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# Annual Report

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## Vision, Mission Statement and Values:

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### Vision:

THABANG Children's Project is an organisation that empowers children, families and communities to restore their dignity and independence.

### Mission Statement:

- To provide centres for the reception, care and development for orphans, vulnerable children and youth.
- To empower the children in our care by providing educational opportunities and skills development.
- To empower family structures through therapeutic services, advocacy to families and communities, through partnership with other stakeholders.

### Values:

THABANG Children's Projects' work is driven by the following values:

- We value equality of all human beings
- We encourage participation of our beneficiaries and staff
- We value transparency, honesty, integrity and accountability
- We prioritize our vision and mission
- We value mutual respect of people and properties
- We value commitment to serving the needs of our beneficiaries.

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## Chairman's Report

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WOW! Again another year has come and gone.

The report year April, 2017, to March, 2018, was again a year of considerable success. As always, there were a few problems which needed to be addressed, but these were assessed and addressed as the need arose. We are fortunate to have dedicated staff and Board members who tackle the tasks at hand and bridge them successfully. They all deserve our very special thanks for what they do.

As you look about you now, you can see all the recent changes that have established the new Thabang. Much different from the old. A lot of hard work went in to accomplishing this. Each boy, girl and member of staff can now embrace the adventure of the future from the security of a secure Thabang. I wish to thank all of those who put so much effort into reaching this new vision. Much of this is due to the drive and determination of Tessa and Cecil White. Thank you from us all.

Thabang has been emphasising the idea of "personal development" for each child. This starts with an upgrade of their academic standard. Due to our searching for the most appropriate schools, and those that are also affordable, our children attend seven different schools. This is all made possible by donors. Thank you to them all, but also especially to Daniel Jaeggi and Jeucon, and to our founder Mr Egon Mauss. With their support our school buses can be maintained and can operate on a daily basis. Of course, some children are simply not academically inclined --- but, they flourish in other programmes which involve music, drama and art. These programmes are also therapeutic in nature, as well as in advancing life skills. Fortunately, we, Thabang, have a Social Worker who is highly musical and is able to both guide and encourage the children to express themselves through music and drama and art.

Not only do we as the Board ensure that the children develop and become more independent, but we also ensure that the project is and remains viable and sustainable.



In this regard, we are very grateful to Trollope Mining Services who arranged the Lesotho High Altitude Cycle Challenge and raised funds from many participants. With funds received from them, Thabang managed to replace two of its older vehicles, namely: the Quantum bus and

Condor. Upgrading the bus and replacing the Condor with an Avanza has ensured that Thabang's capital assets remain strong and durable. Cronimet Chrome Mine also enabled the erection of the Administration and Event Centre buildings.

In October 2017, Thabang management and administration moved into the newly built Admin block. This block together with the Event Centre and storage room has added value to Thabang assets, as well as to the project as a whole. Everything is now consolidated onto one site and easier to manage.

The staff of the project play an important and never-ending role with competence, pride and compassion. Success would not be possible without their contribution. We are indeed grateful to them for their efforts and thank them for the success of the children.

The success that the Thabang Children's Project achieves is also made possible through the kindness and support of many international, national and local donors. All these individuals and groups are thanked for their generosity and interest in the future of our children. With your support we move to a positive future.

Thabang plays a valuable role in the future of many children. The growing depth of social problems throughout South Africa, Africa and the world points to a greater need for more and more successful projects like this to interact with and advance the potential for children.

The Thabang Management board held quarterly meetings and the members regularly discuss various management issues and financial issues.

I thank my fellow members on the Management Board for continued support and contributions, and commitment to the welfare of the project. Thabang has achieved some excellent successes. A solid commitment to the future will result in more.

Currently, as I prepare this report for the previous year, I have already resigned from Thabang. I am sad to no longer be part of this project which is very close to my heart.

I wish Thabang, the Board, all its staff and supporters and children, everything of the best of success.

Thank you all for your support.

***Harold Braack***



## Treasurer's Report

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Our Auditors, Jordaan, Prinsloo & Davel, have completed the audit for the 2017/18 financial year and have issued their opinion which is included in the annual financial statements.

Herewith follows a summary of the results for the year ending 31 March 2018.

- Income - Donations received 2017/2018 increased with R2, 4 million, this was mainly due to a once off inflow (R2, 8million) from Cronimet Chrome Mine.

If we normalise the income (Excluding Cronimet), the funds received is R400 000 less than 2016/2017. We received the annual subsidy from Social Development of R800 000.

We received a donation from Trollope Mining Services of R500 000 as well as from Daniel Jaeggi of R446 000 for the year. We also received R300 000 from Thaba Tholo Private Game Farm, R275 600 from National Lottery Commission and R500 000 from Thabang Trust.

These are the larger donors for the year, but there are some donors who support on a regular basis and no matter what size donation we receive, we are very grateful to each donor for their support.

- Expenses - Total expenses excluding depreciation was R366 000 less than 2016/2017, which is good news and mainly due to the lower running cost of the centre being on one site, i.e. fuel, electricity, etc. Salaries and wages are still a big contributor to total expenses.
- Balance Sheet - Capital Expenses for the year include two vehicles bought for R660 000; the Administration/Classroom building as well as the Event Centre building which cost R2,5million were financed from donations received from Cronimet Mine and Trollope Mining Services.

Capital inflow included the sale of two vehicles (R225 000) and the Roodedam Land (R1,2 million).

We would like to extend our utmost gratitude towards each and every donor/funder for their continuous support. We would also like to encourage our donors and funders to please keep on supporting the Thabang Children's Project. Without your support, the Project cannot keep on doing what it was intended to do.

*Carel Jordaan*



## **General Manager's Report**

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Happy again to report a fruitful year.....

### **OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE CYCC**

During 2017/2018 things settled down at Thabang Child & Youth Care Centre. All the new buildings were completed and the house for the girls started feeling like home.

The Administration block together with the classrooms and the Event centre were also completed and everyone could settle in their own space and get on with the important work of developing and supporting the children in our care.



Classroom furniture was bought which enabled the teachers to organise their classrooms to encourage learning. Although we still experience many of our children having learning challenges, we also have many achievements.

One of our girls was selected to be the Head Girl of her school. Her attitude and behaviour made her the perfect role model for the school.

At the end of 2017, one of our boys, Siphon, passed his matric with a Bachelor's Pass. He was the first child from Thabang to pass matric. We are so proud of him and he is now studying his N courses for Mechanical Engineering at Orbit TVET College in Rustenburg. We are grateful to those sponsors who support him in his studies.

We are also grateful to various owners of businesses, who kindly incorporated some of our exiting boys into their staff, and patiently taught them work ethics.

This year ending 2018, we have two girls who are writing their matric and are now looking at career opportunities for next year. We wish them all the best for their matric exams.

We don't only focus on academic development, but we offer many other programmes for holistic growth.

Our in-house Social Worker provides many opportunities for our children to explore their cultural talents. This is a wonderful therapeutic tool, through which she can connect to many children. Music, singing, expressive painting, drama, debating, dancing and public speaking, are favourite activities for most of our children.

Life skills whereby they learn manners, teamwork, and a positive attitude are all important tools which children need to develop to become productive citizens one day. These skills are automatically cultivated during the cultural sessions in which they participate.

The Group work sessions which our Social Worker implements enable the children to learn how to handle many of the challenges which life throws at them. Through these interactive sessions, they are also taught how to make the right choices for a positive and productive life.



Fortunately, our Social Worker makes time to listen to each and every child's personal concerns. Through her guidance and the guidance of all the Child & Youth Carer Workers, the children are coaxed along the path of development to becoming independent young adults.

Many activities and events include the children from the Drop in Centre. This centre is situated in an informal settlement in Smash Block.

### **DROP IN CENTRE**

During the past year, about 50 children attended the centre every school day. After receiving a cooked meal, they are guided through their homework or assignments by the Child & Youth Care Workers. Once this is completed, extra mural activities are offered. These activities also enable the children to develop their life skills. The Drop in Centre boasts a flourishing vegetable garden, wherein the children learn how to plant and care for the vegetables, as well as to harvest and take home.

The children from the Drop in Centre are integrated into the wider community via their contact with the Child & Youth Care centre. Functions involving the children from both centres allow them to socialise and learn from each other and compete against each other.



Twice a month on Saturdays, the children attend extra academic classes to uplift their Maths and English. These classes are well attended with the children being eager to learn.

**PARTNERS IN CARE**

Over the past year, we have been fortunate to have some local volunteers joining us to uplift our children. Some volunteers help with homework, others teach handcraft skills e.g. sewing, making items from recycled goods etc. Others come to Thabang to spend quality time with the children and share with them about the reality of life. Others spend time with the children while they explore the spiritual side of life.

Some businesses support our children who exit Thabang, by incorporating them into their staff list and teaching them.

Many organisations, support groups or churches have partnered with us for fun events or outings for the children- these remain annual highlights and build fond childhood memories, e.g. visits to: Thaba- Tholo Private Game Farm, Marakele Sanctuary Park and Forever Resorts. Events such as the annual Christmas party in Smash Block, quarterly birthday parties for the children at the Drop in Centre etc., are all possible due to our partners.



We are so grateful to those organisations/ businesses which provide goods in kind to Thabang. Without them we would struggle to keep our children's tummies full.

Partners providing services for Thabang eg Pest and Weed services, Medical consultations, servicing of vehicles- all enable Thabang to keep afloat.

Each and every partner no matter how big or small is appreciated, as raising actual funds is not simple in today's tight economy.

**FUNDRAISING**

Due to many of our local mines shutting down shafts and retrenching employees etc., finances are not easy to obtain from them or from anybody involved with them. Many businesses have closed their doors and generally people have tightened their belts. Although it remains a challenge to raise funds, some supporters make an effort and

cycle the 94.7 Telkomsa Cycle Challenge to raise funds and awareness for Thabang. We are so grateful for their energy and commitment.

Some individuals, businesses, support groups, churches and organisations donate regular funds towards the upkeep of our children. No matter the size of the contribution, we are very grateful.

A couple of larger enterprises have kindly provided large amounts of funds to Thabang in order to cover general expenses or specified services or items e.g. for schooling, and also for vehicles.

We commend each and every person and enterprise for their care and support in partnering with us to empower these children who are the product of our community and the future for our community.

#### **BASIC SITE OPERATIONS**

In order to run the two centres efficiently, we rely on a team of dedicated people: gardener, driver, cleaner, cooks, care workers, head carers, admin officer, teachers, social worker and managers; altogether a team of 25 members.

I am grateful to this team of dedicated workers who allow for the smooth running of the centres. Thanks for your patience and unlimited care. Without you this organisation would collapse!

#### **MANAGEMENT BOARD & TRUST BOARD**

Thabang Children's Project is grateful to Thabang Children's Home Trust for the use of the fixed assets which enable the project to fulfil its Vision and Mission.

Thank you to the Management Board of Thabang Children's Project, for regularly attending meetings and exploring solutions for various challenges. Thank you for your guidance and support; with a special thank you to our Chairperson Dr Harold Braack and our patient treasurer Mr Carel Jordaan.

#### **WAY FORWARD AND CONCLUSION**

After identifying certain challenging areas, various avenues are going to be explored in order to address these challenges.

The area of schooling which the majority of our children participate in, is very weak and not substantial. In the future we will explore the use of more technological devices

in order to capture the children's attention and try and ignite their desire to learn. This might develop into Thabang offering a more structured formal schooling system.

Besides the academic side of development, I would like to see the new year providing more opportunities for our children to become involved in sporting programmes.

Directing these children's energies towards a positive goal is our mission- for who else shall do that? They have been brought to us because all else has failed them. We intend to be the lighthouse to direct them safely to their destiny!

Thank you

**Tessa White**





## Reports from the Thabang Child & Youth Care Centres

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Back to the nitty-gritty of life as it actually is, in what is 'home' for our children:

The challenges felt by our residents and staff:

- The bigger girls miss having their own space/building as before. They now have to share the bathroom with the smaller girls.
- The girls miss the big, shady trees of the Roodedam site.
- The challenges noted by the staff is that the smaller children want to copy the bigger children's actions and listen to their more adult conversations, which may not be beneficial for the younger children.
- There are many incidents of uncontrollable behaviour involving boys and girls, now that they are on the same site.

The positive aspects:

- The consolidation of the two centres onto one site has brought about a reduction of monthly costs e.g. fuel costs.
- It allows for easier and better monitoring and operational management.
- Siblings from one family are now able to be in closer proximity of each other.
- The boys and girls can participate together in various activities e.g. Marimba practices, painting and Church services.
- The new buildings are better insulated against the winter cold.

Needs as requested by the children: The boys are strongly requesting for soccer boots for them to resume their much-loved sport. The soccer field has many thorns and it is very necessary for them to have boots in order to be able to play.

As summer is upon us, all of the children need sandals.

***Tshepo Letageng, Rebecca Mothibe, Khethiwe Ndlovu- Muzhamba***





## **Educational Empowerment: Teachers' Report**

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Thabang children's home is aware that no matter what path you take in life there's always the necessity for the life sustaining component of education. Children at Thabang attend 7 different schools. Afternoon classes presented at the centre are progressing well.

Nine of our children, who were found to be academically stronger, were enrolled at a private school and two different Model C schools. Our other children are attending government schools. Fourteen children are attending Ysterberg Primary school. Some are working hard to reach their full potential and their academic reports have shown good progress, while others are struggling despite assistance they receive in the afternoon. This can be attributed to various reasons like an academic backlog and poor school attendance before they were admitted to the centre. Three of our children are attending Mabogopedi High School but they are struggling academically.

Two girls are writing their Matric this year and are showing commitment towards their studies.

### **Achievements**

One of our boys completed Matric last year at Thekganang Technical School and passed well. He is currently enrolled at Rustenburg TVET College, studying a diploma in Mechanical Engineering. He is showing good progress and commitment towards his studies.

### **Challenges**

As mentioned above, some of the children continue to struggle academically despite extra classes offered to them at the centre in the afternoon.

Mathematics remains a big challenge to some children because they are struggling to master some basic mathematical concepts. Some children lose hope of mastering their challenges and do not attend afternoon classes regularly.

Afternoon classes are supposed to be a continuation of what they learnt at school, but it doesn't seem as if they have mastered the basic concepts at school.

Thabang centre is looking at various avenues to help the academically weak children, these include a skills training programme.

*Fedrick Muzhamba & William Mphela*





## Social Worker's Report

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### INTRODUCTION

It is pleasant to report that it has been a busy year filled with progress and accomplishments. The year was filled with projects, programmes and outings for the Thabang children. Several different projects were launched, but the ones that were probably most enjoyed, were the cultural activities such as marimbas, singing and gumboot dancing during the Thabazimbi Eisteddfod in August 2017 where the children achieved excellent marks and won 2 divisions in the singing and the marimba.

### DEVELOPMENTAL WORK WITH THE CHILDREN

#### Individual sessions/counselling

The children were counselled by the in-house Social Worker through individual as well as group work sessions. The individual interviews are confidential and allow the children to express their concerns or problems in private. Different mediums of counselling are used and it depends on the age and the need of each child as well as their level of functioning. The smaller children enjoy play therapy and are able to express themselves better through play while the older children prefer talking about their concerns. Many other techniques and mediums are used in order to assist the children to express themselves and solve problems. Arts and music are also used as mediums to express feelings that are difficult to express in words. The children are encouraged to discuss personal issues with the Social Worker and confidentiality is of utmost importance with each child. Sessions are planned in collaboration with each child's developmental needs and Individual Developmental Plans (IDP's).

#### Group work

Several group work sessions took place during the year on different topics such as anger management, drug abuse, bullying, dishonesty, hygiene, cell phone addiction, stranger danger, etc. All the children were involved in the group work sessions which took place on a monthly basis. The children are divided into two groups according to their age: juniors (4 - 12 years) and seniors (13 - 21 years). Questions are asked after group work sessions to establish what the children remember and have learnt followed by the opportunity for the children to ask questions. The children are encouraged to suggest themes or topics to address during group work sessions.

### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

## Children

### *Children's meetings*

Meetings are held monthly and are chaired by the children. Children are encouraged to discuss issues that are important to, or of concern to them. During these meetings a "Child of the month" is identified by the carers from the "group A" children from the boys' and girls' sides according to children's behaviour. The winners receive a KFC meal with a cold drink. The children always look forward to these announcements and it seems to encourage them to co-operate and display good behaviour by respecting others and doing their work and daily chores.

Another motivator, called "Amnesty", was added to encourage the children with behaviour challenges in groups C and D to display good behaviour and co-operate with the carers. Children in groups D and C get the opportunity to be moved directly to group B for positive behaviour and efforts to co-operate with the carers. It usually takes up to four months to move from group D to group A. The winner of this title is encouraged to persist in good behaviour as group A is so much closer to their reach than. A child from both sides is nominated according to how much effort they have shown in improving their behaviour, whilst in group C or D. This prize includes a slab of chocolate.

### *Education*

The children attend 6 different schools (Ysterberg Primary, Thabazimbi Primary School, High school Frikkie Meyer, Mabogopedi Secondary School, Thekganang Secondary School, and Advanced College) and one crèche.

There are two teachers and child carers that assist the children with homework in the afternoons. The social worker and general manager often assist in this regard. Teachers write quarterly reports on the children's progress, behaviour and attendance of afternoon classes. It is helpful to monitor progress and follow up on the needs of each child.





Quarterly meetings are held to discuss each child's progress and way forward using their school reports and the teacher's reports as guidelines. Special meetings are held in between to discuss specific children or challenges, like children moving to high school or writing the matric examination.

Staff and other

*Care workers support*

Care workers are encouraged to share and discuss behavioural challenges of children with the social worker. Monthly meetings are held to discuss and support staff members from the Thabang centre and the Drop in Centre (DIC) with behavioural challenges and updating the behaviour modification programme accordingly.

*DIC parents support and crafts workshop*

Monthly meetings are held with DIC parents to do crafts and deal with problems that they experience with the children in their care. The parents also receive a plate of cooked food. The aim of the crafts is to encourage the parents to create goods from recyclable items and sell it for an income.

STATUTORY AND DEVELOPMENTAL WORK

Reintegration services

Although family reunification services are mainly the responsibility of Case Managers, the Thabang Social Worker assists with this task as part of family reintegration.

- Children are given cell phone access on request to speak to family members.
- Home visits and calls are made during holidays in order to ensure that the children are safe and happy.
- Interviews are conducted with family members visiting children at the centre (site visit interviews).
- During the 3 longer school holidays in April, June and December the majority of children visited family members and hosting families. Activities and outings were organized for the children remaining at the centre.
- Food parcels were sent to hosting families where they were required, in June and December 2017. Obtaining evaluation reports for home visits from Case Managers (DoSD) remained a challenge.
- Family Group Conferences were held as part of the reintegration process. The children, their family members and case managers were involved in deciding the way forward for the children in collaboration with the in-house social worker and the carers.

### Progress reports and development

All the children who have been admitted to the centre have legal court orders. All release orders for visitation during weekends and holidays as required by the Children's Act 38/2005 are also in place. A challenge was experienced with some extension orders that lapsed and some exit orders that were not received by case managers after children exited the centre. This required a lot of liaison with Case Managers.

As part of monitoring of the progress and development of children, Individual Development Plans are drawn up for each child. These are reviewed and adapted regularly.



### PROJECTS

The following projects and outings were accomplished:

- During Child Protection Week, the group work theme On 9 June 2017 was
  - Juniors: Makings friends
  - Seniors: Dangers of peer pressure
- A Talent Show was held internally on 16 July 2017. Items included dancing, singing, poems, a play and the marimba band. Many talents were discovered and the children and staff enjoyed it very much.
- Heritage day was also celebrated on 24 September 2017. This was also an Open Day for the public to visit Thabang. The focus was on traditional songs and stories. Traditional meals were served and tested, like tripe and Mopani worms while traditional clothes were worn. It was a good event and several public members and family members of the children attended as well. The day was enjoyed by all and lunch was served to all.
- An outing to Forever resorts in Bela Bela/Aventura in December 2017.
- Christmas parties at the CYCC and the DIC in December 2017.
- The Human Rights day debate at Thabang took place on the 21 March 2018 with participants from DIC as well.
  - Senior debate group theme: The policy of passing children to the next grade with a condoned pass is right/wrong ( 8 Seniors – 4 girls and 4 boys)
  - Junior debate group theme: We should/should not wear school uniforms to school (6 Juniors – 3 girls and 3 boys)

#### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

There has been tremendous expansion on the cultural side. Some of the children were enrolled for the Thabazimbi Eisteddfod competition for singing, marimba instrumental band and gumboot dancing. The Eisteddfod took place from 14 to 17 August 2017 and the children achieved the highest mark and were overall division winners in two divisions.

#### BEHAVIOURAL ASPECTS AND MANAGEMENT

The biggest challenge during this reporting period was the follow up and referral for professional assessment of 3 children with emotional and psychological challenges. This involved travelling to Bela Bela hospital to access services to paediatricians, psychologists and psychiatrists on a regular basis in order to obtain medication and follow up assessments.

#### A HEART TOUCHING STORY

During a holiday, the in-house social worker accompanied 4 siblings with the case manager to their parent's home to greet before they were taken to the proposed holiday parent in the same area. The smallest of the siblings, being 5 years at that time, became emotional and cried, clutching the in-house social worker, because he thought he had to remain there. This made me realize that during the 6 months that the child had been at the centre, we had already made an impact on him as far as his expectations towards his environment, security and routine. This child was crying because he did not want to be back in the circumstances that he had been removed from initially. He obviously experienced the centre as a secure and safe environment and adapted to the norms at the centre.

***Linda Grobler***



## **Thabang Community Care Centre**

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### **THABANG DROP-IN- CENTRE**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Thabang started operations in 2005 and opened a Drop-in-Centre in 2010 for Orphans and Vulnerable children (OVC's) in the community. Smash Block is one of the biggest informal settlements in Limpopo and is located between Thabazimbi and Northam in the Waterberg district. Due to the impact of HIV/ AIDS and the high rate of infection and poverty afflicting the community, Thabang decided to open a Centre for the children.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

The centre provided services to a total number of 69 children, 42 of the registered beneficiaries received full services at the Drop-in-centre while the rest were serviced within the community, mainly through home-visits and food parcels.

#### **OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Carers conduct home visits to the Orphaned and Vulnerable households to monitor the living conditions of the children. Some of the children are living with sick guardians who are on chronic medication and are bedridden. The children have to take care of their guardians as there is nobody else living with them. The Thabang carers help these children at their homes with the household work. The carers cook, clean the place, bath the guardian and also make sure that the guardian has taken his/her treatment correctly and on time and as it is prescribed by the doctor. Thabang also gives the needy households monthly food parcels.

When we identify the Orphan/ Vulnerable households and refer them to relevant institutions e.g. when the orphans do not receive foster care grants, we refer them to social workers.

Daily activities include providing a cooked meal, academic support and extra mural activities

#### **NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT**

Every day a nutritious meal is prepared and cooked for the children. This is a huge task as the resources are basic and there are many children eating at the centre. It is always a challenge to ensure there is enough food to cater for all the hungry mouths.

#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- As it is indicated above, the children are living with their guardians, of whom some do not know how to read and write. Thabang decided to implement an academic programme for the children and also to extend it to Saturdays. The reason being, many of the children were not competent at school and struggled to do their school homework with their guardians. We do school homework with them every day at the centre and twice a month on Saturdays. We have a professional teacher who helps them especially in English and Mathematics. The children's attendance is good and we divide children according to their grades. As seen in the Children's school reports, this programme has brought a positive outcomes.
- On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 some of the needy children also received school uniforms from Thabang.

#### EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- The children participate in afternoon activities involving drawing, painting and sporting activities.
- The children are also involved in working in the vegetable garden.

#### SOCIAL WORKER PROGRAMME

- Individual counselling.
- Group counselling.
- Health education for the guardians is done by the in-house social worker. The main reason is to give information to the guardians so that they can be able to educate the children.
- Guardian's Support group: the guardians meet once a month to do hand -crafts with some volunteers from Thabazimbi teaching them.

#### MOTIVATIONAL EVENTS:

- The DiC end of year party was held on 17 November 2017. We gave all the children Christmas gifts because they do not get gifts at home. They received lucky packets and toiletries and they ate cake that was donated by Thabazimbi Spar. The Northam Shoprite also donated groceries for a nice meal on that day.
- The Community children's Christmas party was conducted on 25 November 2017 and 351 children came to enjoy the day. Shofar Churches from Pretoria and Johannesburg donated lucky packets and encouraged the children to live a positive and safe life. Thabazimbi Pick 'n Pay and Thabazimbi Spar donated specially decorated cakes and hotdogs. For many of these children, this was the only Christmas celebration which they enjoyed.
- Birthdays: we celebrated birthdays on a quarterly basis. Children received their birthday presents and were happy because they do not receive anything at

home. Different donors supported in buying gifts for each child. Usually, the children receive some clothes for their birthdays.

#### A SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

- We had a family that was struggling with accommodation and privacy. The oldest child was a girl in grade 9 and she had two siblings. They were living with their father as their mother had passed away some years ago. They were sharing a one- room tin house with their father, while this same room was also being used as a kitchen. Thabang donated a corrugated iron room for the girls on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018. A local driving school assisted with the transport of the tin house to Smash Block. Thabang also donated two bags of cement, two beds and some cupboards for the children. The children now have more privacy and space and the older child is doing well in her studies. They attend the Drop-in-Centre every day.

Thanks to the team of dedicated carers and cooks of the DiC

I would like to thank my team who ensure that this Centre runs smoothly and efficiently. They work under the hot sun and in challenging conditions, but keep going in order to uplift the needy children with whom we work.

***Glory Vilakazi***



## Donors

Without its donors, Thabang could not exist. We thank all the private businesses and caring individuals who supported our children this past year. We appreciate each, and everyone.

Thabang's main donors and contributors during the reported period were:

- ❖ Bongwe, P
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