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KEEP THE DREAM 196™

Annual Report 2014-15

"Building Tomorrow Today"

Dear Friends,

Well it is that time of year to reflect on our achievements and challenges in 2014.

For the first time through our partnership with Scouts South Africa we were able to take over 1,000 children to camp, the theme was environmental education. We also finished off the Food for Life project supported by National Development Agency where 250 Scouts completed Gold level. They were able to earn the 3rd badge in the series but also learnt to sell their produce which in turn supported their activities in camp.



In 2014 we went on the hunt for a farm, which we found nestled between the two largest areas where we work. We put in an offer which was accepted unfortunately, the banks were not as keen. It is difficult in this economic climate to prove loan repayment ability and long term sustainability. This of course is a catch 22 because if we had a farm we could start to produce an income. Without a regular income we can't prove sustainability. So we rely on God.

In 2014 we attended an information session with a new group of Peace Corp Volunteers, although people were very keen only a few chose to be a part of KTD196 and Scouts. Of those who were interested all were removed from our area due to security issues or health reasons which of course was very sad for them and us.



As I reported in 2013, we are interested in franchising KTD196, we attended a workshop for a possible bursary with the Independent Development Commission and Franchise Plus. Unfortunately we were not chosen to move forward with the program due to being so small despite our impact but we continue to fundraise and raise capacity within the organization to see our dreams realized.

Last year was an exciting time for us with lots of new possibilities, because of our focus on the Scouts we were unable to run any training for the volunteers and to open new groups, this will happen in 2015.

2015 is proving to be just as exciting as we continue on our mission to see all children enter adulthood with the holistic skills and abilities necessary to contribute effectively to the development of South Africa. I want to thank the children whose support has enabled us to keep growing. I want to thank the staff and volunteers for their tireless contributions to the work that we do. I also want to thank the Board, our donors both large International NGO's, national funders and those individuals who give us regular donations. We really appreciate your support especially during these difficult financial times when even nations are going bankrupt. The ripple effect is quite concerning but as I said earlier we don't rely on anyone but our God. To that end I would like to thank Him for his support and provision, without Him none of this would have come together nor would our impact be as powerful.

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."

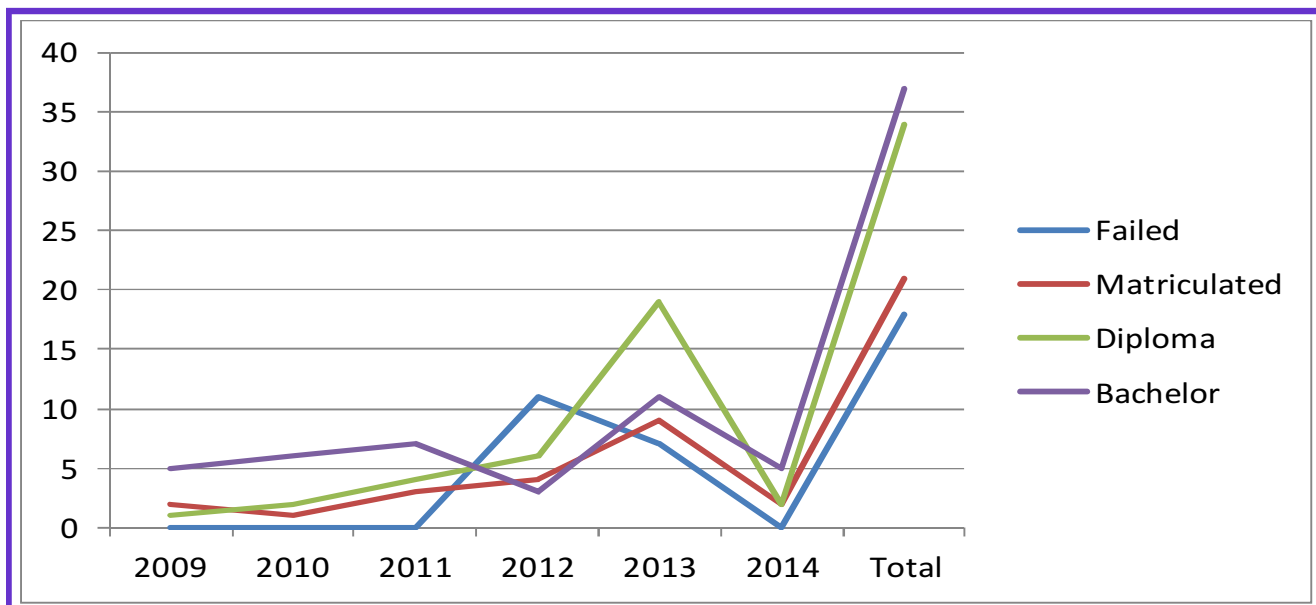
KEEP THE DREAM'S MAIN PROJECTS:

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**

SUCCESSSES

We are very proud of the achievements of our Scouts at matriculation and Rovers at tertiary level of education, a majority of our children go on to some form of tertiary education after matric. Even those who have failed matriculation have either gone on to college or found work through our support.



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total	%
Failed	0	0	0	11	7	0	18	16
Matriculated	2	1	3	4	9	2	21	19
Diploma	1	2	4	6	19	2	34	31
Bachelor	5	6	7	3	11	5	37	34
Student Total	8	9	14	24	46	9	110	100

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I don't think I take enough time to share our successes, they get tucked away in the Annual Report and can be easily glanced over so this year I want to share the impact we are having with the children we serve and to expand on the meaning of these successes.

- 1) Limpopo Province has a reported teenage pregnancy rate of 13% we have reduced that rate to 0.062% for 12yrs. We should be seeing approximately 170 pregnancies a year, multiplied by 12years means a total of 1,453 teenagers who have not become pregnant while in our program. This means we have saved the government R5,266,179 in Child Support Grants in 2014. When a teenager becomes pregnant her body is not mature enough physically, spiritually or emotionally to become pregnant. The child is often born underweight and sickly because the teenager tries to hide the pregnancy and lose weight during the pregnancy. Due to the pregnancy both child and mother can be very sickly post delivery and suffer from complications for the first 5yrs of life. The 1,453 girls have continued on with their studies and are working hard on their futures without the complication of a baby to care for.
- 2) Limpopo also has a HIV rate of 21.5% with the worst affected being females aged between 15-25yrs. With this pregnancy rate the youth are either abstaining (which they assure us they are) or are protecting them selves from unwanted pregnancies and HIV in the process. This means that the government is not having to pay for expensive Anti-retroviral therapies for the life of our children OR their children because they have chosen to abstain. This also means that there are less illness's relating to HIV which require treatment and an overall increase in quality of life, life expectancy and decrease in morbidity of this generation.
- 3) Limpopo Province has one of the worst matriculation rates in the country with an average of 60% for the last 6yrs. In our program we have an average of 90%. The two years were we had students fail where the years of the general strike (including teachers) and the failure by Dept of Education to deliver text books to all the schools in Limpopo. Our children are taught team work, study skills, determination, seeking out support and help when they don't understand the curriculum or content. Because of these skills the children are passing matric, in fact for 4years we have had 100% matriculation pass rate. We also assist the matriculants with career advice and access to bursary applications and university enrolment forms. All of our Scouts who have gone on to college or university have persevered and been able to graduate. The national average for graduation for a 4yr degree is only 10%. The Scouts/Rovers tell us it is because they do not succumb to peer pressure at university because they have learnt to have a goal and be determined and focussed. They provide support to each other, homework support and moral encouragement.
- 4) 10% of all natural deaths for children aged between 0-18yrs is suicide related. We have had no suicides in 12yrs. Our children are well adjusted and resilient. They have learnt that pressures are temporary and that perseverance will produce results. They have developed the necessary holistic skills to live successful and fruitful lives. They are not afraid of challenges and work hard at supporting each other towards their goals. There was one attempted suicide in all this time where the child survived and realised that her life deteriorated significantly when she left Scouts 3years earlier, she no longer had the support of positive peers and started studying where access to alcohol and drugs were rife. I am happy to report that she has come back as a Rover and is succeeding in university and due to graduate law next year.
- 5) None of our children, once they have joined and remain in the program, have been involved with crime, use alcohol or drugs.
- 6) We are currently working with over 2, 743 Children aged between 5-26yrs in 81 different sites around Greater Tzaneen Municipality

Adult Training - Parents and Induna's:

Parent Training

As of December 2014, 236 parents were trained in Journey of Life in 2014; 1089 parents in total have now been trained in parenting skills. We have over 53 Parent Committees which have been formed since starting this project in 2009 unfortunately only 21 remain active due to parents not understanding that KTD196 is a facilitating organization and not a funding organization.

"I feel as though you came here just to talk to me about the way I have been treating my son. Hearing what you have said made me realize that I have been taking out all my frustration towards my son. I hope the training had come a long time ago as that would have helped me to raise my children in a much better way. I am going to change still even if it is going to be difficult." (Engelina Nukeri)

Parent Committees - After attending Journey of Life training the parents are asked to form Parent Committee's to support their children's participation in cub packs and scout troops. These committees have evolved to become self help groups through the support of the Field Officers and Project Manager. Now, through the support of the National Development Agency, we have implemented a Food Security Project aimed at small garden vegetable production. The Parent Committees (17 in total) have also agreed to developing larger community based gardens. KTD196 will train parents on vegetable garden development; natural fertilizers such as composting, manure teas, pest control, cash book skills, marketing skills and working together as teams to maximize the returns for each parent. Through this project parents who have limited resources will be able to use those resources to purchase other things rather than vegetables. This process will also assist in making the Children's Lifeskills project more sustainable as parents can contribute towards some costs for their children.



Community Garden Seed Bed ready for planting.



Community Garden area prepared for seedlings.

Induna Training

We have been working with 86 local Headmen (Induna's) for the past 4 years from Mogoboya, Mohlabi, Nyavana and Nwamitwa areas. We have been amazed at their commitment and openness to KTD196 but also willingness to raise child and child related issues. Although this is not a core area of our operation it has been important to raise the profile of children in their communities so we could address children's rights violations. The Induna's have been very grateful for the training they have received and this has helped raise their profile in their communities because of their new knowledge and abilities.

1. Children & Youth Training:

Although 2014 was preoccupied with Environmental Education Camps we continued with all the other activities as well such as project management (working on their spider tools and action plans), first aid training, camp craft skills and community service activities. More and more we are able to relinquish our roles as facilitators and trainers to the Rovers and Patrol Leaders themselves as they become more skilled in Scout related activities. This allows us to open up new areas to KTD196 Lifeskills Program as they become more independent of KTD196 staff.



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.

We also hold quarterly meetings (when finances allow) so we can all get together and share the highs and lows of implementing a challenging program which is constantly adjusting to the needs of the children but also the sometimes difficult physical and political environment in which we live. Service delivery strikes in the area over this year have created dangerous environments which have prohibited some training from being completed, support visits from happening and even learners prevented from going to school.



Rovers help with the Scout Troops, Scouts help with the Cub Packs, Parents help with the Cub Packs and Field Officers help everybody. They provide the necessary link between the children, parents and KTD196.

We also run senior scout meetings (spider meetings) where KTD196 provide support to the Scouts.



Rosemary (Field Officer) is assisting this Scouter with assessing the Scouts Food For Life garden of mealies. Field Officers provide support to the Cub Pack leaders, Scout Troop Leaders, Rover Crews and Parent Committees. The job description is vast but they love the variety and the challenges each age group provides.



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3. Awareness & Advocacy

Through out the year we usually run a community based awareness/advocacy project such as: Stop Abuse Against Children Campaign (2009); Human Trafficking for the 2010 World Cup; Identity Document promotion as part of Children's Rights (2011); and Climate Change (2012). 2013, we focused on Children's Rights and ran a project over 12 months including all our Cub, Scouts and Rovers. In 2014 we focused on Environmental Education which included a variety of subjects from: biodiversity, pollution, climate change, alternative fuel sources, electricity audits to name a few. The children have all excelled at Life Orientation in school because of KTD196's program.

For the first time through our partnership with Scouts South Africa we were able to take over 1,000 children to camp. The theme was environmental education, the children learnt an appreciation for nature and the fragility of the world in which we live. Also for the first time all our Field Officers stepped up and were Course Directors for their own camps. This required the staff to function at a higher level and to work effectively as a team. It was wonderful to witness the comradery and team-work displayed between the staff and the Rovers (our over 18yr olds). We held 15 x 3 days, camps over 6months, it was great fun but exhausting.



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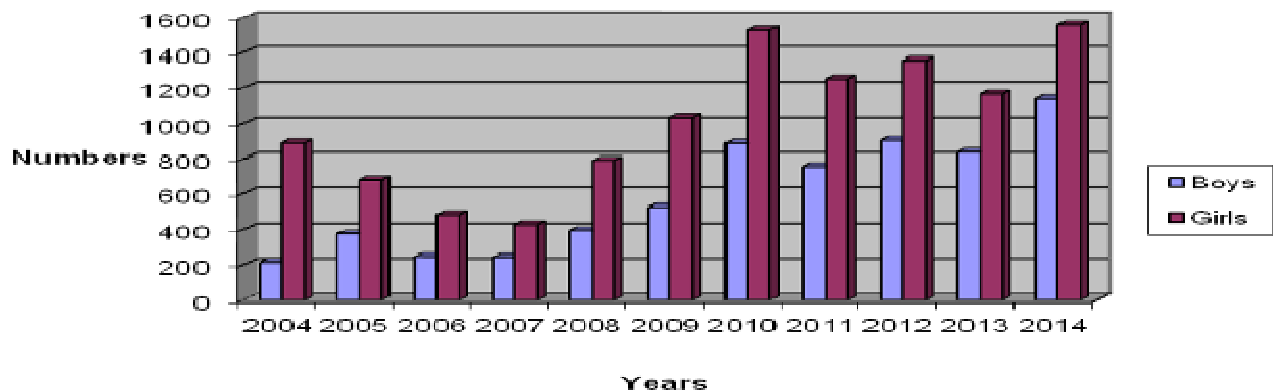
Elizabeth Mabuza, Constance Mpuru & Nkulu Mabuza (Top Row)

Rosemary Nkwashu, Angy Malatji, Catherine Mushwana (Middle Row).

Debbie Kemp, Kheto Mongwe and Louise Batty (Bottom Row).



Cub & Scout Attendance from Inception to 2014



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Voice of the Child:



My name is Karabo Manyama, I am 17yrs old, in year 11 at high school and I have been a part of Keep The Dream196 since I was 12 yrs of age. KTD196 introduced Scouts to Radoo in 2010. Scouts has changed my life, I didn't know what to do because I was an ordinary boy, I would just do what everyone else was doing without thinking about my future. After being in scouts I realised anything is possible. For example, I thought joining the bad boys in the village was the right thing to do. My family and village teens were my role models, drinking, smoking, dropping out of school, stealing, crime, and some of my friends are now in prison, I watched this and thought it was cool but scouts showed me a different future, one I could be proud of.

I thought the village boys would laugh at me and make me a fool to others in my village but I decided to make my own decision, the right decision according to the scout laws. I have a future. Scouts has changed my thought patterns and my behaviours. My best friend joined scouts with me, he thought it was a great thing because of camping and the games we played. But out of all my friends I am the only one left in scouting because obeying the scout laws is very tough. My best friends now hang out at shabeens all the time drinking, many have dropped out of school, having high risk sex, getting girls pregnant and becoming HIV infected. Given was my best friend when I was 12yrs, we joined scouts together but after 3months Given quit. Given now at 17yrs is repeating grade9 again for the 3rd time, spending all his free time at the shabeens with many girlfriends, involved in high risk sexual activity. Scouts has made me realise there is more to life.

I lost a lot of friends in the beginning because of continuing with Scouts. Others joined scouts because of me and the positive changes they saw in me. We provide support for each other, we do activities together such as improving the skills in the younger scouts, we actively recruit younger kids to join. We also do community service for vulnerable people (old people or those on their own who don't have relatives to care for them) in the community such as cleaning up their yards, we fund raise money and buy food for them, collect water and let them know they are not on their own, that people care for them. We often clean the streets of our village and after the SASSA grant has been given out in my village my troop goes to the visiting point to clean the area afterwards. The community see us as good children and are proud of the work we do. They know we are Scouts.

Scouts has given me the ability to think positively, to be a role model to the other younger children in the village, and to even help children to realise Scouts is a very positive impact in our lives. Because of Keep The Dream196 I now have the following skills: Management, Organizational, Communication and good leadership skills.

The scout laws I took in to my heart and I have changed. I enjoy going to camp and thought that was all scouts was but then I realised Scouts was all over the world and if I decided to live the right way using the scout laws, I could achieve anything. My life could have been useless but now with scouts I have a direction and a purpose.

Once completing matriculation I have a dream to be a dentist. I will take my studies further and attend university. I also will prove to my friends that Scouts was not a waste of time and in fact I chose correctly. Even though I will be a professional I will still be involved with Scouts and Keep The Dream196, KTD196 needs to grow bigger and touch more lives in Limpopo and South Africa. I will be continuing my involvement in Scouts as an adult leader but also assisting financially and resource wise as I know that many development troops start with nothing but passion. They need resources for scouting materials and activities, please consider helping us now so we can move forward with our dream for Scouting.

I feel proud of being in scouts because I care for people, I am a leader, I am role model and I have a future.

From the Chairman of the Board

Keep The Dream196 continues to move forward, passionate, committed and focused on our vision and mission despite the challenging financial climate that we find ourselves in. I want to take this time to thank the outgoing board members Brian Kirkman and Debbie Kemp for their hard work over the last 7yrs and in the same breath welcome Tim Nkuna and Dorothy Zaimaan on to the board as we take KTD196 into this exciting period of growth and establishment. Most of all I want to thank Jesus for his favor throughout this year and his vision for KTD196. We continue to serve a generous and gracious God.

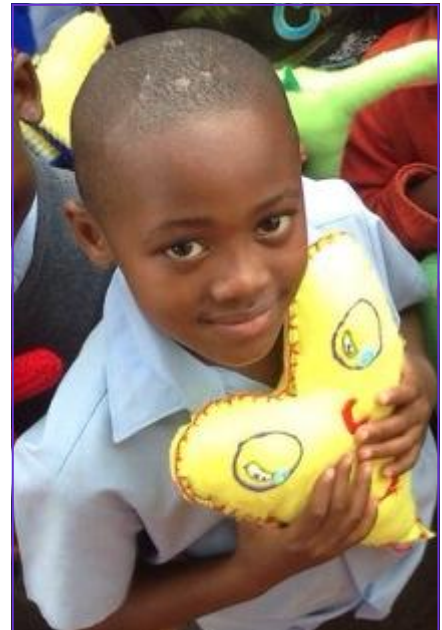
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At a time when money is getting tighter people from all over the world have dug in their pockets to help us achieve our goals. I cannot tell you how it has inspired and encouraged us to keep going as a team that people out there care and are willing to show that care by putting their money into our hands for the future of our children. It is very humbling as I know it is financially tough out there so thank you. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU! The Dream Team.

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Coral Winterbourne and team for their gifts of toys to the children as well as Joanne Hughes and her team of toy makers, the looks on the children's faces when receiving often their first toy, priceless! Even the boys sleep with their teddies and are proud of them.



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Name of Donor	Period of Support	Activities Funded
Kings Court Christian School—Duiwelskloof	March 2013-February 2014	Office infrastructure
Kindernothilfe	March 2013 - Feb 2014	Training of parents and Induna's, project costs
National Development Agency	September 2013—August 2014	Food For Life Project, training of adults and children
Lotto	Sept 2013- Aug 2014	Salaries and admin costs
National Development Agency	December 2014-November 2015	Food Security for Parents Committee.

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