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Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families



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Our Vision

We believe in a community of justice and mercy that supports strong families to raise thriving children.

Our Mission

Beautiful Gate South Africa shows God’s love by:

- protecting, supporting and developing children
- strengthening and empowering families
- enabling and activating our community to thrive

REPORT FROM THE Chairperson

“God’s strength behind you, His concern for you, His love within you, and His arms beneath you are more than sufficient for the job ahead of you.” - William Arthur Ward

I am pleased to present the Chairperson’s Report for 2022, highlighting accomplishments and challenges. This year has been marked by God’s faithfulness and the unwavering commitment of our team.

We firmly uphold the value of excellence and are dedicated to continuous learning to improve our standards. With God’s faithfulness, we recognise the responsibility and accountability that come with it. Our commitment to ongoing learning ensures that we stay ahead and deliver the best possible outcomes.

During this period, we conducted a comprehensive review of our salary equity process to ensure a fair and equitable remuneration structure. This step reflects our commitment to treating all our team members with fairness and respect, valuing their contributions appropriately. We recognise that our staff work daily in communities challenged by difficult and traumatic circumstances such as crime and abuse.

We are immensely grateful for the ongoing commitment, support, and encouragement from our donors. Their generosity enables us to fulfill our mission and make a meaningful impact in the lives of those we serve. We recognise their partnership as an integral part of our success.

In an ever-changing world, it has become increasingly challenging to find volunteers willing to serve on a board of governance. However, I have been fortunate to be surrounded by a passionate, skilled, and committed team of individuals. Together, we conducted a review of our strategic plan and initiated a board assessment process. I am grateful to Ian Ferguson and Rosie Leyden from Teamworks UK for their skilled facilitation of these processes without asking any compensation.



As we look to the future, we acknowledge the rapid pace of change and the need to adapt accordingly. We will continue to embrace technology and innovative approaches to enhance our impact and improve operational efficiency. Our focus will also be on fostering a culture of ongoing learning and professional development for all our team members.

In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude towards God for His faithfulness. To each member of the board, our dedicated staff, volunteers, and our donors, thank you for your unwavering support and commitment. You have been instrumental in our journey for almost 30 years.

Blessings, Toby Brouwer

Our Values



REPORT FROM THE Executive Director

Molweni zihlobo nabaxhasi bethu,
Dear friends and supporters,

“Siwuqala lonyanka ndineliqhalo lithi inyathi ibuzwa kwaba phambili.”

This Xhosa idiom emphasises holding onto lessons learned and finding solutions by seeking wisdom from those who have gone ahead of us.

Children were back at school and some COVID restrictions had been lifted, but 2022 was still a year to learn from others in finding a new post-pandemic norm.

We ran a Whole Organisational Assessment led by Teamworks, followed by an Organisational Self Perception Assessment with Mergon Foundation. The Leadership team completed 360-degree Assessments, and we evaluated our mission, values and strategy. This gave us sharpened insight and focus for the years ahead.

New Programme

Our new programme, Impilo, is Xhosa for ‘life’ and ‘health’, and is run by Fredah van der Vinne. Impilo offers deep therapeutic work for parents in our programmes, to deal with underlying issues preventing change. We also provided Job Readiness Training, with Computer Training and Entrepreneurial Skills added in 2023.

New Leader

We welcomed a new Education Programme Manager, Kerstin Kuhlcke, who comes with a background in education; her expertise has already borne great fruit.

New ideas

There is much about my Xhosa Culture that can and needs to be redeemed. We hosted an Easter Imvuselelo (revival service) and Intonjane and Ingcawe (ceremonies celebrating girls’ & boys’ coming of age). We honour each other, remembering that we are created for relationship. The African way is to focus on relationship before task, which is a tricky balance but bears longer-lasting fruit.

When you bring change, expect opposition. The saying goes, **izinja zinkonkotha imoto hambayo** – translated as ‘dogs bark at a moving car, dogs



won’t bark at a stationary car’. In difficult times, I am grateful for my reflective leadership style, ensuring that in any circumstance, people are treated with honour.

Our staff give so much in helping beneficiaries deal with trauma, even when navigating their own. **They are the real champions** and we’ve sought to create safe debriefing spaces for them. Crime in our area has increased significantly, yet I believe we are where God wants us; transforming community, bringing mercy and justice and directing people to Him.

New and Old Partnerships

I work hard at building relationship, aware that we cannot do what we do without a growing network. We’ve been blessed by pro bono expertise in organisational direction, new courses, partnering in business, and HR processes, to name a few. Kuthatha ilala ukwakha isizwe. (It takes a village to build a nation.)

I want to specially thank Bobby Couves, who has served on our Board for twenty years. Bobby, we are beyond thankful for your commitment to ensure our financial accountability. Bobby took a sabbatical and Steve Black stepped up as our new Treasurer. Enkosi kuni nobabaini. (Thank you to both of you.)

Thank you to the Board for your wisdom and direction. I value our partnership. Thank you for journeying with us as we bring transformation to Lower Crossroads, providing safe places where children are loved and cared for, supporting families to thrive and our community to strengthen.

Blessings, Minah Koela

Impact Achieved

STATS YEAR-ON-YEAR
 INCREASE
 DECREASE
 SAME
 CHILD HEALTH
 FAMILY STRENGTHENING
 EDUCATION



CHILD health

It's a pleasure to share some of the Highlights of the year for the Child Health Programme.

New Funding Partner

A **PEPFAR Community Grant** provided support for the Teen ARV Adherence Clubs and allowed us to roll out an **exciting new project aimed at preventing HIV across the programmes at Beautiful Gate.**

NEW PROGRAMME

In February we held a 3-day **Bridges of Hope** Training workshop on Healthy Relationships, which we incorporated into our **new Healthy Relationships/HIV Prevention Programme.**

Through Bridges of Hope and with funding from Mapula Trust, our leaders were trained to **facilitate activities to engage teenagers around building healthy relationships; topics included GBV and bullying, conflict resolution, sexual & reproductive health and HIV prevention.**



New Team Member

We welcomed **Siphokazi Sodladla** in the new role of **Peer Mentor.** She is a graduate from Teen Club and has **shown the character and aptitude** to fulfil this volunteer role; supporting our teens and delivery of the Club sessions.

Support for our Young Adults

Our eldest Teen Club members graduated into adult club at the clinic. There was a 6-month transition period, allowing our young adults to get used to a new club system whilst providing continuity, reminders and follow-up as necessary. **The group transitioned together** as a new Club so that they **wouldn't lose the peer support they had developed over their years in Teen Club.**

Support for our Teen Mums

We welcomed five new babies in 2022. Each new mum received a 'new baby pack'. Our young mums are doing well and their **beautiful babies are HIV free.**



Support for our Struggling Teens

Beneficiaries struggling with acceptance of their HIV status were invited to a day of fun and games. Then Zanele led a discussion group where **teens shared openly about their struggles.** Prominent themes were anger, stigma and concerns around disclosure.

This was a safe space where they felt supported to process some difficult feelings.



Support for Paediatric ARV Clinic (PARV Clinic)

In 2022, the total number of children/teens and young adults attending the PARV clinic and Teen Club was approximately 530. To provide a Family Orientated Service, caregivers can also attend the PARV clinic with their children. **Nkuli supports the smooth running** of the PARV clinic, and is someone the parents feel free to approach about any concerns. **Dr Wilson sees patients** from the PARV clinic in addition to the Club, and is a point of contact for queries/referrals to the PARV clinic and enrolments into the Club. **Zanele provides ad hoc counselling** and is also a point of contact for assisting with referrals into the PARV clinic.

Teen Club Sessions and Attendance

There are 13 Teen Clubs which meet bimonthly to support ARV adherence for adolescents and youth. Intervention includes **medical case management, medication collection, peer support groups with interactive group activities, referrals for psychosocial support, individual counselling and targeted material support.** Club members are welcome to visit us between club visits if there are problems or they have missed their date. In 2022, we held 70 club sessions and the total number of episodes of Club care offered was 1392.

Our lost to follow-up rate of 8% compares very favourably with the Cape Metro figures which are

around 25%. Part of the **success of the Teen club** is in **keeping our teens connected with care.**

Viral Load Monitoring

Viral Load levels give a **measure of how well HIV is controlled,** and help **monitor medication adherence.** Levels should be taken once a year, more often if HIV control is suboptimal/poor.

267 teens in Club had Viral Load (VL) monitoring in 2022 (99% of Club):

- 219 teens had a VL below 50 **(82% good control)**
- 24 teens had a VL between 50 and 999 **(9% suboptimal control)**
- 24 teens had a VL greater than 1000 **(9% poor control)**

Fluctuations of control of HIV are common in adolescents and the percentage of viral load suppression for this age group **compares well** with similar programmes in other areas of South Africa.

CHALLENGES

Violence as well as **taxi-related unrest** in the community greatly impacts our beneficiaries, their families and our service. **A number of teens in Club sustained significant and life-threatening injuries from assaults in 2022.**



FAMILY strengthening

The year began well and we enjoyed seeing children returning after the holidays, ready for the coming year. Although 2022 seemed more promising than the past 2 years, **COVID's damage has left many families struggling and feeling hopeless.** Even so, we celebrated several highlights throughout the year.

Support for vulnerable children and families and access to essential services

Our Social Workers and Child and Youth Care Worker (CYCW) teams **supported 1808 orphans and vulnerable children, child-headed households, and other neglected children.** The children and their families received regular home visits and telephonic check-ins. Our teams worked hard to **assist families in staying together** and **encouraged treatment and medication adherence** where relevant. 178 families were assisted with applying for or updating their essential documents, ensuring easier school registration and grant receiving processes. As we provided support with school placements, we also ensured that those who needed it most had school uniforms and school transport. Children struggling with academic performance, were referred to the afterschool programme.

Challenges included several fires in September leaving many **families homeless.** We were able to assist with vouchers to our second hand shop to help them replace some of the items lost in the fire, as well as providing psycho-social support and assistance with the replacement of essential documents.

Psycho-social & therapeutic services

Therapy sessions & development plans implemented by our teams have helped beneficiaries realise

the importance of love, respect and taking good care of each other while they walk the journey of processing life's traumas.

Overall we assisted **390 children and adults** with additional psycho-social support (beyond home visits and follow ups) that included **individual & group counselling, support groups & family conferences.**

We launched the **'Teens Chatroom'** on Saturdays which has grown well as teenagers were given time and space to share and be heard. We also formed a **Parents**

Support Group where various issues such as healing from historical trauma were discussed.

Training & Learning opportunities

Parenting Skills Training brought in an impressive attendance of **221 parents**, with parents showing a great hunger to learn and inviting other parents to join them. As a **management team**, we benefited greatly from **leadership and goal-setting training** with Ian and Rosie from Teamworks. We enjoyed networking spaces at the Mpower workshop, a conference organised by Jelly Beanz and a camp organised by Just Footprints.



Community mobilisation

Our Human Rights Event's theme was **'The year of unity and renewal: protecting and preserving our human rights gains'.** Parents and children enjoyed hearing from speakers from the Department of Social Development, Police and CYCWs. During **Child Abuse Prevention week, 190 children** attended training on how to **use their network for effective help** and **how to communicate their feelings well**, especially in difficult or dangerous situations.

Partnerships

We are grateful to our partners for all their assistance, especially the **Department of Social Development** who provide financial support for our programme, as well as the **local office** for foster care applications, **Department of Education** for school placements and the **Department of Home Affairs** for essential documents. We extend thanks to: **SASSA** for help with grant applications; **Mosaic** for help in domestic violence cases; **Sizakuyenza** – a shelter for abused women; **Thuthuzela** for assessment of sexual abuse cases; **Jelly Beanz** for inappropriate sexual behaviour training; **Hope Africa Collective** for skills development programmes; **Chrysalis** for providing admin interns; and **NACOSA** for providing social auxiliary worker interns. With special thanks to the **South African Police Service (SAPS)** for protecting our communities. We still have gaps in partnership with a human trafficking organisation as well as in the area of healthy fatherhood. We would like to see these established in 2023.

SAFE PARKS

12 Safe Park Assistants were hired part-time, which brought additional support to the CYCWs and children who attend our safe parks. One of them started assisting children with maths tutoring, and in another safe park, assistants helped children with their homework. Other activities include various **dance** forms and **choirs** who performed at our Annual Celebration. The parks located on open fields, unfortunately, became increasingly unsafe and we experienced some robberies and resulting trauma that we have been working through with those affected. **We engaged with local churches to host some of our community safe parks to ensure safer spaces for children in the community.**

SUCCESS STORIES

A young lady, Anovuyo, came off drugs with help from a CYCW & Sizakuyenza Organisation. She returned, determined to change and take good care of her child.

A child dropped out of school to take care of his sick mother. The CYCWs visited the home, called the ambulance and the mother was admitted. The CYCW visited the school and ensured the child returned to class, also taking care of him while his mother was in hospital. **Now the family is happy and the mother is making sure she takes her medication.**



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

In 2022 we launched the **Family Empowerment Programme**, called **Impilo Pathways**. **Impilo** means “life” and “health” in isiXhosa. The aim of the programme is to **empower unemployed parents and caregivers (mostly mothers) of children in Beautiful Gate’s programmes** (Child Health, Family Strengthening and Education), as well as existing recipients of food parcels, and graduates of our Parenting Skills course – particularly widows, and single-mother households.

We believe that when mothers are supported, they become better parents and community leaders.

Impilo is a therapeutic and economic empowerment programme. Our desire as an organisation is to help mothers through a **holistic approach**, supporting their **physical, intellectual, spiritual and emotional needs**, so they **find freedom and hope for themselves and their families**. We navigated some challenges in the pioneering process, but gained valuable lessons and solutions.

Therapeutic services and psycho-social support

An element of the therapeutic work is to understand the family situation. The systems approach means that **family support structures**, among others, are **identified and solicited to form part of the treatment plan**, which could include further family counselling, seeking legal recourse, and so on. A second element is to understand the participants **economic journey, identify their strengths and skills**, and determine what the **barriers** have been to **employment or entrepreneurship activities**. With this in mind, **personalised pathways are developed**. Two cohorts of participants were recruited in 2022 and were able to receive individual and group counselling sessions and psycho-social support before, during and after the training courses.

Work Readiness Training

In August 2022 The Fincoach Foundation partnered with Common Good and the Zanolkhanyo Network to be able to facilitate the **Work Readiness Programme at Beautiful Gate**. Initially a 16-day course, which may be shortened in 2023, **it strives to give unemployed individuals hope, increased confidence, a better understanding of the workplace, together with some computer skills, a relevant CV, presentation and interview skills**.

Beautiful Gate’s first cohort was trained in August/September. After completing the course, the participants were **tracked** and provided with **ongoing support**. It was encouraging that some were continuing with **further skills training and studies**, while others found **employment opportunities**. Unfortunately, one of the mothers required further counselling as she continued

to struggle with alcohol related issues that affected her parenting and her children’s welfare.

The second cohort successfully completed the work readiness training in October/November. Within this group, **3 now work as safe park assistants in Beautiful Gate programmes, 2 work at a crèche, and 1 was referred to further education**. As an extension of the practical exposure, there were two visits to Taking Care of your Business, and the Fincoach Foundation facilitated an outing to the city centre and



: impilo pathways

Table Mountain for the second group of participants. 33 participants attended the Work Readiness Program in 2022.

Plans for 2023

Next year, alongside further Work Readiness Training, we plan to introduce a two- to three-month accredited and **self-paced computer training programme** using the SkillWise CompuTutor simulation-based active learning application. We will also begin an **entrepreneurial programme** using Get Hope materials in partnership with Tirzah International. The further **development of referral pathways and partnerships** will be critical in **assisting parents and caregivers to access further opportunities for employment or entrepreneurship**. **Storytelling** is a rich cultural practice and by understanding the person and their past trauma and then providing extensive therapeutic support, this will enable each person to move **forward along their own pathway**. **We aim to normalise counselling and therapy in a culture that may not fully recognise its value**, and because **no individual is in isolation but part of a family, we are also equipping and empowering stronger & healthier family units**.

Former Residents of Beautiful Gate’s children’s home

In 2015, Beautiful Gate **closed the door of its residential children’s home** as the focus had moved entirely to **community based care**. Most of our former residents were **reunited with their extended families** and many are now teenagers and young adults. We continue to monitor their situations, and respond to needs as they arise with **counselling, pyscho-social support and home visits**. Approximately 40 former residents continue to be supported. This year, rather than hosting a reunion we provided **opportunities** for them to be involved in some of our **training programmes**.

One of our former residents, **Nosiphiwo**, required a referral to another organisation closer to her home in Fisantekraal. We remain **thankful to Resilient Kids for taking her and her family into their programme** and facilitating funding for an operation she required. Nosiphiwo now feels confident to continue with her education.

A YEAR IN PHOTOS, 2022

JANUARY

21 JAN Congratulations class of 2021!

31 JAN There's still some time left to apply for one of these *Year Beyond* programme streams: Academic Programme, Scouting in Schools Programme, @Homelearning Programme

MARCH

04 MAR This week our Leadership Forum had the privilege of attending 2 days of Leadership Development Training facilitated by Ian Ferguson and Rosie Leyden of *Teamworks*.

15 MAR Congratulations to the first group of parents to graduate from the course this year!

MAY

30 MAY Protecting children from violence, exploitation and abuse is an obligation clearly set out in the SA Constitution. Child Protection is *everyone's responsibility*. #CPW2022 #ChildProtectionWeek2022

FEBRUARY

14 FEB Wishing you a happy #ValentinesDay

22 FEB Welcome to our YeBoneers who'll be offering literacy and numeracy support in some of our partner schools.

APRIL

01 APR Ever wonder what happens at our Holiday Clubs? This is only a glimpse - *learning through Play* is always the order of the day! Happy Freedom Month!

07 APR This past weekend our soccer coach had the privilege of attending the Soccer Coaching Advanced Course at Greenpoint Stadium, held by the Spanish LaLiga association, . Well done *Thabo!*

JUNE

03 JUN We hosted an outstanding Child Protection event for our children, highlighting their rights & responsibilities.

10 JUN

At the BG Art Club, learners finetune their creative skills!

13 JUN Minah Koela attends the Global Leader Gathering by Tirzah Int. in Portugal, where global leaders strategise, dream and plan for a *brighter future* for women and girls around the world!

JULY

06 JULY Our Youth Resource Centre is getting a makeover and our high school learners were asked for their input - they *brainstormed ideas* for areas like the computer lab and tutor rooms.

21 JULY Today we celebrated the men of Beautiful Gate who parent and care for so many children in our community including our learners. We see you, we honour you and *we appreciate you!*

SEPTEMBER

08 SEPT The worldwide #LiteracyDay theme is "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces" - an opportunity to build resilience & ensure quality, equitable and inclusive education for all.

24 SEPT Today we honored our heritage and who we are during our Annual Celebration.

NOVEMBER

15 NOV Our Education Programme *celebrates our Gr 8 -11 learners!* Top academic achievers were recognised and those who have attended both the academic sessions and clubs consistently. They all received Christmas gifts!

AUGUST

01 AUG Happy Women's Month!

12 AUG The women of BG shared stories, laughed, prayed and honoured all women during our #WomensDay celebration, acknowledging how far we have come and the work that still needs to happen for true liberation.

OCTOBER

17 OCT Our foundation phase learners are hosted by the Just Footprints Foundation, participating in intentional learning and play activities.

21 OCT Learners shine the light on After School Programmes. *Keeping children in school* is fundamental to improving the quality of life in any community, society or country.

DECEMBER

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you from all of our team for your support in 2022!

25 DEC We wish you all a *very merry Christmas!*

LEARNER EDUCATION SUPPORT

The goal of Beautiful Gate's Learner Education Support Programme is to create an enabling learning environment where learners from disadvantaged schools are supported academically and are provided with opportunities for personal growth and skills development so that they complete primary school, and then access secondary school with the skills to succeed.

Primary School Programmes

In 2022, Beautiful Gate provided after-school support to 981 primary school learners in partnership with seven schools in Philippi. Grade R to 7 learners at Vukani and Zanemfundo benefitted from academic enrichment, life skills sessions, and fun cultural and sports clubs. Grade 3-5 learners who were candidates for a literacy and numeracy catch-up programme at Bongoletu, Entshona, Kwa-Faku, Masivuke and Mzamomhle participated in the Western Cape Provincial Government's YearBeyond programme, which helps to connect unemployed youth to opportunities through partnership.

Creating an enabling learning environment

Our team worked closely with school principals and teachers to ensure that the programme remained relevant. Executive Director, Minah Koela, introduced the new Education Programme Manager, Kerstin

Kühlcke, to the principals at Vukani and Zanemfundo and she visited some of the YearBeyond principals. We invited principals and key teachers to the Global Leadership Summit, to show our appreciation and offer an opportunity for self-development. Many principals attended our Annual Celebration Showcase held in September. The Primary School Coordinators, Nombeko Mpaliso and Nomvano Jim, communicated with principals and teachers throughout the year.

Regular communication with parents ensured positive relationships were nurtured. Parents assisted their children with the TIME (literacy) materials. Vukani and Zanemfundo Primary schools held a parents' meeting in May. Parents were also invited to the Grade 7 graduation event. Team members assisted parents to enrol their Grade 7 children into high schools for the 2023 academic year, which was greatly appreciated.

All learners received a nutritious meal at programme activities, which helps with addressing food insecurity in the community.

Together with social workers, teachers and parents, Beautiful Gate's Tutors formed a special team to help children succeed in all areas. A new system for tracking referrals was implemented, and the Education team made 18 referrals to the Family Strengthening team for home visits and additional support.

: primary school

Personal and character development

Learners at Vukani and Zanemfundo participated in personal and character development sessions. Some of the topics covered were self-esteem, leadership, and responsibility. Weekly, they participated in extra-mural and cultural clubs. These activities expose children to opportunities, and reveal their gifts and talents. At Beautiful Gate's Annual Celebration many of our learners got to show these talents as they performed in choirs, dance and drama activities, displayed their artwork, shared testimonies or challenged visitors to play chess!

Some Beautiful Gate staff attended a three-day Dignity and Dare Campaign workshop and then ran a full-day workshop for Gr 6s & 7s.

Topics for girls - identity, belonging, purpose, puberty, and menstruation.
Topics for boys - identity, belonging, purpose, manhood, relationships, sex, and pornography.

In the March and June holidays we invited learners to attend our holiday clubs at their schools. We arranged a 3-day club for Vukani and Zanemfundo and the YeBoneers ran their own holiday club programme at all 5 schools.



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LEADERSHIP conversations

Academic support

We placed Tutors (18-28-year-old unemployed youth recruited from within the community, and proficient in English and Maths) into partner schools to build relationships with children and teachers. A structured, blended learning programme and homework support was implemented for the after-school activities, using resources supplied by partners NumberSense (maths) and Wordworks (literacy), who also provided training, mentoring and assessments for Beautiful Gate's staff.

In 2022, we recruited 13 primary Tutors to work with the three head Tutors at Vukani and Zanemfundo. These Tutors were given the opportunity to volunteer in their communities, and to acquire general workplace skills and knowledge in education. Tutors were paid a stipend for their services. They were a talented group who were happy to be working with children.

In the five YearBeyond schools, we recruited 30 Tutors, called YeBoneers, with a ratio of 1:20 learners. Retention of YeBoneers was slightly concerning, although some secured jobs after receiving career training and participating in mock interviews.

Every Friday, the Tutors reflected on their week's work and received training and personal development on: child well-being, effective communication, career guidance, Social Innovation Leadership curriculum, empathy, money management, coaching conversations, CVs & covering letters, professional engagement, speaking with confidence, service leadership, decision making, and conflict management.

Academic partners like NumberSense also provided training to the Tutors working at Vukani and Zanemfundo.

LEARNER EDUCATION SUPPORT

260 high school learners from two local partner schools, Vuyiseka High School and Phakama Secondary School, and other learners living in the community, attended the **High School Programme** in 2022 (89 males, 171 females) - it was centralised on the Beautiful Gate site.

Creating an enabling learning environment

- Providing daily meals, improving circles of care, and engaging with parents, teachers, principals and other stakeholders all assisted in creating an **enabling learning environment for our learners**.
- We sought the input from Principals at our partner schools, as part of an **organisational review** and invited them to the **Global Leadership Summit** and our **Annual Celebration**.
- The **High School Coordinator** regularly connected with department heads and teachers to discuss the academic programme, learner attendance, safety and other issues.
- We held 1 **parent meeting**, and while attendance was lower than expected, regular communication via cellphone took place.
- **All learners received a cooked meal** in the afternoons, and we are grateful to the Peninsula School Feeding Association, for providing some of the food and contributing towards the cook's stipend.



Academic support

Our main focus is learners achieving the best matric pass possible, while receiving career guidance and help with completing bursary and study applications.

Learners were supported in: **Maths gr 8-12; Physics gr 10-11; OLICO online Maths gr 8 & 9; Life Sciences gr 12; Maths Literacy gr 10-12.**

We recruited 8 programme graduates and university students as **part-time volunteer Tutors**, and partnered with the **Cape Peninsula University of Technology's departments of Chemistry and Mathematics** and the **University of Cape Town's TeachOut programme**. **OLICO Maths**, an online programme, was implemented - it is time intensive and was a steep learning curve, but we saw great improvements: one

learner obtained 19% in term 1 and 51% in term 3!

Tutor training

Tutors were given a short orientation followed by a workshop on tutoring roles by Outliers, one of our partners. **All tutors were left motivated and keen to share ideas**. Pam Sneddon from The FinCoach Foundation presented a basic course for core staff and tutors on money management. Tutors received regular guidance from Mandy Kula, the High School Programme Coordinator and Mazisi Mlakalaka, the Site/Academic Coordinator.

: high school

Matric passes and progression

The **Matric Class of 2022** achieved a pass rate of **94%**. From a total of 34 Matric learners in 2022: 44% Bachelor Passes, 25% Diplomas, 25% Higher Certificate, 3% Fail (the learner has registered to rewrite some subjects in 2023), 3% Unknown.

We are proud of our learners for their hard work and perseverance. **Our top learner, Nhlanhla Dlodlu from Phakama Secondary School**, achieved **five distinctions** and will study a **double major in BSc Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics at UCT**. We began tracking and updating our alumni information, and hosted our first alumni gathering.

of poverty, the last push to final exams, study skills, and the journey ahead.

Two holiday clubs were held on site in March and June, with fun activities, gospel messages, some extra tuition.

SPECIAL EVENTS: We hosted **Intonjane, for Grade 12 females** and **Inkgcawe, for Grade 12 males**, where learners engaged with **motivational speakers and entrepreneurs**. We also hosted **Umgidi**, to celebrate boys' rite of passage to manhood. The Grade 12 graduation event included motivational speakers, with some parents sharing their messages of thanks.



Personal and character development

Through academic enrichment, arts and culture, sports clubs and a structured life skills programme, **we aim to develop character, teamwork and confidence**. Learners participated in marimba, choir, traditional music, netball, art, dance and drama.

The **traditional music club** attended the Ingoduko Concert, where the honorary **Dr Latozi Mpahleni**, known as **Madosini**, performed. The dance and drama club participated in the Youth Day event and received positive feedback from attendees.

The grade 12 camp included **nature conservation and bird watching**. The guest speaker, **Tsepang Malgas**, discussed topics such as **breaking the chain**

LIFE SKILLS AND CAREER GUIDANCE: We held a **Dignity Day for girls** and a **Dare Day for boys** and held **HIV prevention discussions** using the Bridges of Hope material. Life skills topics included: **emotions, sexuality, career guidance, teenage suicide prevention, and belonging**.

Plans for 2023

We started interviewing Tutors for 2023 in November, and **improved our selection process** to ensure learners can be enrolled earlier in the year. Electricity cuts and unstable internet affected productivity in our Computer Lab, but a **loadshedding solution** will be implemented early in 2023. **We are thankful for our ongoing partners and supporters to make our Education programme possible.**

SPORTS programme

Sports Training and Competition

One of our **focus areas for 2022** was to **grow the number of children participating in our soccer programme**. To facilitate the expected growth, we structured our soccer divisions (U8 to Senior) with 18 players per division, which we exceeded with our junior players. In total, **165 boys took part**.

Pre-season training took place from January to March off the field, with activities including road running, hiking and strength training.

We competed in some of the bigger tournaments in the province and continued to participate in the Mitchell's Plain Football District (MPFD) League and helped establish and grow the Ward 35 Sports League. Our **Under 19 team competed in the Overberg Under 19 Pentech Championship** and made it to the **finals but unfortunately lost 5-4 on penalties**. The match was live-streamed and we were able to recap and analyse our players after the match. Our **Under 16 Team participated in the Bayview Youth Under 16 Tournament**, for the third year in a row. 2022 proved to be one of our best performances, as our team were **only knocked out in the last 16**.

At the request of some of the girls who were attending our high school education programme, **we introduced a girls soccer team for the first time**. 22 girls participated during the year, and we are looking at ways to develop this team further in 2023.

Our Netball teams (72 girls) were not as active during 2022, as we had a change of staff. But we were encouraged towards the end of the year as we **employed two part-time netball coaches**. At our Annual Celebration, parents and visitors got the chance to see our soccer and netball teams in action as they shared about the programme and encouraged participation. A special memory was when a mother (of a learner in the Education programme) took part in the action, she missed her attempt at the soccer goals, but successfully got the netball through the hoop!

Coaches and Coach Training

The Social Employment Fund (SEF), in partnership with The Learning Trust and funded by the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, made a great difference to our Sports Programme. **We employed 5 part-time soccer coaches, 2 netball coaches and an administrator**. Four of the soccer coaches were young men who have grown up in our programme since they were 11 and 13 years old - and they were given the chance to lead younger boys, planting the same seeds that were planted in them when they were young. The journey had both ups and downs, but that enabled us to understand more about the work we do and see exactly what is needed to grow the programme. Having additional coaches activated us to do more than sports and to really structure the two sporting codes (soccer and netball) in a better way. **We are very proud of our coaching staff's commitment and the consistency we've seen from our players**.



In April, Thabo Mthambeka, our Sports Programme Coordinator, attended one of the best soccer coaching trainings with IBERCUP LaLiga Camps, South Africa. The facilitators were from Spain and focused on empowering grassroots coaches with their international expertise



Life and Leadership Skills

The main goal of our programme is to develop the life and leadership skills of our girls and boys. We want to support them to cope with the pressures they face, to reduce risky and criminal behaviour and see them grow into adults who contribute towards making the community better for others.

One of our coaches, Indiphile, was trained by Bridges of Hope to facilitate activities and engage

older children and teenagers around building healthy relationships; including topics such as GBV and bullying, conflict resolution, sexual and reproductive health and HIV prevention. In November he ran **HIV Prevention workshops for 143 boys in our soccer programme**. The workshop curriculum covered bridges to my future, good relationships, HIV transmission, ARV's and treatment adherence, HIV prevention and risk reduction, Stigma, support, values and attitudes, teen pregnancy and HIV prevention.

Highlights and challenges

In March we faced one of the biggest challenges in **grieving the death of 16-year-old player, Nide Mkangeli**, who was **stabbed on his way to school**. It was **heart-breaking and traumatic** and we mourned the loss alongside his family.

A wonderful highlight and achievement was when **Thabo Mthambeka, was nominated by one of the parents for a Santam Community Hero award**. We won **R12 000**, which enabled the continuation of our off-the field activities as the boys got to experience Virgin Active Gym, a swimming lesson, and the money funded refreshments for the Bayview U16 Youth Tournament and Boys' Camps.



REPORT FROM Director of Collaboration

Vaughan Stannard

Our goal is to collaborate with local community-led structures, churches, schools, & organisations. Through these partnerships, we seek to create a safe and empowered community for children, youth, & families in the Philippi East area. We focus on 3 key areas: local organisation & leadership development, child-friendly church mobilisation, and the development of youth sports facilities and safe parks.

Recognising Community Assets

At Beautiful Gate, we recognise the **inherent assets within communities**: talents, skills, knowledge, relationships, and physical resources. We shift the focus from solely addressing needs to harnessing these existing strengths for **sustainable development**. This perspective enables us to **work alongside strong community leaders and organisations**, fostering self-reliance, social cohesion, and resilience.

Community Leadership

We continue our collaboration with committed community leaders through the **Ward 35 Development Forum**, particularly within the “Social Development” portfolio. This involvement encompasses initiatives from community mapping to supporting community-based organisations, health projects, community gardens,

local sports forums, and our latest SEF project.

Health Initiatives

Through a valuable partnership with the Department of Health (DoH), DG Murray Trust, Ward 35 Development Forum (WDF35), and SANCO in Ward 35, we **facilitated COVID-19 vaccination efforts**. With the support of eight community volunteers, we motivated community members to attend mobile vaccination sites. One high school also fully embraced vaccinations on their premises and our collective efforts, including social media and community networks were able to ensure over 1000 successful vaccinations. Our commitment was recognised by the DoH through an award for our contribution during the 2022 COVID-19 vaccination programme.



COMMUNITY HEALTH MOBILISERS

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY

Kitchens: Thanks to funding from IDC, BGSA has continued **supporting nine kitchens in Philippi East**. These kitchens received grocery deliveries every two weeks and maintained weekly feeding programmes to their communities.

Food Gardens: In partnership with Abalimi Bezekhaya, we provided training, garden supplies and mentorship for **six community gardens**, promoting sustainable food security. Notable gardens include Island Community Garden, KwaFaku Community Garden, and Thabo Mbeki Gardens.

Business Development

Bakery Mentorship: Over the past year, we mentored a **community bakery** to become a supplier for kitchens and disaster relief efforts. This growth was made possible through a loan secured from a US donor partner. Local mentors **Lynne Wise** (accountant) and **Stephy Rajagukguk** (Collaborations team) provided support to business-owner Nondumiso Memani and her team. Challenges included building Nondumiso’s baking team and addressing local crime syndicates.

Social Employment Fund Project

We successfully onboarded 60 participants from Wards 35 and 88 for the Social Employment Fund project. **This project benefits local schools, sports clubs, and community kitchens** by paying volunteers who are assisting these projects. There is a potential extension of SEF until July 2023.

Community Appreciation & Mapping

In collaboration with WDF35, we hosted an event celebrating the contributions of community volunteers and their organisations in October. This event **facilitated community unity** and introduced leaders to the concept of mapping.

Spatial Development & Networking

We maintain engagement with the City of Cape Town Catalytic Investment and Spatial Planning Department, enhancing community involvement in the Philippi Local Development Framework. Our hosting of the Dept of Social Development Stakeholders Forum also offers social work networking opportunities and awareness of greater Philippi area organisations.

Child-Friendly Church Approach

Our efforts extend to cultivating child-friendly church environments in Philippi:

- **Discerning the scope and effectivity** of current children’s and youth ministry approaches in township churches
- **Considering and co-creating interventions** to encourage children’s and youth ministry, such as curriculum development and training in engaging discipleship with children
- **Supporting church development** through modalities such as Connect QIS Child Protection training of which seven church-based organisations graduated this year.



WARD 35 SPORTS AWARDS

School Partnership & Safe Park Development

Through a unique partnership between the Ward 35 Sports Forum, Vuyiseka Secondary School and Beautiful Gate, we aim to **ensure local sports clubs and schools** are able to **participate in community soccer and netball leagues**. The community league hosts a network of 26 clubs who work collaboratively to run and participate in the league. Over **600 children** participated in the league this past year. An award ceremony was hosted at Vuyiseka Secondary School to celebrate.



The Social Services Hub at Beautiful Gate hosts special community services on our site which **benefit the broader needs of families within our community**. Current Hub Services include: SASSA, Dept of Social Development, South African Education Project and Hope Africa Collective.

Conclusion

Beautiful Gate’s collaborative efforts showcase the transformative power of community-driven initiatives. By leveraging inherent strengths, fostering partnerships, and promoting empowerment,

we continue to strive for a safer, more prosperous Philippi East for generations to come.



CBO TRAINING

STAFF CARE & development

After two years of uncertainty, we embraced the opportunity to decide what needed holding onto and what needed leaving behind. We explored this further on the **Organisational Retreat at Rocklands**, led by Jacqui Tooke who created a safe space for processing and relaxation. The **Leadership Forum** was gifted a weekend away at In Harmonie, where we focused on listening and prayer.

Our **Devotion times** and **Easter Celebration** rooted us in the truth that we cannot do anything without Christ. We prayer walked around Beautiful Gate, asking for protection and that we would continue to be a light, bringing the change we long to see.

Ecclesiastes talks about ‘a time to weep and a time to laugh’. We live in that juxtaposition.

Our **Women’s Day**’ Doek on Fleek with a touch of Vintage’ was both fun and serious with many sharing aspirations and lessons learnt. On **Youth Day**, we reflected on issues facing our youth. In **Child Protection Week** we focused on safer spaces for our children.

Our **Annual Celebration** was held on **Heritage Day**, and community kitchens and staff prepared a scrumptious meal! We celebrated a wonderful year at our end-of-year function in Franschoek.



2022 brought two new Programme Leaders, **Kerstin Kùhlcke** who leads our Education Team and **Fredah van der Vinne**, heading up a new empowerment programme, Impilo.

30 new tutors joined our **YearBeyond programme** and **13 new tutors** joined our **Beautiful Gate Education programme**. We onboarded administrative staff to the YearBeyond and Family Strengthening teams. **Ntombxolo Mrashula** joined our Gardening team. Two Marketing Interns joined us from CPUT. Our Staff

Care and Development Team had two staff funded by the YES programme join them: **Siyazamkela Khohliso** who oversees venue hosting and reception, and **Nande Ngamduku**, as HR Intern. **Nikilitha Zolwana**, a False Bay College intern, joined our Finance/Facilities team and Data Capturers joined from Capaciti. **Mandlakazi Mazongolo** joined as RISIHA mentor to our Child and Youth Care Workers. In June we were able to offer **part-time employment opportunities to 127 people living in the community**, through funding from the IDC as part of the Social Employment Fund, administered by The Learning Trust. We give thanks for all these partnerships. We said farewell to and thanked **Asisipho Boco**, one of our Social Workers.

Many thanks to **Megan Penrose**, who updated our HR systems, involving an in-depth look at policies and procedures ensuring alignment with current regulations.

Our Staff completed training:

- **Salesforce** – M&E tool
- **Bridges of Hope** - healthy relationships training
- **Neil Hart from Mergon** - Christ-like leadership
- Ian and Rosie from **Teamworks** - Leadership Development training including work on mission, values, vision and strategy
- We hosted the **Alpha Conference** onsite
- **Anika Berning** - Management Control training
- Pam Sneddon and Xolile Makutoana from the **Financial Coach** - Financial training



- **Safe Tech** - Health and Safety training
- **Child Trauma Conference** hosted by Jellybeanz attended by Leadership team
- **Global Leadership Summit** attended by Leadership and School Principals

As we grow, availability of venues becomes an ongoing challenge. In the past, we hosted partners’ events, but now the site is a **continual buzz with our own events**.

BUSINESS development

Finances

We are grateful for another year of incredible generosity from our supporters!

Our income increased in line with increases in our expenditure due to programme expansion, **as we provided much needed services and support to more than 4000 people**. Thank you to our **new auditors Pierre R. Retief and Co.** for ensuring that we align with our value of Accountability. We have included a summarised view of the financials in this report, for the full version, email support@beautifulgate.org.

many years. **Your commitment is an encouragement to us!** **Takealot.com shoppers** have also provided generous support to our programmes. Towards the end of 2022, we were able to start the first phase of our **Youth Safe Park building project**, with the resurfacing of our sports field. Thank you to the **Grade 8 learners from Bishops College and their parents**, who collected non-perishable food items and donated these to our Family Strengthening programme.

Our Annual Celebration was hosted on Heritage Day and for the first time included a showcase of the various parts of our organisation. **Visitors and parents were able to take a tour around our site** and witness many children taking part in dance, drama, choirs, sport, marimba, chess, sharing testimonies, artwork and more!



Fundraising & Marketing

We were honoured to be selected to be part of the **U.S. President’s Plan for Emergency AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Community Grants Programme**. Funding contributed towards our **Child Health Adherence and Support Clubs for HIV positive teenagers** and enabled us to introduce healthy relationships, risk reduction and HIV prevention curriculum as part of Life Skills in our programmes. We are also very grateful to the **Development Bank of Southern Africa** and **Rolf Stephan Nussbaum Foundation** for their donations to our **Education programme**.

We are incredibly thankful for donors such as **AECI** (Education) and **Department of Social Development** (Family Strengthening) who have partnered with us over

We also enjoyed a delicious meal lovingly prepared by many of our staff members assisted by some of our community kitchens and gardens.

Sustainability

The Crossroads Café team continued to serve many meals to participants in our programmes and hosted some of our partners for their workshops and meetings. We are grateful for these amazing women who serve us so well! **The Second Hand Shop** was able to **support the families affected by the fires** in the community to replace some of their lost items and also provided furniture, clothes and homeware to their growing customer base. **The Social Services Hub** tenants also provided rental income that **supports some of our operational and programme costs**.



Dance Club and Netball girls showcase their talents at the Annual Celebration.

FINANCIALS

Beautiful Gate South Africa

Summarised Annual Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2022

| | 2022 R | 2021 R |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | 17 088 305 | 14 265 851 |
| Unrestricted Donations | 10 218 784 | 8 214 552 |
| Restricted Donations | 3 225 267 | 1 807 291 |
| National Lotteries Commission | | 559 738 |
| Government Grants | 2 258 726 | 2 399 194 |
| Contributions for Services | 1 180 251 | 1 040 232 |
| Interest Received | 187 277 | 244 844 |
| Gain on disposal of assets | 18 000 | |
| EXPENSES | (16 862 905) | (13 649 296) |
| Auditors Remuneration | (15 000) | (15 000) |
| Community Medical Care | (660 020) | (462 088) |
| Community Family Support | (6 167 181) | (5 478 862) |
| Community Family Empowerment - Impilo | (772 243) | |
| Learner Education Support - Primary | (3 664 704) | (3 373 077) |
| Learner Education Support - High | (1 845 349) | (1 439 329) |
| Sports and Life Skills | (612 567) | |
| Community Collaboration | (2 014 853) | (2 337 834) |
| Sustainability Projects | (1 110 988) | (543 106) |
| Transfer to Operating Reserve | (120 000) | (500 000) |
| NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | 105 400 | 116 555 |

2. Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022

| | 2022 R | 2021 R |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current Assets | 21 964 044 | 20 033 006 |
| Current Assets | 4 592 994 | 7 101 580 |
| | 26 557 038 | 27 134 586 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Retained Income | 2 729 801 | 2 624 401 |
| Deferred Income | 757 544 | 1 074 612 |
| Reserves and Funds | 22 270 824 | 22 893 447 |
| Current Liabilities | 798 869 | 542 126 |
| | 26 557 038 | 27 134 586 |

3. Summarised Report of the Auditors

We have audited the annual financial statements of Beautiful Gate Ministry t/a Beautiful Gate South Africa for the year ended 31 December 2022. These financials are the responsibility of the board members. Our responsibility is to report on these financial statements.

In our opinion the annual financial statements fairly represent the financial position of Beautiful Gate South Africa as at 31 December 2022 and the result of its activities for the year then ended in accordance with the records and information supplied to us.

PIERRE R RETIEF & CO | Registered Auditors



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THANK YOU!

YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES US TO CONTINUE SPREADING HOPE

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We sincerely appreciate your kind support & donations whether through financial contributions or gifts in kind. Your support enables us to continue bringing hope to children, families and our local communities.

Giving regularly shows your valuable commitment to our mission. To our regular givers and Hope Club Super Heroes – thank you! **Through your giving, we are able to make a difference!**



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