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KEEP THE DREAM 196™ Annual Report 2021-22

"Building Tomorrow Today"



Dear Friends and Partners of Keep The Dream196,

Finally we are seeing a return to relative normal after the last two years of chaos and mayhem. I am happy to report that all the children have returned to school however now the serious business of catching up and mitigating the loss of education during these last two years has started.

For those children who were in Pre reception, reception and grade 1, the formative years we are finding many are struggling to gain back what has been lost. The children are graduating each year without having the fundamental skills

necessary to cope with the new years workload. Many children, because of wearing masks, are having serious pronunciation issues and are requiring speech therapy. We have noticed amongst the children there appears to be a general sense of being overwhelmed by school. No doubt a byproduct of the previous two years.

I am pleased to announce that we have been able to gear back up with our programs and reclaim many groups that were previously lost or disbanded due to the covid level restrictions. We also have added a new project which directly addresses the issue of poverty through micro lending and utilizes Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) techniques. Despite covid, hunger was the largest issue confronting people during the last two years. KTD196 was able to introduce Food Parcels, Epap and Community Gardens through Food 4 Life but poverty alleviation was a priority.

Self Help Group Approach (SHGA) enables groups of usually 20 ladies from very poor and impoverished backgrounds to start saving and loaning their own money as a form of cash flow which eventually will grow to the point that the ladies will be able to start small businesses and become financially independent. Not only that but they will be able to join with other SHGA groups to form larger groups called Clusters which will enhance the voice of the poor and enable effective advocating for service delivery and change the current landscape of poor service delivery, inaction by ward councilors and enable women particularly to have a voice.

Organizationally we have employed new staff members to implement the SHGA; finally we have an admin assistant to alleviate staff time running basic errands, cleaning, and creating training manuals; we have updated our website; purchased an old 4x4 to access the rural areas where the roads have deteriorated dramatically due to neglect and poor service delivery.

None of this would be possible with out our God! We know He has provided for all our needs, He has enabled us to survive as an organization through a very difficult time, not just survive but also continue to provide such necessary support to the children we serve. Thank you also to you, for your encouragement, support, provision and care. Thank you for sharing the vision we have for the children we serve. Thank you for helping us make a difference in these wonderful lives and to change the futures of so many children that would otherwise be lost and directionless. I hope you enjoy this report and are excited as we are by the achievements of the children

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."

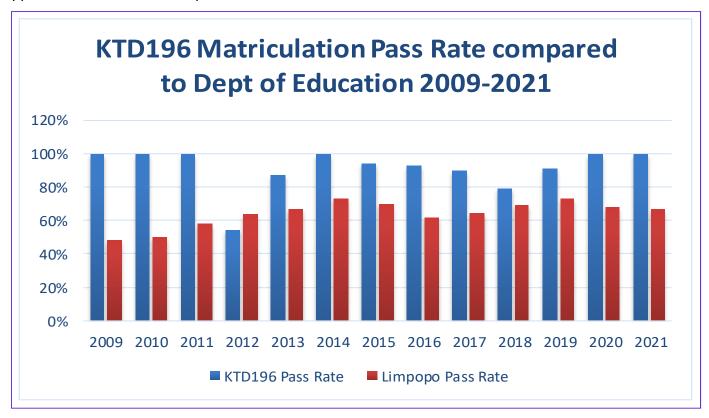
KEEP THE DREAM'S MAIN PROJECTS:

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

Keep The Dream196

The Government schools pass rate for Limpopo is 64% averaged over the last 13yrs, our first matriculants group was in 2009 although we started KTD196 in 2003. Keep The Dream196 pass rate averaged for 13yrs is 91%. 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, naturalists, social workers, acturalists, chartered accountants, engineers (chemical, mechanical and civil), fitters and turners, electricians, plumbers etc. It is definitely exciting, when the young adults apply for jobs or bursaries their community volunteer work through our program puts their applications ahead of many others.



Children's Program

1. Training

Training is an important arm to the work that we do with the children. The children are given opportunities to use these times to advance their own learning, their skills and leadership abilities.

The Annual Challenge for 2021 was once again linked to the Millennium Development Goals:

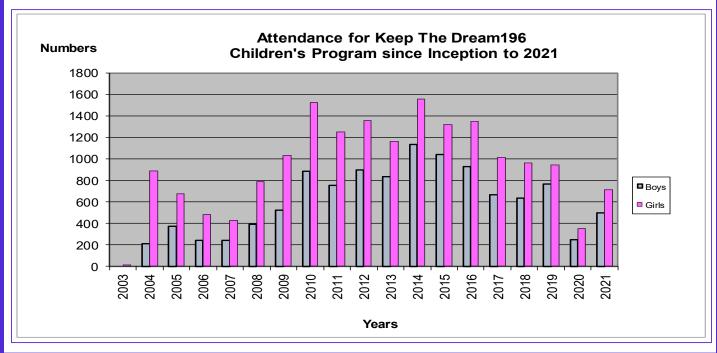
- SDG 5 Gender Equality Diversity Awareness Badges.
- SDG 13 Climate Action Climate change and saving energy
- -SDG14 Life below water Learning about creatures that live below water and how can people affect their lives environment
- -SDG 15 Life on land Learning to take care of the Land (recycling, preventing soil erosion)

We also completed the Tide Turners Challenge which was primarily about saving the oceans however since Limpopo is landlocked we focussed on saving the waterways and pollution prevention.

Community service road restoration







Children's Program

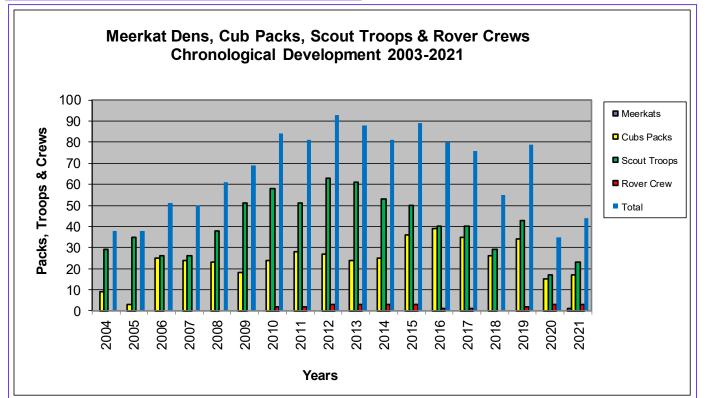
1. Training

Last year I spoke about opening 3 new Rover Crews, this year we have opened a new branch called "Meerkats" for 5-7yr olds. This new branch has their own advancement program, their own law and promise as well as motto. It was so sad to see the little brothers and sisters of the cubs having to watch their siblings having fun and enjoying themselves at cubs while these little ones missed out. We currently have one group in Ba-Phalaborwa but with the expectation this will grow as demand increases and adults invest in the younger ones.

In December we were able to go to camp and we had all the scouts earning badges for their advancement through the program. We also had a Cub Fun Day and invited the Tzaneen Fire and Rescue Team who spent the day showing everyone how to put out fires and what to do if you catch fire. It was a great day of face painting and fun for the young ones.





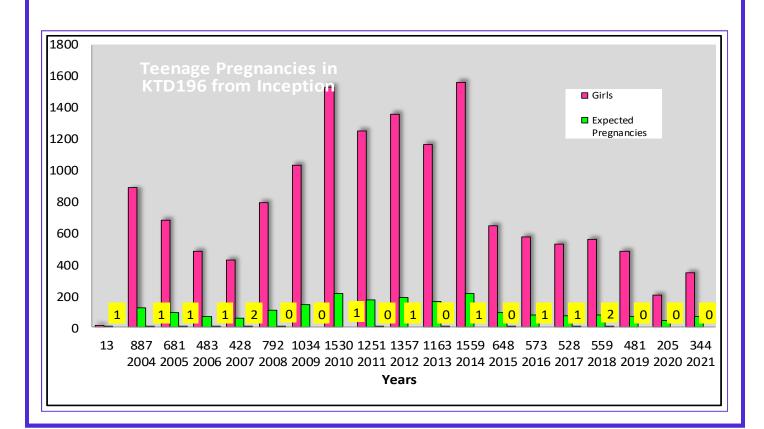


Keep The Dream 196 Children's Program

2. Support

The support we were able to provide we were able to increase during 2021-22 as life after the severe lockdowns started to return to "normal". What was thrilling for us was despite the separation experienced through out 2020 and 2021 the children held fast to their values and beliefs. This was see through the:

- 1. 100% matriculation pass rate experienced in 2020 and 2021
- 2. Last year I spoke about the governments fear concerning a massive increase in teenage pregnancies due to covid, sadly this was realized with the increase from 13% nationally to 20% of all female students under the age of 18yrs of age in Gauteng (other provinces yet to publicize their increase). I am proud to say, we did not have any of our girls become pregnant during this time. I believe it is a testimony to their adherence to their dreams of a better future and their determination to work towards that future combined with the boundaries as Keep The Dream196 we have instilled.
- 3. 0% of our children attempted suicide, there was a lot of media coverage concerning the increase nationally of the suicide rate but sadly I am unable to source actual percentages for this report.
- 4. Crime and gender based violence also was stated to have increased exponentially during covid, the figures to support this were not available however none of our children were involved in crime.
- 5. Although we were able to provide food assistance in the form of Epap, food parcels and Food4Life to families during covid, we now have been able to transition back to a community development focussed program and have implemented Self Help Group Approach which has brought sustainable financial security and there for food security to the families with whom we work. (see page 9).
- 6. In 2021 we had a grand slam celebration we had one child receive her leaping wolf (highest award in Cubs), one young man achieve his springbok award (highest award in Scouts) and one young lady Nkulu Majola achieve her BP award (highest award in Rovers).



Keep The Dream 196 Children's Program 2. Support

Advancement badges due to Covid and lockdowns were very difficult to achieve combined with the number of groups and individual children we lost due to lock downs affected our Star Awards however we persevered and so did the children.

As soon as the limitations were lifted we started reclaiming lost children and lost groups. Sadly, many adults did not want to return to scouting however some who were recipients of the food parcels did volunteer for scouting which is wonderful unexpected consequence. With the introduction of SHGA, which you will read about on page 9, we will be requesting support from the parents to assist the children to go to camp, to register their children in scouts and to also volunteer in the Children's Program.

Throughout covid we were unable to provide training to parents or Induna's or to follow up the training we had done on Community Mapping with the Induna's, through KNH we have commenced a Children's Rights Situational Analysis (CRSA) and this will enable us to make contact with the parents and Induna's and to follow up on previous training and to hold the Induna's accountable for the plans they made in 2019 prior to covid.

As a way to provide more support to the groups, KTD196 has started running advancement and skills days during the weekends to assist the children to gain skills that they would normally acquire during camps. We also have been holding leadership training courses and Spider courses during the weekends, this has enabled the groups to formulate their own plans for development, Star Award success, budgeting and planning for camps later in the year and to work towards the necessary advancement to achieve the highest awards in each category.

Eventually we are hoping to run SHGA with the children to assist them with their own entrepreneurial futures. Unemployment is so high, even those with degree's are struggling to find work, small business is going to be the future, if we can start training children at a young age with an entrepreneurial mind set and skills the future will be brighter for them at least.

		2018	2019	2020	2021
Star Pack (7-10yrs)	Gold	10	6	7	4
	Silver	5	5	5	3
	Bronze	2	7	1	1
	Participation	6	1	2	3
Star Troop (11-18yrs)	Gold	1	5	5	9
	Silver	2	5	1	7
	Bronze	12	10	10	4
	Participation	9	3	1	2
Star Patrol (Individual Groups)	Gold	3	19	7	9
	Silver	9	15	9	3
	Bronze	39	19	12	9
	Participation	18	16	10	13

Children's Program

3. Advocacy and Awareness Raising:

KTD196 is the implementation partner for Scouts South Africa in Limpopo and because of actively lobbying for changes to the national program, KTD196 in 2021 produced three Springbok Scouts the highest national award for scouts. The program now is accessible to rural impoverished children. We also have produced 3 Leaping Wolves, the highest national award for Cubs for the first time in 18yrs. Plus one Baden Powell (BP) award, the highest national award for Rovers. This is a huge deal for Scouts from rural and impoverished areas nationally and KTD196 as the children now have a national program that is equitable and allows all children to participate and achieve regardless of financial position.

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Savhanna Cowden receiving her Leaping Wolf from Angy Malatji the Limpopo Cub Regional Team Co-ordinator and Nkulu Majola the National Chair Cub Program during our September 2021 Awards Ceremony.

Nsuku Mahundla and his granny being presented with his Springbok Award by Elizabeth Mabuza Limpopo Scout Regional Team Co-ordinator and also his Troop Scouter with Gary Pienaar the Chief Scout Commissioner with Louise Batty Provincial Commissioner for Limpopo.



Nkulu Majola receiving her BP Award from Gary Pienaar Chief Scout Commissioner and Andrew Tanner previous Chief Scout Commissioner and the original Provincial Commissioner for Limpopo. Andrew and Sheila Tanner have been instrumental in establishing Scouting in Limpopo Province and it is through their perseverance and hard work that these awards can be given out to the recipients.

Keep The Dream 196 Adult Program 2. Support:

As explained in last years Annual Report the issues confronting KTD196, the staff, the children and their families and communities are many and varied and actually heightened throughout covid:

- 1. Loss of income resulting in hunger
- 2. Increased poverty related to job loss
- 3. Increased food insecurity
- 4. Increased fear and hopelessness.
- 5. Increased destitution

As Keep The Dream196 we were able to respond to all of these needs through the foresight of the management and our ability to pivot from a community development organization to that of temporarily a community welfare organization. Years ago through our partners Sinamandla and Kindernothilfe (KNH)I was exposed to the Self Help Group Approach (SHGA), I am very proud to announce that we were selected through our new partners Dlalanathi and KNH to pilot the SHGA in Greater Tzaneen. Last year we had a target of 5groups of 20 ladies, this year, we have a target of 25 groups plus the original 5groups from 2021.

This program has the potential to ease all the issues identified above using the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) model. The ladies are all the poorest of the poor, they save between R5-10 a week, they then borrow the money available at 10% interest which is added to the kitty for the following week. They use the money initially to bring food security and to get out from underneath the macheroni's or money lenders. The ladies no longer have to go begging for money for school fees, school clothes, food etc. they are the solution to their own problems.

We are now entering an interesting phase where the women are starting to formulate ideas for small business with a cash flow which is readily available. They are starting to dream again, they are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel which has kept them in darkness and filled them with despair and hopelessness.



"Self Help Group has assisted me and my family we are no longer starving, I used to suffer a lot by lending money from loan sharks returning high interests but now I am no longer going there so I feel grateful for being in this group. I even sometimes ask myself where are these people (KTD196) come from."

"I never thought those R10-00 will bring us this far, I'm really grateful to be in the group as I was blind but now I can see through SHG"

"Since I joined this group I'm living better with my family I don't see myself going out asking for maize meal because when we run out of food I know that we will meet with the ladies and they will give me money to buy food."

"We no longer sleep in dark we get money to buy electricity here, we no longer go to loan sharks but we are the ones with little interest. We even learnt to love each other."

Julia is building a chicken house so she can raise chickens for sale and also sell eggs. This structure is better than her current home. She is a foreign national without any income but SHGA.

Keep The Dream 196 VOICE OF THE CHILD



I started scouts in 2003, as one of the children who were in the pilot phase and immediately loved it. I was a scout for 6 years and I have made so many friends. My most precious experience was when I went to Johannesburg for PLTU Course (Patrol Leader Training Unit), we were trained on leadership skills, how to instruct, and first aid. Through the training I discovered my career path, I knew right away that I wanted to work with children. After getting my Social Work degree I started working for Keep The Dream 196, I have been enjoying it because one of my deepest passions is working with children. Through KTD196 I have been given the opportunity to change and amend the National Scouts Programme for children throughout South Africa to make it achievable for children in rural and developing communities.

One of my special moments as a Social Worker was when my colleague and I were helping out at one of the school groups under Keep The Dream 196. I was in charge of the scout group (age 11-15) and it was doing well, the children were coming to the meeting and actively participating. During one of our troop meetings, a school teacher came with a young boy, looking very angry and she didn't know what to do with the boy.

When she came to me her immediate words were "please help us with this little thief, I am tired, the school is tired and you are our last resort". After she said that she didn't even wait for me to respond, she let go of the child and left. Most of the children in the group started rejecting the boy as well because he was a thief and they didn't want any of their stuff to go missing. After the 1st meeting, I asked some of the leaders in the group why they didn't want him in the troop. They explained that the boy was a thief, he steals pens just to throw them away, he lies and he sometimes doesn't sleep at home.

I was very worried that the boy sometimes didn't sleep at home, I had to get more information about him. I decided to go back to the teacher who brought him and asked her to tell me a bit more about the boy she brought to the troop meeting. The teacher explained that the child was basically staying all alone, his mom had a drinking problem and his grandmother sold alcohol as well. The boy practically takes care of himself, he sometimes steals money from his mom not to use it but just to stress his mother. She never attends any parent meetings or cares about how her child is doing academically. The teacher also explained that his grades have been dropping for a while and his mother doesn't care at all.

The following week the boy tried running away from the troop but I called him and asked him to come and he did, I told the other children that we are not perfect and should support each other. The little boy smiled and he asked if he can part of a patrol. He continued coming, he was very active within the troop and I saw how children were starting to accept him and had stopped calling him a thief. The boy started living a positive life, children who were staying next to him explained that he was always home and had started playing soccer. He was no longer stealing from his mother and would sleep at home. Through Keep The Dream 196 I have gained a lot of experience in community development, project management, and training in Gender-Based Violence, and my self-confidence has improved as well.

I have also had the privilege of representing KTD196 at the International level in Thailand and Kenya working on Child Protection Policies because of my Social Work Degree. I am now also working with the World Scout Movement on the Safe Scouting Policy. KTD196 has opened up so many doors for me to grow and develop but also to influence and bring hope and change to others. The children see me and they see that they too can reach their dreams! Thank you KTD196 you will always be my home! - Nkulu

Keep The Dream 196 VOICE OF THE CHILD

Nkululeko 'Nkulu' Majola was the first Rover in the Limpopo Scout Region to obtain the BP Award, which is the highest Award in South African Rovering. I spoke to her about the role KTD196 and Scouting have had in her life and how she feels about making Rover history in Limpopo. 'I come from a small village called Shiluvane in Limpopo.

I joined the Scout Movement way back in 2003 as a Scout when my mother Elizabeth Mabuza introduced me to it", explains Nkulu. "My mother was – and still is – part of the Scouts' family through the partnership with local NGO 'Keep The Dream 196'. Even though I was a child, I could see how the program was impacting my life and so I started being fully involved in 2004. My character was developing gracefully and I realized that I was behaving differently than many other children in my community.

It was clear that I was learning a lot of things like leadership skills, self-leadership, communication skills, project management skills, perseverance, and of course pioneering – where I learned more about ropes and knots", she says with a smile. When Nkulu turned 18yrs she stepped into adult uniform, joined the 'KDT196' team, and started her own Cub Pack for children aged 7-11yrs, plus spearheaded the growth of Cubbing throughout the Limpopo Scout Region once she graduated from university. However, every journey has its challenges and Nkulu has encountered – and overcome – some along the way. "One of my biggest challenges was time management," continues Nkulu. "At some point, I had to juggle academics as a university student and Scouting.

I'm also a bit of an overachiever and so I tried to perfect everything that I did, even things that were beyond my control. So that was challenging at times. But I was able to overcome these challenges by looking at the bigger picture and what I wanted to achieve. I learned that I can do anything I put my mind to." Nkulu remained focused on completing the activities required in order for her to achieve her BP Award.

"I was elated when I was handed my BP Award," she says excitedly. "I felt honoured and appreciated that my hard work and dedication had finally paid off. It also boosted my profile and leadership skills. Rovering is all about service and I am so passionate about community development and about helping children in rural communities to achieve their dreams with the little resources that they have. Some of the activities that I ran within my community included the colour run, career exhibitions, and a recycling project which was done at one of our schools" she adds.

I am now in my professional life leading a team of older ladies as we develop the SHGA in the poorest areas in the Greater Tzaneen. We have 13 groups of 20 women established, plus 5 from last year's pilot phase. It is so exciting to see the women become financially independent and meet their own financial needs. We are starting the next phase of this project where the women starting to identify small businesses with the cash flow they now have. This will catapult them to the next level of financial independence.

I love the work I do, in fact, if I could, I would do this work for free I enjoy it so much. Nkululeko is currently also the Chair of the National Cub program in South Africa. "In addition to achieving my BP Award as a Rover, I also plan on continuing to work together with my Cub team to achieve all our goals and fulfil all my duties. I am working on behalf of the cubs of South Africa to ensure the program is achievable for all children. Moreover, by completing the Personal Bar and Movement Bar within the Rover Programme I have learned that values acquired

in Scouting stay with you and motivate you to do more in life. "All of this was made possible through Louise and my mother Elizabeth and their vision to help orphan and vulnerable children in Limpopo by starting Keep The Dream196, and with your sponsorship!

In South Africa, we have a saying "It takes a village to raise a child!" I hope you are happy with your investment in my life. I am like so many others coming up behind me, I just have the privilege of being the first in our province to be awarded this award, but watch this space, more are coming through thanks to you!"

Thank you so much and God Bless you Nkulu



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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All of you have made Keep The Dream196 as effective as what we are! Together, over the 19yrs, we have been in operation both formally and informally, we have saved lives and futures of the kids we serve. Together we are shaping a nation. Together we are changing futures for individuals and families. We are only as good as the friends and partners we have. Your involvement is making a huge difference in the 16,000 children we have served throughout these 19yrs. I am grateful that you have partnered with us and help us to become the premier children's program in Limpopo.

The following are donors who have given consistently through out the year to the children's program. We are proud to call you friends and family. Anonymous, Mary & Robert Batty, Janet Summers, Helen McDonald, Helen Kenyon, Erika Anear, Cherie Love, Andrew Mullek, Filippo Bagarolo, Elizabeth Mabuza, Thea and Stephen Whittle, Amanda Jayne and John Shepherd, Sharon & Andrew McCann, Catherine How, Jane Pope-Tenant, Vineet Khanna, Simone Classen, Konstantine Ulanov, William West, Anja and Bruce Van Basten, Eric Aman Martin, Shih Shyu, Suzanne and Marty Delsarto, Ariane Caparella, Susan Gail Lamb, Ali Dejalilian, Avani Mheta, Veronica and Robert Moore, Grant Vernon, Stephne Du Rand, Swapna Gouni, Carla Martins, Hanna Jacobson, Farah Shaban, Kevin Levron, Gail Altona,

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Thank you to the Dream Team, that of the Board of KTD196, the staff and of course all the volunteers and children. Together we are realizing our purpose of changing lives, changing families and also communities. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and vision. Thank you for all your hard work and support, it has been a privilege to serve as director for the last 15years.

Finally, thank you to our God without whose vision we would not have a mission. Father you are awesome, you have guided us through a very difficult season and for that I am eternally grateful. God Bless you all!

Louise



Board Report

The past two years in which KTD196 has had to operate through Covid has not been an easy journey, with the many projects and camps only now seeing great revival. However it is still incredible to see the success and empowering work that KTD196 has been able to achieve again since its inception and over the past year.

The success of our students academically, the incredible impact of student development towards moral life-styles, the national SCOUTING AWARDS that have been achieved, the success of the new Rover groups, the "Meerkats" and the Cub programmes, the woman empowerment initiatives (SHGA) and so much more in communities that have suffered so much in the way of poverty. Lives are being transformed through the passionate care and commitment of our leaders and volunteers, who spend hours in the field touching those they work with.

The impact of KTD196 in the community has been exceptional, and continues to grow in its presence through the wonderful team we have serving the organisation. However none of this could have been achieved without the massive donation and support base we have around us. A special mention needs to be made of KNH, Global Giving, Dlalanathi and the countless others, who have been mentioned in our thank you to sponsors and supporters. We continue to serve the community with passion and pray that all of our donors and supporters will continue to believe in the amazing impact KTD196 has had on the community.

Blessings

Fred Hoffman Chairman



The Dream Team:

Elizabeth Mabuza (Program Manager), Nkulu Majola (Project Manager SHGA), Rosemary Nkwashu (Team Leader), Catherine Mushwana (Field Officer) (Top Row)

Angy Malatji, Constance Mpuru, Sevvy Mboweni (Field Officers) and Thabiso Majola (Project Manager) (Middle Row).



Dikeledi Rakabe (SHGA)

Mhloti Phakula (SHGA)

Nomasi Thuketana (Admin Assist)

Louise Batty Director

The Keep The Dream196 Board of Management

This team of people have governed KTD196 effectively through a very difficult period, I just want to honor each one and thank them for their amazing support. You are all very special.



Fred Hoffman



Elizabeth Mabuza



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National Development Agency	March 2021 - April 2022	Covid Prevention and GBV Prevention		















