biggest gift this programme has given us. Without this motivation, many of our young learners would not be thriving as they are today..."

Mrs Chilli, Teacher, Empilweni Primary School

In addition to equipping our Life Skills learners with life-saving HIV/AIDS education, our programme has played a major role in improving the educational retention, performance and progression of these learners across all five rural primary schools within which it has been delivered.

"Our learners' confidence and self-esteem has grown thanks to their participation in this programme and the difference it has made to our teachers and school has been immeasurable. We are so grateful to the HACT facilitators for investing their time and commitment in our learners' futures."

Mr Ngidi, Principal, Ukusakwabasha Primary School

HIV PREVENTION

Peer Education Programme Report

"IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS TO DREAM MORE, BE MORE, DO MORE AND BECOME MORE, YOU ARE A LEADER."

John Quincy Adams



PHOTOGRAPHER
Sam Mtshali

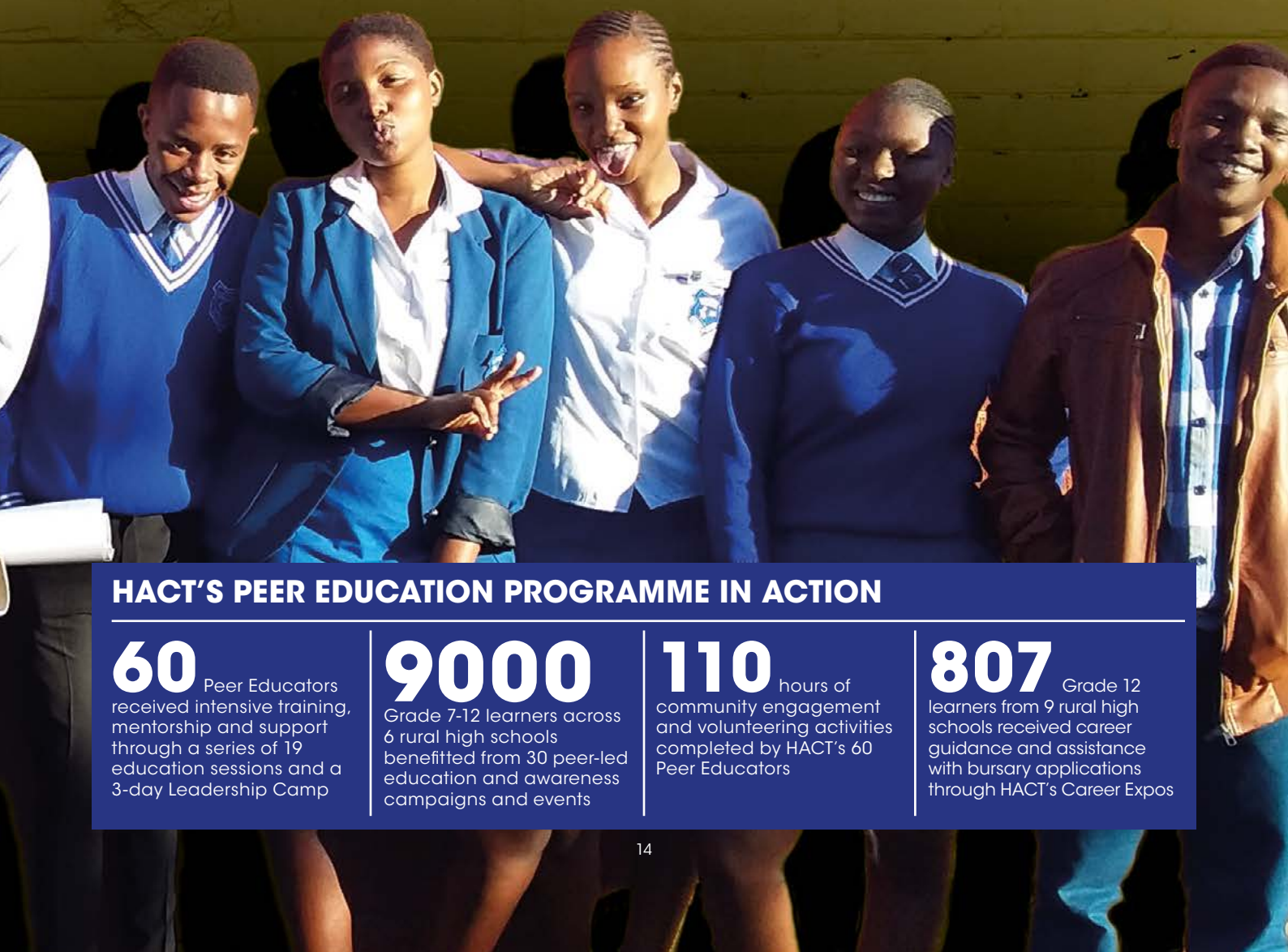
Through positive role modelling and active citizenship, HACT's Peer Education programme is developing a generation of young leaders equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to act as agents for change within their schools and communities.

Over the past year, **60 Grade 10 learners** from six rural high schools situated in the Valley of 1000 Hills received intensive training and mentorship support through HACT's Peer Education programme. This involved HACT's facilitators guiding highly motivated young people to deliver a series of interactive, peer-led education and awareness campaigns and activities to their peers based on gold-youth's evidence-based 'Peer2Peer' curriculum, inspiring them to pursue their dreams and to work together to uplift their schools and communities.

HACT's Peer Education programme continues to play a crucial role in achieving our vision of an HIV-free generation and an AIDS-free South Africa through addressing HIV stigma and building a sustainable support system for orphaned and vulnerable youth, including those living with HIV/AIDS. The programme systematically tackles some of the most common risk factors predisposing young people to HIV infection, such as poverty, gender inequality and violence, teenage pregnancy and drug and alcohol abuse.

"By becoming a Peer Educator I have discovered my talent for leading others - a gift I now need to use to help others find their own talents. This is what makes a good leader..."

Lindiwe Mzobe, Grade 10 learner, Kwantebeni Comprehensive High School



HACT'S PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN ACTION

60

Peer Educators received intensive training, mentorship and support through a series of 19 education sessions and a 3-day Leadership Camp

90000

Grade 7-12 learners across 6 rural high schools benefitted from 30 peer-led education and awareness campaigns and events

110

hours of community engagement and volunteering activities completed by HACT's 60 Peer Educators

807

Grade 12 learners from 9 rural high schools received career guidance and assistance with bursary applications through HACT's Career Expos

HIV PREVENTION

Kholeka's Story

"A JOURNEY IN SELF-DISCOVERY"

Is how 17 year old, **Kholeka Mbili from KwaNysuwa** describes her experience of taking part in HACT's 2018 Peer Education programme.

"By becoming a leader to others, I learnt so much about myself," says the energetic, young Grade 10 learner from Khabazela High School.

"This programme helped me discover my own strengths and weaknesses as a person, and what it takes to be a good leader. You have to be able to lead by example if you want others to respect you...you must be reliable, trustworthy and stick to your word!"

Known for her bright, optimistic outlook, Kholeka says the programme opened her eyes to the opportunities that exist in life, even amidst the many challenges that young people living in her local community face on a daily basis.

"Yes, we face many challenges and it is easy to go down the wrong path and take risks which can damage your health and life but you always have a choice and, as a peer educator, my job is to help people make the right choices by showing them that is how you lead a happy life."

Kholeka says the programme has also helped to open her eyes about HIV/AIDS and how people living with the disease can also lead a long and fulfilling life if they stay on treatment and are supported by their friends and family;

"I realise now that you can protect yourself from getting the disease in so many ways but there is also hope for people with HIV ...There is no need to be scared of people that are infected or treat them differently. This is the message that I now want to share with my friends and family..."

PHOTOGRAPHER
Rebekka Stredwick



**HIV SUPPORT & FAMILY
STRENGTHENING**

Gogo (Granny) Support Groups Programme Report



PHOTOGRAPHER
Rose Corbett

HACT's Gogo Support Groups Programme provides psychosocial support as well as practical and sustainable skills development and economic empowerment opportunities to gogos, many of whom are caring for their orphaned and vulnerable grandchildren.

The past year has been one of continued growth for our programme as we have strived to find new ways of uplifting and empowering our local gogos and their families. Through a series of facilitated dialogue sessions, our new Family Strengthening project is making tangible strides in restoring family bonds and bridging the intergenerational gap that so often exists between gogos and their grandchildren.

Another exciting new project has been through our partnership with Siyakhula Sonke, a local NPO tackling poverty through the promotion of savings groups. While several of HACT's gogo support groups have already established savings clubs, this intentional partnership has enabled us to rapidly increase the number of new clubs within other groups, whilst also enabling HACT to offer its skills development and training opportunities to gogos through Siyakhula Sonke's own beneficiary network – a 'win-win' collaboration for all involved. Numerous partnerships across our Gogo Support Groups programme are making a similar positive impact, be they with local governmental and tribal authorities or other like-minded NGOs.

Our Gogo Support Groups programme is now active in 13 communities across the Valley of 1000 Hills and surrounds and much to our delight, our gogos continue to take the lead in the planning and delivery of our key activities and events including our Gogolympics, Gogo of the Year and Gogos' Sewing Graduation Ceremony, all of which bring hope, joy and much-deserved recognition to the achievements of our gogos.

Speaking of much-deserved recognition, in 2018 HACT's Gogo Support Groups programme Manager, Cwengi Myeni, was featured as an eTV South African Hero for her commitment to uplifting her community. With footage of Cwengi and our gogos airing on TV screens across the country, our team has been inundated with requests to help set-up similar programmes in other communities and provinces.

Phindiwe Mashiloane, who co-manages the programme with Cwengi, had the unique opportunity to share the context of South African grandmothers in September 2018 at the Aging and Homelessness in a Global Theological Perspective" conference in India. Phindiwe also spoke about the situation of rural-based women and the increase of cervical cancer patients HACT is witnessing in the Respite Unit at the international meeting of the Cervix Cancer Research Network (CCRN) in January 2019.

With this exposure for older women in South Africa in mind, we were delighted to receive support from our long-standing partner, the Stephen Lewis Foundation, for our team to play a key role in the development of the newly formed Grandmothers Movement in South Africa (GMISA) over the past year. This national movement is advocating for better access to services and the rights of all grandmothers.

"THANK YOU TO OUR MANY PARTNERS BOTH LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT AND TO OUR GOGOS THEMSELVES FOR INSPIRING US ON A DAILY BASIS WITH THEIR COURAGE AND RESILIENCE."

Cwengi Myeni, HACT's Gogo Support Groups Programme Manager

OUR GOGO SUPPORT GROUPS PROGRAMME IN ACTION:

68 gogo support groups have served a network of **2000** grandmothers from across **13** communities

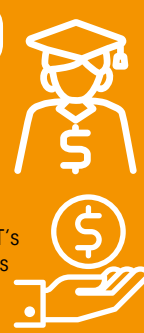
15 gogo support groups established savings clubs through HACT's partnership with Siyakhula Sonke



160 gogos completed HACT's 6-week Parenting Skills & Children's Rights training course



160 gogos learnt how to start and grow their income-generating businesses through HACT's Basic Business Skills training course



60 gogos learned how to sew through HACT's 6-month Sewing & Dressmaking training course





HIV SUPPORT & FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Thangiwe's Story

68 year-old Thangiwe Khanyeza lives in the Valley of 1000 Hills community of KwaNyuswa. Here, Thangiwe is not only the matriarch of her large family comprising of seven children and eight grandchildren, but the much loved and respected leader of her local gogo support group.

Aptly named "Sihlangusendlala" in isiZulu, which literally translates to "shield starvation", this well-established group represents one of HACT's oldest gogo support groups who have been meeting and working together for close on 15 years.

Originally formed by Thangiwe and 12 local gogos in 2005, the group's numbers have since swelled to 27 as the number and variety of activities the group has initiated has grown over the years. However, the core focus of their group continues to be their vegetable garden which is lovingly tended by its members twice a week, and every season yields the most impressive crop of fresh produce including spinach, cabbage, pumpkin, onions and carrots. The vegetable garden plays a crucial role in providing food security for the grannies and their families and has helped them endure many a tough time, as Thangiwe explains,

"We are very proud of our garden which has helped us to feed our families, and proud not have to spend what little money we have at the shops. Our families are very grateful for our garden too, because they know that without it, things would be very difficult."

In addition to her group's vegetable garden, Thangiwe's horticultural skills, which she developed with the help of HACT, have literally borne much fruit over the years with her homestead currently boasting a large collection of

fruit trees that she has personally planted from seed. From avocados, bananas and guavas, to oranges, grapefruit and lemons, Thangiwe's fruit trees not only provide a never ending variety of fresh and healthy food for her family but serve as a teaching aid in educating her group members and neighbours about healthy living.

"I am passionate about people of all ages living a healthy and active life," says Thangiwe, **"this is why I started our group in the first place because there were so many gogos sitting at home doing nothing instead of finding ways to help themselves."**

Finding ways to help themselves is what also gave life to one of the group's other key activities - their savings club. Every month, after they've received their government pensions, each gogo contributes R200, which is meticulously recorded in the group's register by Thangiwe. Each gogo has a turn to receive the group's monthly collection, which quickly amounts to an impressive R5400.

The gogos can decide what to spend their money on as long as it meets a tangible need. So far, three grannies including Thangiwe, whose family members were living in mud houses, have been able to build a concrete block home thanks to the savings club. Other projects recently completed by the grannies include the installation of kitchens as well as indoor toilets in several homes.

78 year-old, Regina Ngcobo says that this alone has been life-changing as she no longer has to worry about making it to the latrine at the end of her garden in time to go to the bathroom. **"I'm getting old now and these things become very important at my age!"** laughs Regina.

Thangiwe says her support group members have become like family to her. **"We laugh together, we work together and we even argue together but what matters most that we do it together because we've learnt that together we are stronger than on our own."**

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Woza Moya Programme Report

WOZA MOYA IN ACTION:

350

local crafters enabled to earn a sustainable income through the sale of their Proudly South Africa, hand-made products

1500

crafters supported by Woza Moya through market access every month

30

unemployed young people trained and supported to earn a sustainable income through the sale of upcycled glass products

6

local artists and crafters gained exposure through exhibitions featuring their work at the Embocraft Woza Moya Gallery



Winner of Transnet's 2018 Exporter of the Year Award in the Creative Industries category



Winner of the Business Women's Association 2018 Regional Business Woman of the Year Award (Paula Thomson, HACT's Woza Moya Executive Manager) in the Social Entrepreneur category

"START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY; THEN DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE; AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE."

Francis of Assisi

Woza Moya ("come winds of change" in isiZulu) is HACT's award-winning economic empowerment programme which uplifts, empowers and inspires people impacted by HIV/AIDS by providing practical training, support as well as market access to local artists and crafters.

If I were to choose one project over the past year that best captures the essence and power of Woza Moya, the Toyota billboard would be it. Let me set the scene....to celebrate Heritage Day on the 24th September 2018, Toyota SA wanted to make the largest ever beaded Love Letter to fit a 12m x 9m billboard. After approaching numerous organisations, HACT's Woza Moya programme was the only one brave enough to take on the challenge. People said it was impossible to suspend a beadwork of that size and weight – they said it just could not be done. We also had our doubts, but forged ahead regardless!

Having to work with large 3cm beads and blind cord instead of thread for this one-of-a-kind project, Nkululeko Masi first helped us train our beadworkers before the billboard was divided up into 108 x 1m² panels. The feeling of joy, energy and excitement was palpable around HACT as our beadworkers and team worked together to accomplish this 'impossible' task. Once all the panels were completed (collectively weighing over 1.5 tons), they were painstakingly sewn together like a giant jigsaw puzzle at the Playhouse Prop Department's warehouse.

After staff and beadworkers paused together for a brief celebration of blessing and song, we watched our beautiful Love Letter get rolled and lifted onto a truck bound for Johannesburg. We then all held our breaths as we remotely watched the assembled billboard hoisted into position alongside the M1 highway by a giant crane. After many sleepless nights envisaging the beads unravelling and bouncing down the road, we were thankful that everything went smoothly and our record-breaking beaded billboard went on to wow the world!

"SINCE 1975, TOYOTA'S COROLLA PLANT HAS BEEN IN KWAZULU-NATAL, SO THE FIT BETWEEN WOZA MOYA AND THE CAMPAIGN WAS IDEAL. WE'RE THRILLED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CREATE WORK FOR THE CRAFTERS WHO BELONG TO THIS INITIATIVE."

Glenn Crompton, Toyota SA Vice President – Marketing

While the project went on to win a silver Loerie and two international advertising awards, its real beauty lies in the difference it made in the lives of our crafters. This commission provided a much needed boost to our local economy with many of our beadworkers sharing with us what their hard-earned income had been used for – desperately needed school shoes for a child, a new room added onto a house and food on the table. As with all our big projects, our beaded billboard project illustrates how individually we may be quite powerless but together we can do the impossible!

Over the past year we also ventured into new territory by providing training opportunities to 30 unemployed, out of school young people specifically in glass-cutting (turning recycled bottles into drinking glasses) as well as the entrepreneurial skills needed to start their own businesses selling upcycled products. This initiative increased the income within the households of these young entrepreneurs, many of whom were children of our crafters, and thereby reduced some of the economic burden currently shouldered by so many of our crafters who were sole breadwinners in their families.

Paula Thomson
Woza Moya Executive Manager

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Thobile's Story

"EVEN THOUGH THINGS CAN STILL BE DIFFICULT, I DON'T FEEL DESPERATE. I AM VERY PROUD THAT I CAN SUPPORT MY FAMILY AND BE THE BREADWINNER."

Thobile, Woza Moya beader

39 year-old, Thobile Mkhize from KwaNyuswa has been a Woza Moya beader for the past three years. When Thobile first joined the project in 2015, she was in a desperate state having recently lost her husband and unable to provide for her young family of four children.

To make matters worse, Thobile was six months pregnant with her fifth child at the time. **"That was a very difficult time for me,"** says Thobile, **"I was grieving for my husband but all I could do was worry how I was going to look after myself and my children..."**

Having never had any formal employment, Thobile tried and failed to secure a job in the weeks after her husband passed. The only skill Thobile possessed was beading, something she was first taught by her mother when she was 10 years-old. Despite this, Thobile's efforts to sell the few beaded items she had made proved unsuccessful.

"I travelled down to Durban to sell my beadwork at the street markets but the money I made didn't even cover my transport costs so that didn't help me....," explains Thobile.

Thankfully, a friend suggested she visit the Hillcrest AIDS Centre to see if they could assist her. Thobile still remembers the day she first visited the Centre and met with Busi from

Woza Moya. **"I couldn't believe it when she offered to pay me for my beadwork! I was only making beaded pens and other simple things then, but Busi liked my work and I left with money in my pocket!"**

Fast forward three years and Thobile is now one of Woza Moya's regular crafters whose beautiful range of beadwork includes some of the project's best-selling jewelry pieces such as the **"Happiness"** necklaces and the **"Itchebe"** necklaces traditionally worn at Zulu celebrations and ceremonies.

Thobile says that she knows her story is not unique and there are many women like her who are now able to support their families thanks to Woza Moya. She is still grateful for the difference the project has made in her own life, **"When I think back to those days when I first lost my husband, I had no hope for my future,"** she says.

Thobile now comes to Woza Moya every Thursday to submit her work and collect her new orders. Even though she has to be up before 5am to ensure she has time to get her children off to school first, Thobile says it is still her best day of the week. **"I love coming to the Centre, not just because I get paid for my work but because I get to chat and laugh with the other Woza Moya beaders and staff who I now know well. The children also wait impatiently for me by the gate on Thursdays,"** laughs Thobile, **"because they know I will have bought them a treat on my way home!"**

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Claire Hodgkinson

HACT'S CLOTHING SCHEME IN ACTION:

36

Direct
Beneficiaries



144

Indirect
Beneficiaries



744 bags and

14 880

items of clothing bought
and re-sold



R297 600

income generated for families in need



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Clothing Scheme Report

“WHEN MY HUSBAND PASSED AWAY IN HACT’S RESPITE UNIT TWO YEARS AGO, MY THREE CHILDREN AND I WERE LEFT WITH NOTHING. THANKS TO THE CLOTHING SCHEME, I AM NOW A BREADWINNER AND HAVE THE COURAGE TO KEEP FIGHTING...”

Nonhlanhla Mthembu, HACT Clothing Scheme beneficiary

HACT’s Clothing Scheme is one of our many successful economic empowerment initiatives that promotes and enables sustainable access to the economy for local, unemployed people impacted by HIV/AIDS.

For more than a decade, the key focus of HACT’s Clothing Scheme has been to create practical income-generating opportunities for patients who have recently been discharged from our Respite Unit and/or their immediate family members. This has on many occasions served as a lifeline to these often destitute families.

“As a gogo, this project has helped me to take care of my orphaned grandchildren and put food on the table. I want to say thank you for this project and the many people who donate their clothing...”

Lindeni Mbutho, HACT Clothing Scheme beneficiary

Purchasing bags of second hand clothing for just R15 each, HACT’s Clothing Scheme beneficiaries go on to sell the clothes in their local communities on a weekly basis for anything between **R250 – R600** per bag. Over the past year, **744 bags** with more than **14 880** items of clothing have been bought and sold through our Clothing Scheme, thus generating an income of over **R297 000** for our **36 beneficiaries** and their families.

“THIS PROJECT IS ABOUT RESTORING HOPE AND DIGNITY IN PEOPLE’S LIVES. BEING ABLE TO EARN A LIVING AND FEED THEIR FAMILIES IS OFTEN OUR PATIENTS’ MAIN CONCERN ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE RESPITE UNIT. THE SCHEME HELPS ENSURE THEY REMAIN ADHERENT TO THEIR ANTIRETROVIRAL TREATMENT (ARV) TOO.”

Thobeka Ntshangase, HACT’s Clothing Scheme Coordinator



"WORKING IN THE PLANT NURSERY IS REFRESHING AND BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN ME, WE ARE A GOOD TEAM AND WORK WELL TOGETHER. I ENJOY WORKING WITH MY HANDS, TENDING THE PLANTS AND MAKING THE CONCRETE POTS TO SELL TO THE CUSTOMERS - I'M VERY PROUD OF THESE."

Mzi Mchunu, HACT Plant Nursery staff member

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Plant Nursery Report

The aim of HACT's Izingadi Zethemba (Gardens of Hope) Plant Nursery is two-fold, namely to create jobs and thus contribute to the economic empowerment of local families impacted by HIV/AIDS. At the same time, the Nursery contributes to HACT's long-term sustainability as an organisation so that it can continue to offer its life-saving projects and services.

Over the past year, our Plant Nursery team bid a fond farewell to Jabulani Msomi, who retired after many years of service to HACT. Our Nursery is now in the capable hands of Xolani Zondi as our new Plant Nursery Supervisor and who with the enthusiastic support and encouragement of HACT's Facilities Manager, John Lund, is doing a superb job of ensuring the project continues to flourish.

Our project's ever expanding services, which now routinely include professional landscaping services for residential properties and complexes, as well as smaller commercial properties and office parks, continue to enjoy the support of HACT's local community who are keen to take advantage of our affordable prices and wide selection of plants and garden décor.

In addition to our hard working staff who, come rain or shine, greet our customers with a ready smile, our Plant Nursery has continued to benefit from the dedication and commitment of several local and international volunteers over the past year who have donated their time and skills to helping us grow and nurture this much-loved project.

Thank you as always to all our loyal customers for their ongoing support.

SUPPORT HACT'S PLANT NURSERY



- Open **six days** a week



- Wide variety of **indigenous and exotic plants**, together with garden décor, at affordable prices



- **Professional and friendly** service



- **Centrally located**



- **Delivery service**



- **Affordable landscaping services** with an eco-friendly and social conscience

FINANCIALS

Annual Financial Statements

The Annual Financial Statements for the financial year ending 31st March 2019 were approved by HACT's Trustees and signed off by the external auditors, Marwick and Company Inc. on the 27th August 2019.

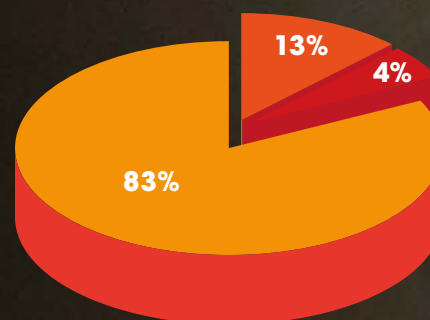
Through rigorous expenditure controls and the implementation of numerous cost-saving initiatives, HACT was able to reduce its expenditure by **R428 173** over the past year despite the pressure of inflationary cost increases. Such initiatives are set to continue throughout the forthcoming year including HACT's new solar energy project which is projected to save HACT over **R10 000** per month once implemented.

HACT's grant income reduced slightly from **R3 900 659 (25%)** to **R3 530 761 (24%)** over the past year, while donations income increased from **R4 951 834 (32%)** to **R5 337 244 (37%)** mainly thanks to donations secured through HACT's Comrades Marathon campaign and other associated fundraising activities.

In order to ensure our Centre's long-term sustainability, HACT remains committed to actively exploring new income streams and is excited to see what returns our new venture, HACT Biz will yield in the near future.

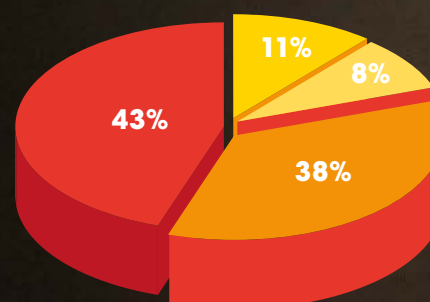
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WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES



- 85% HIV Care, Economic Empowerment, HIV Prevention & Education and HIV Support & Family Strengthening Programmes
- 13% Administrative costs
- 4% Fundraising costs

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



- 43% HIV Care
- 38% Economic Empowerment
- 11% HIV Prevention
- 8% Community Outreach



FINANCIALS

Balance Sheet

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Statement of Financial Position

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	4 184 048	2 945 135
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	1 074 965	962 974
Trade and other receivables	368 687	1 790 614
Cash and cash equivalents	2467 198	1 920 814
	3 910 849	4 674 402
TOTAL ASSETS	8 094 897	7 619 5367
EQUITY		
Trust capital	100	100
Accumulated surplus - Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust	4293 928	3 746 290
Accumulated surplus - Woza Moya	1 457 286	1 537 760
	5 751 314	5 284 150
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2 343 583	2 335 386
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	8 094 897	7 619 537

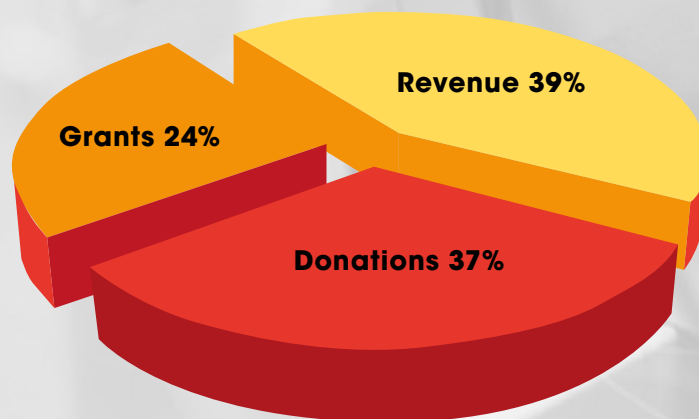
FINANCIALS

Consolidated

INCOME STATEMENT & OVERVIEW

	2019		2018
		%	
DONATIONS	8 337 244	37	4 951 834
GRANTS	3 530 761	24	3 900 659
REVENUE	5 616 714	39	6 569 674
Administrative Income	322 378		587 720
Education Income	2 074		7 631
Grannie Support Income	10 000		10 000
Nursery Income	490 658		449 335
Woza Moya Income	4 786 293		5 487 924
Clinic Income	-		3 007
Respite Unit Income	15 381		24 058
TOTAL INCOME	14 484 789		15 422 167
COST OF SALES			
Woza Moya Cost of sales	2 828 495		3 330 893
Stock adjustment	-		2 334 832
EXPENSES	11 189 130		11 617 303
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	(467 164)		(1 860 861)

INCOME:



SUPPORT US

Adopt-a-Bed Programme



Adopt-a-Bed in our Respite Unit and help us save and transform lives...

“TAKING CARE OF OUR PATIENTS IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. SEEING THE PATIENTS RECOVER AND REGAIN THEIR STRENGTH AFTER THEY’VE BEEN SO SICK IS ALWAYS VERY REWARDING FOR ME.”

Nomthandazo Ngcobo, caregiver in HACT’s 24-bed Respite Unit

HACT’s Respite Unit is a 24-bed facility providing holistic 24/7 care to adults and children in advanced stages of AIDS and or terminal cancer. By ensuring we cover the entire spectrum of care — medical, nursing, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual, our dedicated, multidisciplinary team is able to save and transform lives on a daily basis.

For just R72 000 per year (or R6000 per month), you can help us save and transform many more lives!

Whether you are looking to Adopt-a-Bed on your own or as a company, church, family, with group of friends or in memory of a loved one, your donations will go directly towards helping us to provide the very best care for our patients so that they in turn, have the very best chance of returning home to their families and leading full, healthy and productive lives...

As an Adopt-a-Bed donor, your donations will help HACT cover our Respite Unit’s essential operating costs such as our patients’ meals, medication, x-rays and blood tests. Your donations will also ensure we don’t run out of the essential medical equipment and hospital consumables used on a daily basis to treat and care for our patients.

HACT is a B-BBEE Level 1 contributor and all bona-fide donations are tax deductible.

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HACT's 2018 Comrades Marathon Campaign Report

"IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO RUN COMRADES FOR HACT AND SUPPORT THEIR DEDICATED TEAM WHO DO SO MUCH FOR PEOPLE IN NEED. BEING PASSIONATE ABOUT RUNNING AND SUPPORTING MY LOCAL COMMUNITY, RUNNING FOR HACT WAS AN OBVIOUS CHOICE FOR ME AND I'LL PROUDLY DO SO AGAIN NEXT YEAR!"

Dean Wight, Founder of Beloved Long Runs KZN, HACT & Comrades 2018 Top Fundraiser

In 2018, HACT was honoured to be selected as one of six official charities of the Comrades Marathon, the world's oldest and largest ultramarathon that takes place annually, right here on HACT's doorstep. Known both locally and internationally as "the ultimate human race" this gruelling 87km ultra-marathon is a true test of every runner's strength, courage and endurance.

Through our three-year partnership (2018 – 2020) with the Comrades Marathon Association, every runner who tackles this iconic race also has the unique opportunity to help local people impacted by HIV/AIDS living directly along the famous race route by choosing to run and raise funds for HACT.

Our first Comrades campaign kicked off in early 2018 and was aptly titled **#Run4Hope**. We were fortunate to secure the support of three dedicated Ambassadors each of whom signed up to not only run and raise funds for HACT, but committed to helping our team sign up as many other runners as possible.

Our 2018 Comrades Ambassadors were Mark Heywood, South African AIDS activist, CEO of Section27 and co-founder of the Treatment Action Campaign, South African road running legend, Blanche Moila and founder of Beloved Long Runs KZN, Dean Wight.

In total, over 70 local and international runners lined up outside the Pietermaritzburg City Hall on Sunday the 10th June 2018 in order to **#Run4Hope** and succeeded in raising an incredible **R1 094 915** for HACT's first Comrades campaign of which a whopping **R327 000** was raised by HACT Ambassador, Dean Wight and **R323 190.42** by local, Westville AC runner, Grant Cummings.

These funds were pledged towards HACT's 24-bed Respite Unit and Gogo (Granny) Support Groups programme providing a much needed boost to the activities of these life-saving and life-changing initiatives. In addition, our inaugural Comrades campaign served as a fantastic morale booster for HACT's entire team of staff and volunteers who worked together, particularly in the weeks leading up to and on race-day itself when Comrades-mania reached fever pitch!

Suffice to say, HACT has been blown away by the support and generosity of the running community as well as the many schools, community groups and companies that partnered with us throughout our campaign. We are now looking forward to seeing how we can build on this momentum and engage more runners in 2019 and beyond.

SUPPORT US

HACT Biz

"AT HACT WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT BRING ABOUT MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE MOST IN NEED OF SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HACT BIZ IS ANOTHER TRULY EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR HACT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH MANY MORE CORPORATES IN THE FUTURE, BOTH BIG AND SMALL, AS THIS NEW VENTURE GROWS."

Candace Davidson, HACT CEO

Established in early 2019, HACT Biz is a registered Pty (Ltd) company that has been created with the aim of increasing the long-term sustainability of HACT's life-saving projects and services while creating much needed skills training and employment opportunities for the disadvantaged communities we serve.

HACT Biz is 100% owned by HACT the NPO, thereby making our NPO beneficiaries the full beneficiaries of all profits made from our business. This also means all social enterprises started and owned by HACT under HACT Biz, are Level 1 B-BBEE contributors.

HACT is therefore ideally positioned to help boost your business' B-BBEE scorecard through a number of opportunities specifically designed to meet your CSI objectives as well as your SED Skills Development and Enterprise Development requirements.



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