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KEEP THE DREAM 196™

Annual Report 2017-18

"Building Tomorrow Today"



Dear Friends and partners of Keep The Dream196,

What an AMAZING year we have had. What an incredible 10years we have had serving the children, families and communities of Limpopo and Acornhoek. What an extraordinary journey it has been from such humble beginnings, please allow me to reminisce during this report so that you can agree with me, it certainly has been an amazing journey.

It has been a journey of self discovery, as well as for the organization and the children and staff. What I mean is, when I came to this nation I had no clue that I would start a Non Governmental Organization which would grow and impact over 12,000 orphaned and vulnerable children over a space of informally 15years and formally for 10yrs.

Elizabeth Mabuza and I started the bones of the project in 2003. Since then we have grown dynamically because of the passion of the volunteers, staff and children we have supported. Along the way we have had many challenges and opportunities to grow and impact the children we serve and I am amazed at the children's dedication and commitment to the process. In such a short period of time we have produced doctors, nurses, social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, electrical, chemical and mechanical engineers, pharmacists, teachers, accountants and a variety of other professional young people dedicated to giving back and empowering their communities.

On the 30th of September 2017 we celebrated our 10yr Anniversary. A wonderful day of celebrations and fun for the children and adults who attended. To also mark the anniversary we have a new website and new logo's.



I would like to thank God for his support and provision, without Him none of this would have come together nor would our impact be as powerful. Its been thrilling to watch this organization grow from one degree of glory to the next under His leadership. Personally, it is very humbling to be a part of something that is changing lives, long term. Thank you Lord.

I hope you enjoy reading this report and are inspired by the children who inspire us!

God bless you - Louise Batty Managing Director.

KEEP THE DREAM 196 VISION:

"To see all children enter adulthood with holistic skills and abilities necessary to contribute effectively to the development of South Africa."

KEEP THE DREAM 196 MISSION:

"Our mission is to assist children to overcome difficult life circumstances by building resilience physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically, using a Rights based framework, so they are able to realize their full potential and contribute to the building of South Africa."

KEEP THE DREAM'S MAIN PROJECTS:

This project is not a quick fix answer to the needs of children; rather it is a long term investment in the future to build the child holistically and sustainably to overcome not just the current situations they find themselves confronting but all the challenges that life has to present in the future.

1. Training
2. Support
3. Advocacy and Awareness Raising Activities

Humble Beginnings:

When KTD196 was formally launch 1st August 2007 it was overwhelming for me. We had been unofficially operating for 4years already and at the celebration we had approximately 60 Volunteers join us in our launch and over 400 children participating in the program. This photo is a throw back to November 2003, our first group of 13girls. We had no infrastructure, no resources and the kids sat outside on a stoop writing down the Laws and Promise because we didn't have money for photocopying.

These girls represent the first fruits. We have a medical surgeon, political science graduate, social worker, occupational therapist, accountant, teacher, physiotherapist, human resources, clinical psychologist, plumber and 1 who is a mother over the age of 20yrs of age and 1 who is working in the service industry in Johannesburg. A majority of these children have chosen services that give back to South Africa. It is satisfying to see them engage with life as young mature adults.



The following facts I am presenting is to give you an idea of the impact of the work we do and what would be happening if Keep The Dream196 no longer existed. Some of these statistics are horrifying but this is what we deal with. Please be mindful that even as we are talking about statistics, each number represents a child.

FACT #1 The proportion of women, by the time they are 19yrs of age, who have ever been pregnant is 25%. The teenage (10-19yrs) pregnancy rate is 13.9% of all registered births in 2016, this does not include home births, still births, abortions, unregistered births or miscarriage. The number of deliveries by under 18yr olds in 2016 at medical facilities is only 7.4% and so a large proportion have home births which increases maternal mortality and neonatal mortality.

KTD196 pregnancy rate is 0.07% over 15yrs (10 girls over 15 years) have become pregnant while in our program. We have saved the government over R177million in Child Support Grants they do not have to pay out. This does not include costs associated with 1,796 teenagers attending:

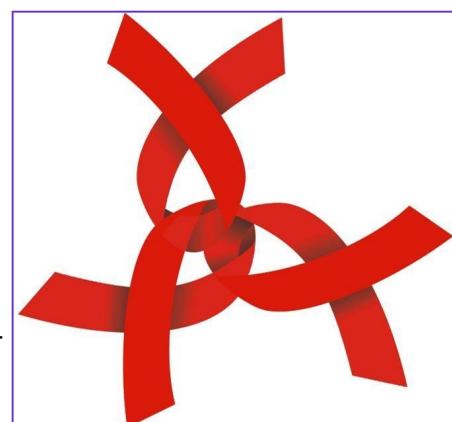
- * Antenatal Clinic visits
- * Antenatal blood screening
- * Antenatal medications
- * Nevirapine
- * Postnatal Clinic visits
- * Tertiary hospital referrals for delivery
- * Caesarian Sections - delivery and inpatient costs associated with a child giving birth
- * Neonatal ICU for the baby
- * Follow up Well Baby clinics, Immunizations, sickly children and ongoing hospital admissions for mother and child.
- * Management and cost involved for spontaneous abortions
- * Management and cost involved for medical abortions



FACT #2 There are 400,000 new HIV infections (23%) per annum amongst adolescent girls and young women aged between 16-24yrs. Because our children are abstaining from sexual activity the possibility of becoming HIV infected is negligible. However 23% of 528 girls = 121 (potentially infected by HIV) x R991 (Cost of Antiretroviral alone per year) that is a saving of R120,347 per year. The savings to government in 10years over R1million.

This does not include:

- * Clinic visits
- * Treatment of opportunistic infections
- * CD4 and Viral load pathology tests
- * Tuberculosis co-infection treatment and management
- * Other Sexually Transmitted Infections treatment and management
- * Maternal Mortality for pregnant teenagers is 97.7 of 100,000
- * Neonatal Mortality for teenage mothers is 34.4 of 100,000
- * Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis treatment and management (R200,000 per year)



Keep The Dream196 has trained over 1,500 children in HIV prevention and gender based violence prevention. We also have trained over 150 HIV Peer Educators to share the truth of HIV and to dispel myths that still pervade this society.

What a tragic needless loss of life to families, communities and the nation, but our impact doesn't stop there!

Adult Training:

The adult training portion of our program has four core purposes:

1. To educate adults and caregivers to become better parents.
2. To create volunteers who will be able to assist with the implementation of our children's project.
3. To create links in the community between Induna's and children and to put children and their issues on the agenda of leaders in the communities in which we operate.
4. To give adults the skills to improve their food security and to eat healthily despite being impoverished.

When we first started the bones of Keep The Dream196 in 2003, we identified that parenting skills were a large factor in the high risk behaviors we were seeing amongst the children. We started working with approximately 25% of orphans and 75% who were vulnerable due to poverty, neglect, abuse, apathy or a strong sense of inadequacy and lack of knowledge.

In 10yrs we have trained in excess of 1,463 parents and caregivers in Journey of Life. This is a training that takes an adult on the journey through their own past, to look at road blocks from their own experiences, what or who helped them and then to apply this learning to their own children or adopted children. It is a powerful tool that has created sustained positive change within the families that attended.

Once the parents/caregivers of the children have been trained in Journey of Life we also train the parents in Children's Rights which predominantly have been miscommunicated by teachers to the students. The children are very informed about their rights but not about their responsibilities and by and large were using their "Rights" to brow beat their parents into allowing them to do what ever they wanted. So, we would have 13year olds telling their parents they had rights to go out late at night, be with their friends, go to the shabeens or taverns and basically the parents could not stop them. We taught parents/caregivers about rights and responsibilities plus their roles as duty bearers to protect their children.

Once these trainings were completed we converted the parent groups who had been trained into parent committee's and self help groups to assists with the Children's Program. We trained over 392parents in how to formally run meetings, make agenda's and keep minutes.

In 15yrs we have trained 502 youths and adults in the Introduction to Adult Leadership through our Children's Program. To add to that we have had over 185 continue on with training to the next level. In terms of training trainers we have 3 at this level and another 3 at master trainer level.

In the last 10yrs we have worked with 119 different Induna's in and around Greater Tzaneen. We have trained them on:

- * Journey of Life
- * Human Rights
- * Their roles and responsibilities
- * Communication with children
- * Democracy

The Induna's have appreciated the support and the information and have stated frequently that KTD196 has enabled them to be better leaders in their communities.

I have learned that a child can live in great difficulty and I may not realize that I am the cause and making life very difficult for my children. I am going to apologies to my children for the way I was treating them and hope I can stop treating them the way I was. (Beauty a parent)



Adult and Children's Training:

FACT #3 The proportion of South Africans living in poverty and/or extreme poverty is 31.6million or 66.6% are living below the poverty line. The most vulnerable are children, females, black people living in rural areas such as Limpopo and Eastern Cape.

KTD196 has trained in excess of 425 Adults in Permaculture practice. Over 425 Households have benefitted from the Food 4 Life project. KTD196 has also established or supported in excess 26 large community gardens with Permaculture training and also small business skills such as cash handling skills, minute taking, agenda setting, how to hold a meeting, conflict negotiation, financial policy creation to name a few. KTD196 has also assisted 16 large Community Based Garden projects to become established and earning the participants an income where previously this was not occurring. The produce from these gardens go to local canning companies or to local supermarkets or Johannesburg Central Markets.

In 15yrs over KTD196 has trained in excess of 3,328 children in Food 4 Life Permaculture training. This means in excess of 3,300 households have been able to feed themselves with self sustaining Permaculture practices. The number is much higher than this as individual children have participated outside of formal Food 4 Life projects we have hosted to address Food Security issues. This project runs throughout the year however the children decide when or if they want to participate in the process.



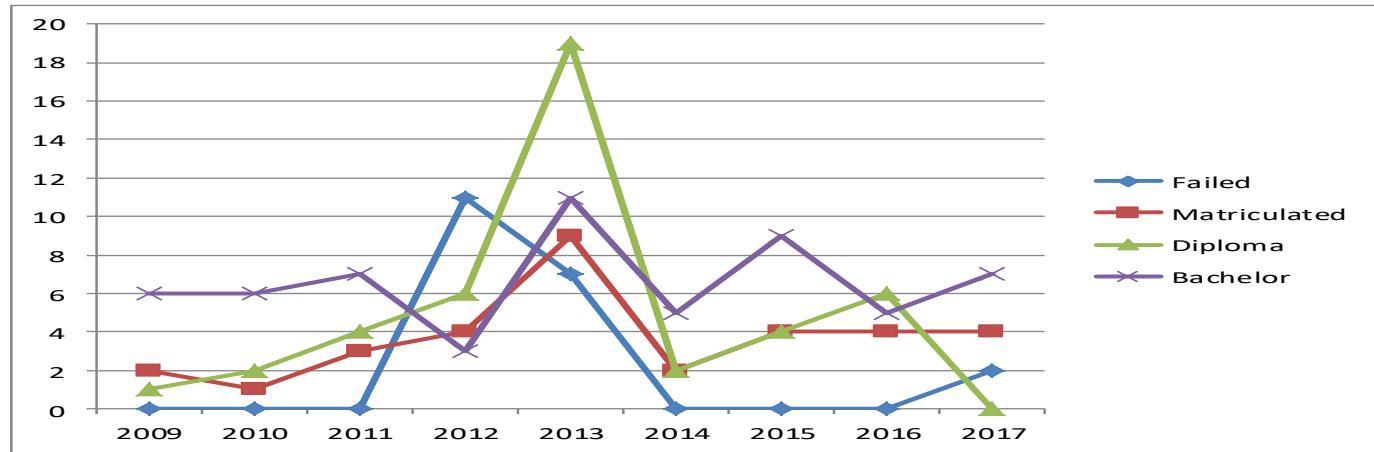
Keep The Dream196—THE FACTS

FACT #4 The Government schools pass rate for Limpopo is 62% averaged over 10yrs. Keep The Dream196 pass rate averaged for 10yrs is 90%. A majority of our children have gone on to tertiary education because of their achievements at high school. The children are pursuing their dreams of becoming doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, actuaries, naturalists, chartered accountants, engineers (chemical, mechanical and civil), fitters and turners, Electricians, plumbers etc.

The graduates are adding to the tax base, they are breaking the poverty cycles for their families and their communities. In order to participate in our program every child has to be attending school. We actually have some kids drop back into school after being a part of our program for a very short period of time,. When they realize it's a pre-condition to attending the program they opt back in to school and do exceptionally well.

As you can see from the graph in 2012 (the year of the general strike) and 2013 (the year textbooks were not delivered to some of our schools and a tragic impact on the students and many failed). A majority of our learners are receiving Bachelor entry to university. In a majority of our children we have noticed a tendency to return and upgrade their results by re-sitting their matric in order to qualify for university or to improve their chances of employment. Education has become a prized commodity and a route out of poverty. We have also noticed that our learners utilizing their community service and involvement in community programs as leverage for employment and also university entrance which is very satisfying for them and for us.

It had come to KTD196's attention that students in these years were waking at 0200 and cramming information in, not sleeping effectively, not eating effectively and not resting their brains properly. The studies skills course emphasized the need to eat properly especially brain enhancing foods, getting enough continuous sleep, exercising and taking much needed breaks. Many schools are forcing the children to start school at 0630 till 1900 at night, on weekends as well as extra classes on top. What education officials fail to realize is that learning becomes ineffective at this rate. All of this is being done because of the high matriculation failure rate, however this is just reaffirming failure. If teachers cannot teach the curriculum between 0700-1500, then something is wrong with the teacher or the curriculum. Extending the hours just causes fatigue. We are encouraging children to maximize their learning with the time they have and to have a balanced approach. Our academic results speak for themselves.



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Failed	0	0	0	11	7	0	0	0	2	19
Matriculated	2	1	3	4	9	2	4	4	4	33
Diploma	1	2	4	6	19	2	4	6	0	44
Bachelor	6	6	7	3	11	5	9	5	7	59
Student Total	9	9	14	24	46	9	18	15	13	157
Students who passed	9	9	14	13	39	9	18	15	11	138

1. Children & Youth Training:

The foundation of our program is the South African Scout Program, which has a system of Laws and a Promise, a commitment to a standard of behaviour. Without committing to these two elements of the Scouts Program, the child or adult cannot be a part of our Programme. This is, I believe part of the reason we have such high success with our participants. They not only know and have internalised these Laws but they live by them outside of the program. We utilize various activities to re-inforce these Laws including a self regulating mechanism called the Court of Honour. The CoH is where the children self regulate their behaviours and any issue with poor discipline is dealt with.

The Laws are:

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother/sister to every other Scout.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

Keep The Dream196 has added 2 more for our province because of the nature of the issues confronting our Children:

11. A Scout does not fall in love. In Limpopo if a child has a boyfriend or girlfriend they are having sex. So this law contributes to massive reduction seen in our teenage pregnancy rate, it also gives the children a reason why they do not wish to engage in relationships with their peers. For example: "I am a scout, I can't date!"
12. A Scout is not a fool. This rule reinforces abstinence from drug, alcohol use and criminal activities.

FACT #5 The causes of crime are complex. Most people today accept that **poverty**, parental **neglect**, low **self-esteem**, **alcohol** and **drug abuse** are all connected in explaining why people commit crimes. Some people are simply at greater **risk** of becoming offenders because of the circumstances into which they are born. For example: 40% of sexual offences occur in the home; 33% of assaults happen in the home; single black women experience high levels of abuse and murder by youth aged 15-35yrs of age.

We understand that Criminality is learnt through exposure at home, school and in social environments which should be the sources of safety, nurturing and support, unfortunately this is where criminal behaviour is internalised. 70% of the 20million (or 14Million) South African youth are more likely to be victims and perpetrators of assault, robbery, rape and murder than adults. 50.2% of surveyed children in one research said they had knowingly committed a criminal offence by the time they were 15yrs of age.

It costs between R45,625 to R133,805 to incarcerate one prisoner.

In 15years, with over 12,000 children who have come through the program Keep The Dream196 has had one child criminally involved with the police and because of his age deemed incompetent to understand the seriousness of his crime.



1. Children & Youth Training continued:

Keep The Dream196 has trained in excess of 3,850 children in Food For Life program, we have implemented this training in 2005-7, 2010-11 specifically for the children through funding. The program is now part of the advancement process in Scouts rather than a specific project for Keep The Dream196.

This program teaches not just Permaculture practice but also the importance of different food groups, how to eat a balanced diet on a budget, how to market and sell produce. This has brought more food security to very vulnerable households, as part of the process over 15,400 gardens were produced by the children. Some continued with the program and created large community gardens to provide food for sick, disabled and very poor community members for free.

In 2005-2007 we trained over 1,700 children in Gender, Children's Rights and Responsibilities, HIV prevention, treatment and support. We looked at male and female roles within families and society and how these have changed over time and the need to move away from gender based roles. We also examined the need for Children's Rights and Responsibilities to be cascaded through the families and through the schools due to the prevalence of misinformation. Then the children did small focus groups in their schools and homes to transmit the full information and not just the rights to those who listened.

2015-17 we trained 1,581 youth in Environmental Education. This training gave the children and their respective groups and families the understanding of protecting the planet from climate change, pollution, water and fuel wastage and how to actually promote being kinder to the environment and guarding it actively.

During the FIFA world cup of 2010, we trained 32 Scouts in Participatory Theatre as a vehicle to showcase the growing Human Trafficking problems experienced particularly in the rural areas where children and young women were offered opportunities to study or work in the cities and would just disappear. We used the participatory Theatre techniques to offer scenarios and then ask the community what would they do to change the play, then the community members would act out there ideas to see how impactful they would be. It was a powerful tool. We also used it for issues of child abuse and what the community could do to change the situations they found themselves in. This program was rolled out in over 30 villages and 15 schools throughout Greater Tzaneen.

We have been camping every year since 2004 with 1,000s of children. Thousands have taken part mastering many varied skills and earning a variety of badges such as: over 500 youth have earned their First Aid badges; 50 youth have earned their Patrol Leaders Training Unit badge which is an intensive 10day survival program; 200 youth have experienced Leadership Training through the 5day Leadership Training program; 400youth have become HIV Peer Educators after successfully completing a 3day course to qualify. Leadership, democracy, communication, meeting skills are woven throughout the program and are implemented every time the children meet together. When we have not had funding to take the children formally the children have fundraised for their own camps.



2. Support:

The provision of services includes monthly support meetings with the individual cub pack and scout troops and their leaders. During this time staff provide in service training; monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Life Skills program and problem solving as required. The monthly visits also help to encourage the volunteers to provide optimum support to the children we serve. Below you can see first aid training.

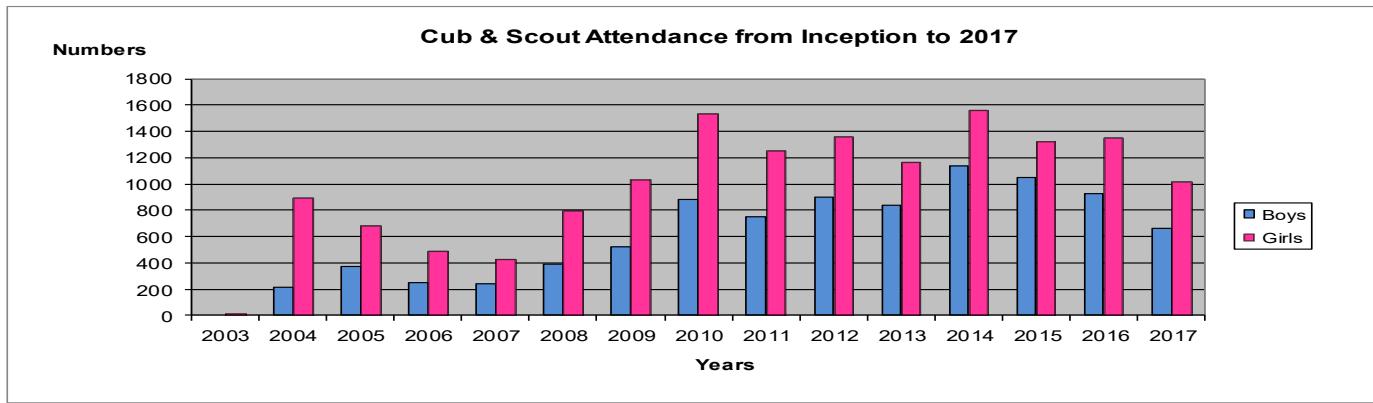
The new national Cub Program is allowing our children to finally achieve badges and also to achieve Gold and Silver star awards. This is a National Award and recognizes the advancement the children and pack have achieved throughout the year. This is exciting for the groups. The children and adults who receive Gold Stars are allowed to wear these badges on their uniforms for a year and it is a great sense of pride for them as the Stars are not easy to achieve. The group receives a certificate as does each patrol or small group which is displayed with great pride.

Keep The Dream196 has been piloting the new Scout Program which has taken a number of years to create and introduce. This is giving scouts from rural and impoverished areas greater opportunities for advancement which were not previously available. The emphasis of the program is more on community service and on skills which do not require extensive resources.

It is through this portion of the project that we are able to provide much needed support to the youth. Through the peer support that happens in the group, the ease of contacting a Field Officer if a child is not coping, having our own Social Worker and a referral process for extra counselling as required, our children have the resilience required to navigate the issues they are confronting and the obstacles they are facing.

FACT #6 South Africa has a teenage suicide rate of 12.7% (according to World Health Organization in 2015). There are 14 suicides daily amongst all ages and races and suicide is the 4th leading cause of death amongst young people in South Africa. The age group of between 10-19yrs of age is the highest risk group for suicide. This is one of the reasons we work with those who are younger, to teach them resilience but also those in this age group are 1:5 more likely to attempt to commit suicide. 34% of Teens think suicide is a viable option regarding problem solving.

Approximately 31.5% of teenagers attempt suicide and need medical treatment. 38.3% of teens feel so hopeless that they sought help or counselling, in the rural areas help is not easily available. Less than 1% of mental health hospital beds are allocated for children and adolescents which means a majority of children who are depressed and suicidal are treated by untrained staff in general facilities. In 15yrs we have had two attempted suicides, one from a Rover who left the program and went to varsity, got involved in the party scene and was failing in school. When she recovered, after doing a life review, she realised life became unbearable after she left the Children's program, I am happy to report that she has reinvested into the program and has now completed her LLB at Turfloop University. The second was a child who, as a pastor's daughter, was desperate for her parents' attention. Fortunately, this story ended well.



3. Advocacy and Awareness Raising:

Advocacy and Awareness Raising Activities regarding children is a cross-cutting component of all training given and forms a major portion of empowering children and building resilience by using a Rights Based approach to all services delivered.



2009 - End Violence Against Children campaign 50 groups of 1,560 children aged between 5-18years joined their voices with other children around the world on the Save The Children's International Day to End Violence Against Children Campaign. Over 22,000 petitions demanding an end to Violence Against Children were given to 50 different Induna's (community leaders) from the villages where the Troops operated. The children also marched through the streets of the different villages raising awareness regarding the types of violence perpetrated against children. The petitions were then taken to the local Mayor by the Indunas and presented to him.

2010 - Human Trafficking Awareness raising. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY March 21st 2010, KTD196 children's groups (2,416 children) from all over Greater Tzaneen Municipality performed street theatre and raised awareness about HUMAN TRAFFICKING. The children had the support of the Indunas who called community meetings on this day for the children to perform their interactive plays and give their speeches. The children also performed at their local schools to raise awareness of this despicable crime.

2011 - KTD196 raised awareness with our 2,006 children and their parents of the importance of having Identity Documents due to the policy changes of Department of Home Affairs. As a result of our awareness raising, which is also linked to Children's Rights (every child has the right to an identity), only 4 children do not currently have birth certificates because of neglect related issues which we are assisting to resolve. 24 other children are not eligible for South African Identity Documents as they are illegal foreigners.

2012 - KTD196 also advocates for and on behalf of 2,259 children at Provincial and National levels through our association with such partners as ACESS, Children's Rights Centre and SANAC - Children's Sector (Yezingane Network). Through our work with ACESS over the last 6years we have supported the call for an increase in the Child Support Grant and a lifting of the age limit to 18yrs. This is extremely important given that 99.98% of our children receive this grant and it makes a difference between chronic illness and long term good health by providing food security for the family.

Through our work with Yezingane Network we have had direct input to the Children's Sector submission for three National Strategic Plans for HIV/AIDS & TB in South Africa. This plan will be in force for 5years. Check out the document "Children have a say" regarding input by some children we work with regarding their HIV treatment and access to treatment and the stigma and discrimination they face from insensitive uncaring adults every day of their lives.

2013 - We raised awareness with 2,000 children and their households regarding Climate Change for a 12month period which included: electricity and water audits, conservation of non-renewable energy sources and a Fun Day with science presentations by Merensky High School with over 420 learners participating.



3. Advocacy and Awareness Raising continued:



2014 - We focused on Children's Rights and Responsibilities for a whole year with 2,692 children and their parents learning about the importance of Children's Rights and the role of the parents as duty bearers.

Photo to the left: Every child has the right to shelter

Photo below: fires & cooking how to make long lasting cooking bricks

2015 - We raised awareness regarding Environmental Education which included a variety of subjects from: biodiversity, pollution, climate change, alternative fuel sources, electricity audits to name a few. We were able to take in excess of 1,000 older children

to camp which was appreciated by all. The older children who attended then went back to their smaller groups and through cascade training taught the younger children. The children have all excelled at Life Orientation in school because of KTD196's program.

2016 - Keep The Dream196 implements the Scouts South Africa program in Limpopo Province and as such we celebrated 100yrs of Cubbing. As part of the Awareness Raising Keep The Dream196 was involved in the Annual Challenge which was celebrating Cubbing in Limpopo.



2017 - Anti bullying campaign was rolled out through Scouts South Africa at the request of KTD196. This program has taught children not only how to prevent being bullied but how to stop others from being bullied. The social climate in schools is becoming increasing adversarial, children are struggling because of threats of violence and robbery. In fact by the time a child is 15yrs of age 43.5% have already committed their first criminal act. KTD196 continues to work in this area, to protect our children from harm and also to reduce the incidence of crime associated with going to school. In 2017 we also completed the Environmental Education program on behalf of Scouts for Limpopo.



2017 also saw KTD196 celebrating its 10years anniversary. 10years of service to Greater Tzaneen Municipality specifically and Limpopo Province generally. Nearly 600 children came to celebrate at Nkowankowa Stadium for the day and take part in a variety of activities including: games, awards ceremonies, the Mopani Fire Brigade cooled us all down, ER24 presented a mock retrieval while Letaba Game Lodge had wild animals walking around.



For a number of years KTD196 has been involved with the Office of the Premier and has been represented at various Children's parliaments held all over the country. This is part of our advocacy work with Child Participation. It is important for Children's voices to be heard at all levels of government, from village to national platforms.

Accolades and Promotion

In 2007, Keep The Dream196 was reported by Beyond the Classroom on SABC1.

In 2009, Elizabeth Mabuza and Louise Batty received a certificate of Merit from Scouts South Africa

In 2011, Mark McNamara with Anifex and Reedcom filmed Katie Dee ride through Africa.

In 2016, Keep The Dream196 was the subject of another film crew from EARNED, a DSTV station.

In 2017 both Nkulu Mabuza and Elizabeth Mabuza were named Scouting Hero's by Scouts South Africa and promoted through various print media.

In 2017, Constance Mpuru, Rosemary Nkwashu, Catherine Tiva and Nkulu Mabuza received a certificate of Merit from Scouts South Africa.

In 2017, Elizabeth Mabuza received a Medal of Merit from Scouts South Africa.

In 2017, Louise Batty received a Silver Protea from Scouts South Africa.

In 2017, Keep The Dream196 was featured on Nhlalala Ya Rixaka on SABC2

In 2018, Nkulu Mabuza was profiled with Keep The Dream196 and Scouts South Africa by Beautiful News South Africa

In 2018, Elizabeth Mabuza was featured by NEWS24 Woman's Month for her work with Keep The Dream196 and Scouts South Africa.

We have also been in various printed and online media via Letaba Herald, The Bulletin, Capricorn News, Sawubona and South African Airlines Inflight Magazine, SAFM, GTFM.

All Keep The Dream196 staff hold Commissioner roles in Limpopo, in partnership with Scouts South Africa.

Nkulu and Elizabeth Mabuza - Scouting Hero's 2017

Elizabeth Mabuza recipient of the Medal of Merit and Louise Batty recipient of the Silver Protea

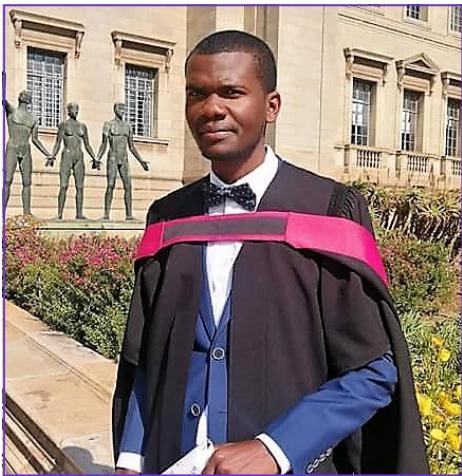


Nkulu Mabuza, Constance Mpuru, Rosemary Nkwashu, Andrew Tanner, Elizabeth Mabuza, Louise Batty, Catherine Tiva.



Voice of the Child:

The impact of Keep The Dream in my life!



Hello my name is Rivoningo Ngobeni and I am from Mavele a village which is around 40 Km away from Tzaneen. I am 25 years of age and I joined scout in 2005 and became one of the few first scouts in my village when I was 11. Scout is overseen by Keep the dream (KTD) 196 in our region.

Before I became a scout I was a very shy boy, I couldn't stand in front of people since I could not manage the butterflies in my stomach neither would I handle the fear of meeting nor talking to new people. KTD 196 has presented us with the opportunity to meet other kids from other villages around Tzaneen and instilled in us values of leadership and social responsibility.

Through KTD 196 I became aware at a young age of the diseases prevailing in our country such as TB, HIV and other types of STIs that could be preventable with education and awareness. I have benefited a lot in troop meetings and camps where a lot has been taught including: notwithstanding peer pressure, first aid, leadership qualities, building self-esteem and the list goes on. These activities significantly boosted my self-confidence. I realised that I could also do things that I did not have the confidence to do before because of the encouraging environment and the support given and seeing other kids of my age do it.

Like many learners, I found matric somewhat challenging in different aspects. These challenges may sometimes lead to learners not passing their matric. KTD196 is a nurturing environment that puts an emphasis on the educational, social and inter-personal skills development. It grooms kids and equips them with skills to endeavour and thrive everywhere they go. It is therefore not a coincidence that most of the kids that have been cared for by KTD 196 pass their matric well enough and go to universities and colleges. I truly believe that this wouldn't have been achieved without the training received from KTD 196. I can say with pride that under KTD 196 I had the best childhood any child could ask for and that makes me feel very privileged.

I myself successfully completed my BSc Chemistry and Biochemistry undergraduate degree after matric and I have recently graduated for my Postgraduate diploma in chemical Engineering. I owe this a lot to KTD 196 for building confidence in us and affirming that we can do greater things. I have met lot of friends there who are also doing very well in their studies and some are already working and contributing greatly to their communities and greater society as a whole. KTD 196 is the gift to everyone who gets involved in it. I thank God for KTD 196 because I know that every good gift comes from our Father in Heaven.

Photo Left to right

Nhlanhla Khosa (who was featured in 2016's Annual report), Vonani Mongwe, Hendrick Bosman and finally Rivoningo Ngobeni in 2008 at Mavele's End Violence Against Children and Women Campaign.



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The Dream Team:

Elizabeth Mabuza (Program Manager), Nkulu Mabuza (Project Manager), Rosemary Nkwashu, Catherine Mushwana (Top Row)

Angy Malatji, Constance Mpuru, Khensani Maluvane and Sevvy Mbowneni (Middle Row).

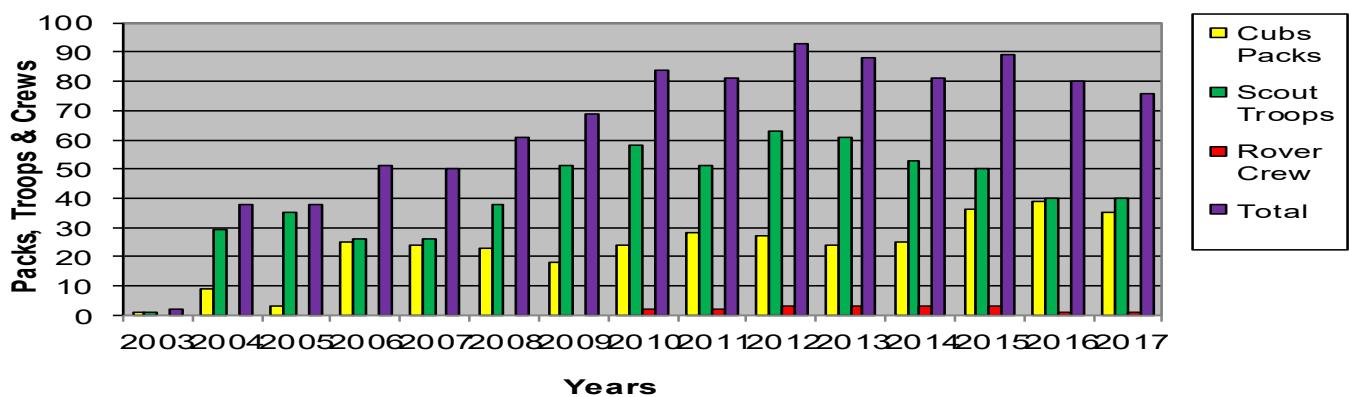


**Louise
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**Managing
Director**



The children make our efforts all worthwhile. As long as there are children we can affect, as long as there is a need for our program we will try our best to meet that need, however, it is only possible with your support.

Cub Packs, Scout Troops & Rover Crews Chronological Development 2003-2017



From the Chairman of the Board

Keep the Dream 196 has once again enjoyed an outstanding year of success. Louise, Zabe and Nkulu have led KTD196 professionally and kept the flag flying. KTD196 partnered with Zoelife and their volunteer programme which saw a number of international and local volunteers come to serve in different villages throughout 2017 has been very successful. The students who came on the programme certainly offered great support but they themselves go home having grown so much in their life goals and understanding.

The challenges for KTD196 have related mostly to funding, serious theft and destruction of equipment and stores through criminal activity. As an organization our next level of development includes raising funds to buy a farm stand on which KTD196 can establish a wonderful home base for their work. This would allow KTD196 a great opportunity to build on their programmes, training camps and leadership development. We keep trusting that a donor will come on board to make this dream a reality.

We, the Board of Keep The Dream196, once again want to congratulate Louise, Zabe, Nkulu, staff and all the volunteers for their incredible passion. Lives are being transformed through their work and hope is being offered to every child involved with KTD196. WE SALUTE YOU ALL AS YOU STRIVE TO CHANGE LIVES.

Fred Hoffman
Chairperson

Our Partners

We have been very privileged with the amount of support we have received over the years from both individuals and organizations. We are acutely aware that people are being asked to donate repeatedly and we recognise there are many worthwhile causes out there. It is a privilege to be chosen as recipients of peoples hard earned money, we do not take it for granted. It is such an encouragement to us that people donate to the children we serve even though they may not directly know us. It is very humbling. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU! The Dream Team.

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Name of Donor	Period of Support	Activities Funded
Kindernothilfe	March 2016 - Feb 2017	Project Costs and Program Management
Scouts National	March 2016- Feb 2017	EE camp funding
Global Giving	March 2015 - February 2016	General Organizational Support

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