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KEEP THE DREAM 196™

Annual Report 2013-14

"Building Tomorrow Today"



Dear Friends,

My report this year is going to follow on from last years so as to give you an update of our activities.

In 2012 we employed 3 Rovers, Harry has now returned to school and is doing his NQF level 6 Fitting and Turning. Favor is now working as a Fireman for the Tzaneen municipality. Ronny, after completing an internship with IBM, is now a computer technician for Momentum in Johannesburg. Well done young men. In 2013 we employed Kheto Mongwe as a Rover and Field Officer.

In 2012 I spoke about social franchising, 2013 has been spent preparing all our materials, policies, procedures and franchising agreement in preparation for 2014. We are looking forward to being able to expand the work we are doing into other geographical areas in a professional and effective manner.

In the last Annual Report I spoke about having a mentor, the Fetola Legends program. This has been very successful in providing support, training and advice over the last two years. Unfortunately the program finished in December 2013 however we have agreed to continue our relationship with Fetola and be a part of forming its new Alumni program. Through Fetola we received a lot of print media coverage including the Sawbona In flight Magazine for SAAirlines as well as a number of online web based magazines. These can be reviewed on our web page at www.KeepTheDream196.com

As reported previously Mark McNamara from Australia has cycled from Kampala to Cape Town throughout 2012 to raise awareness and finances for Keep The Dream196. Mark raised in excess of \$14,000AUD which in turn went towards our Global Giving target (an online donation website) of raising \$24,000 which we achieved and are now considered Super Stars and are able to access more donors on regular intervals. Funding is difficult to access and so we are looking at different avenues to meet our needs, Global Giving being one.

In 2013, we implemented the Annual Challenge, through Scouts South Africa, on Children's Rights which will be spoken about later in the report. All cubs, scouts and rovers were involved in this challenge and we out performed all other provinces which is exceptional considering this was a national event.

In August 2013 we said a sad farewell to our German Volunteer Max Krueger who came to assist us for 12months and has now returned home. The work continues to grow and we are seeing a number of older Scouts (Rovers) returning to the province as young adults ready to invest back again into Keep The Dream196 and the children of Greater Tzaneen. The program is becoming more sustainable as more young adults give back.

We have had a lot of adventures in 2013 and all of it made possible by the Keep The Dream196 Team, the KTD196 Board, Fred Hoffman and The Kings Court but also Andrew and Sheila Tanner, your tireless commitment to the work we do is seen in the success's we are achieving for the children of Greater Tzaneen. Thank you is so inadequate. I pray as you read this report, which is a snap shot of what we do, you will be inspired and encouraged, *God Bless* 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

I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of our successes over the years so that you can have a real feel for the work we do.

- 1) Limpopo Province has a teenage pregnancy rate of 13% we have reduced that rate to 0.072% for 11yrs. We should be seeing approximately 170 pregnancies a year. We have had less than one pregnancy per year over the 11yrs. This means we have saved the government R3,078,080 in Child Support Grants alone in 2013.
- 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 themselves from unwanted pregnancies and HIV in the process.
- 3) Limpopo Province has one of the worst for matriculation rates ie 47%- 55%. In 2008, 100% of matriculants in our program passed their matric. In 2009, 100% passed. In 2010, 100% passed. In 2011 89% passed and those who didn't returned to school to try again. In 2012, 54% passed. In 2013 77% passed but students from both years have continued on to technical colleges, tertiary education or returned to improve their marks in secondary school.
- 4) 70% of rural university students drop out in their first year. 10% only of any student demographic graduate their 4yr degree. Our first group of graduates graduated in 2012, 100% graduated. All are employed in the private or government sector. Limpopo has a youth unemployment rate of 48.8%.
- 5) 10% of all natural deaths for children aged between 0-18yrs is suicide related. We have had no suicides in 11yrs
- 6) Non of our children, once they have joined and remain in the program, have been involved with crime or the police
- 7) Non of our children, once they have joined and remain in the program, use alcohol or drugs
- 8) We are currently working with over 2, 000 Children aged between 5-26yrs and 800 parents
- 9) We have now trained over 40 young adults who grew up in the process who have now decided to return as young adult leaders to be a role model and mentor other children.
- 10) We work into 85 different sites around Greater Tzaneen Municipality
- 11) Every child under the age of 18yrs has a birth certificate or Identity Document. This allows them to access free government services ie schooling, health services and also enables them to gain employment for the future.

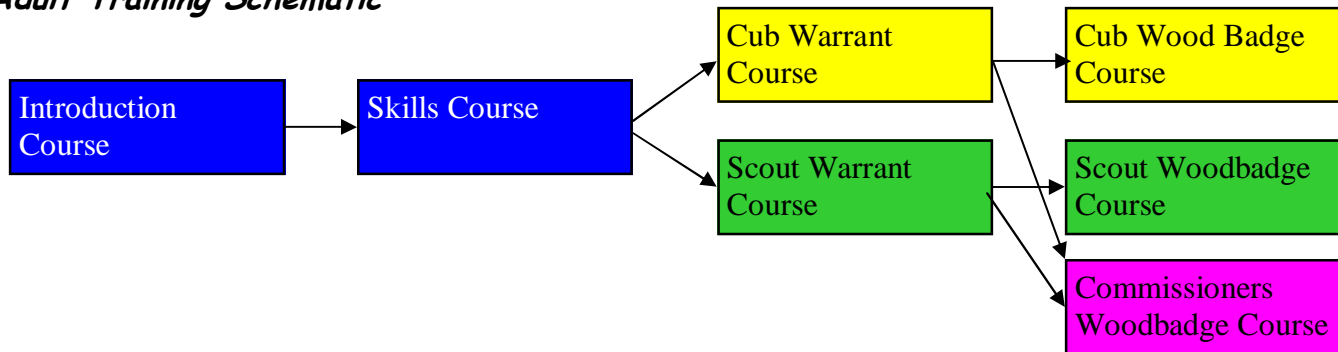


1. Adult Training - Scouter's & KTD196 staff

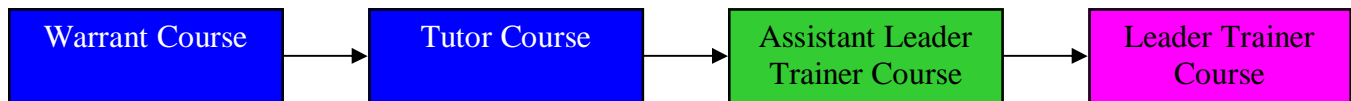
Adult Permit Phase Course - where theory meets fun.

Skills courses enable participants to learn those basic camping and scout related skills for their children to progress through the National advancement process. Camping is a new concept for most, this exercise also allows the Scout Leaders to have much needed time out from their everyday routines. We ran two such courses in 2013 and what was really exciting is one course was 100% Rovers and the second course had over 20% Rover presence, we are becoming more sustainable with every year.

Adult Training Schematic



Adults are systematically encouraged to grow and develop through the different training options available to them. This ensures the training is targeted at their particular needs and the age groups in which they function. In 2013 more Tutors and Assistant Leader Trainers and Leader Trainers were trained in order to add capacity to the Limpopo training team.



1. Adult Training - Parents and Induna's:

Parent Training

As of December 2013, 199 parents were trained in Journey of Life in 2013; 853 parents in total have now been trained in parenting skills. We have over 46 Parent Committees which have been formed since starting this project in 2009. The groups are working well and the Field Officers and Project Manager attend on a monthly basis providing various information as requested by the groups e.g. HIV/AIDS, communication with children, managing difficult behaviour. We have built a partnership with FAMSA to provide Group Therapy and one on one counselling as identified. This has been the result of many parents disclosing their own histories of traumatic abuse.

"I have realized that as parents we also have our own problems and we don't know what to do to help ourselves and end up taking out all our frustrations through our children. I am not a perfect mother and have been treating my children very badly. The training is very good and has been an eye opener for me. I will try and stop shouting and swearing at my children and treat them with respect. I would be very harsh with my children; I never realized the importance of listening. I am going to ask for forgiveness from my children and God. Thank you so much for coming and sharing this information it is truly is a blessing" Nelly Nkambako



Induna Training

We have been working with 66 local Headmen (Induna's) for the past 4 years from Mohlaba and Nwamitwa. We have been amazed at their commitment and openness to KTD196 but also to children and child related issues. This year we were asked to train them in the history of Traditional Leadership and their role in Democracy. In 2013 we branched out to 28 other Induna's from Mogoboya area. This training was very confronting for the Induna's as we travelled through pre-colonialism to colonialism to apartheid and democracy and explored the role of Traditional Leaders over these periods of time.



Many were unaware of the evolution of their role.



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1. Children & Youth Training:

We finished the Food For Life project in 2012-13 with another 250 children participating in the activities. This brings the total number of children who have participated in this project since 2009 to 2,195. This equates to over 6,500 gardens which have been made to reinforce the food security of 2,195 vulnerable families within Greater Tzaneen.

For the first time we have been able to host and run, with support, a Patrol Leader Training Unit course. This is an elite training for Scouts and it has taken us 10yrs to be able to have the necessary Rovers and equipment to implement the training. 20 Scouts attended a 10day intensive leadership training course which trained the Scouts on higher level leadership skills.



Our Rovers (aged between 18-26yrs) all stepped up and ran these camps with support from the Gauteng PLTU team. You might ask "so what?" This means the next generation is here! We are becoming more sustainable! The scout program will continue because we have mentored the next generation of leaders to take over as Troop Scouters and Pack Scouters. We have the next generation no longer in the wings but taking flight and mentoring the 3rd generation who are on their heels. INCREDIBLE!



Nkulu Mabuza attended the Indonesian Messengers for Peace Camp.

I was chosen by Scouts South Africa to represent them in Indonesia because of the role I play as a Rover in my community and because I don't live scouts for 2 hours a week but as a lifestyle. KTD196 played a huge role in my life and my chosen career. I am now an accredited Social Worker employed by KTD196 and I love it. I am able to mentor and encourage the children and youth growing up to have dreams and through KTD196 assistance realise those dreams. Travelling to another country is awesome and now so many other cubs and scouts dream to do just that, they have had their eyes opened to what is possible. This is exciting to live past our own expectations, serving others and bringing hope and dreams into focus for others. Nkululeko Mabuza 1st Shiluvane Pack Scouter and Rover

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.

As mentioned previously we now have a Scout Troop specific monitoring and evaluation tool called a Spider. The Scouts assess 16 different performance areas of their troop and rate their performance on a scale of 0-4 which is predetermined. This forms the base line information. Then the Troop decides what they want to achieve in 1 year and plot that on the graph accordingly. From here the Troops develop an action plan to address the issues identified.

Through the effective implementation of the Spider Tool and the ongoing support in 2013 we were awarded 7 Bronze awards and 1 Silver troop award. Plus 11 Silver and 28 Bronze patrol awards. The packs also have been able to achieve 2 Bronze awards this year. The certificates are difficult to achieve and follow a set of national criteria.

Community Service - Volunteering in the community is an important way in which the children give back to their community. This activity assists the children with earning their Star Awards and also is part of the requirement for the Spider. This year our Rovers applied for funding to run 2 careers days for scouts in year 11&12. They did such an excellent job that Shiluvane Ward Councillor requested a day for the high schools in his ward. Well done Rovers!!!



Parent Committee's - 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. The parents identify their needs and the staff research the information for the following meetings. For example after the Journey of Life training the parents identified their own psychological support needs and those of their children. Other specific training for the parents include: children's rights, human rights, foster care grants, counseling, first aid training, what happens at camp with their children and other more health related information such as diabetes, HIV awareness and prevention, hypertension education. We now have a referral system in place with FAMSA (Families South Africa) for extra support for parents if required.

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);

In 2013, we focused on Children's Rights and ran a project over 12 months including all our Cub, Scouts and Rovers. With each new right the children learnt a practical activity to cement the information.



In the above picture a Rover—Hlulani is demonstrating to the scouts and cubs how to make dirty water clean through filtering. The scouts have made their own shelter using plastic and the cubs have made their own tent using knotting skills and ingenuity with the assistance of the Scouter. Hlulani is a Rover and a Scouter for 1st Petanenge Scout Troop. The children have learnt that every child has a Right to clean water and shelter. Now they are implementing learning through purposely designed scout activities.

My name is Hlulani and I have been a scout since 2009 and I am very proud of what I do. I have earned love, respect, support and mostly I have something to keep me busy day after day. I am a Troop Leader for 1st Mohlaba and I now have developed 1st Petanenge Scout Troop. I am also the Assistant Troop Scouter for 1st Sasekani Troop. Scouts is like my peacemaker because when I think of scouts joy, happiness, smiles, caring and respect appears on my face. The scout trail says that it is our turn to spread the scout message a little bit wider and I am doing so to create friendship and brotherhood amongst our beautiful country. Day after day appreciate the responsibility mum Rose and Akela Zabe who have given me many opportunities. Thank you Keep The Dream196 you have given me courage and I am well motivated, I will keep my dream.

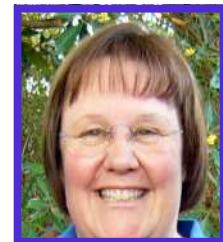
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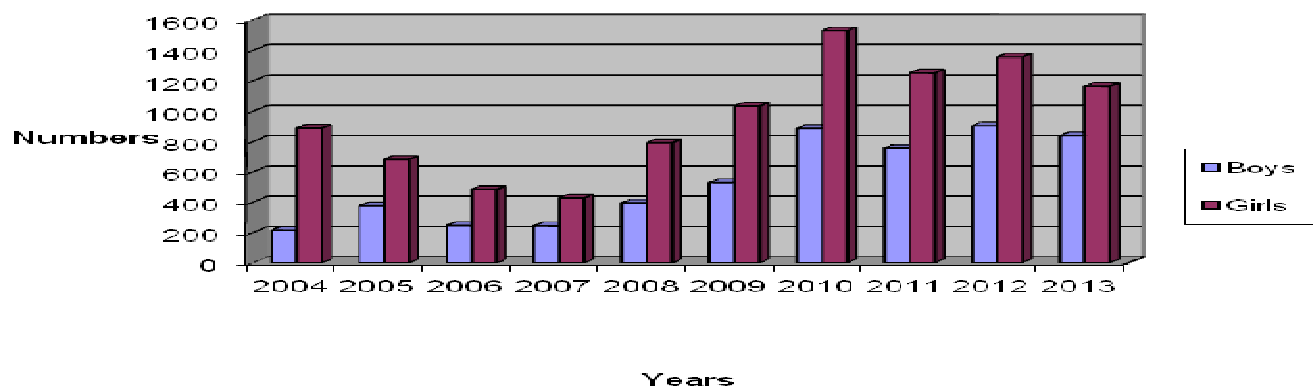
Elizabeth Mabuza, Constance Mpuru & Nkulu Mabuza (Top Row)

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

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



Cub & Scout Attendance from Inception to 2013



Voice of the Child:

My name is Louis Maiwila, I joined scouts in 2004, I am very proud because I was the first boy to join scouts in Keep The Dream196 and I have stayed in Scouts now for 10yrs. When I was 12yrs old my parents divorced, it was a difficult time for me because of circumstances I lived on my own for 4years, my dad only came home on the weekends. Scouts became my family especially Akela Zabe. I was very naughty and aggressive towards my sisters during this time when they came to visit me but when I joined scouts my attitudes changed and I became loving and helpful. Also before I joined scouts I was very shy, I could not talk in front of people but through scouts I have gained confidence to speak to other people even if I don't know them.

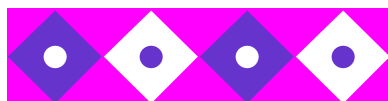
KTD196 has taught me many things such as: leadership skills, working with people, reading a map and compass, hiking, camping but the biggest skill I am proud of is living with confidence.

Through KTD196 we have been given opportunities to go hiking and camping and developing our camp craft skills and increasing our experiences in new environments. Every time we go to camp we are entrusted to come back and share the information with those who didn't go. I have to stand up and talk and train others, this has helped my self confidence and self esteem.

All of my friends that I have grown up with, in Shiluvane village, are involved in drugs and alcohol and doing bad things in the community for example stealing. KTD196 helped me stay away from drugs and alcohol. I have chosen to live the life of a scout and be honest, clean in word thought and deed. My aim is to become a good leader to the young ones in my community. To that end I am now an Assistant Troop Scouter for 1st Shiluvane. Being a part of KTD196 I have learnt you must be honest and be able to responsible for working towards your own future and not wait for someone to do it for you, this is empowering. I feel I have been mentored in a family of people who care about me and want me to succeed.

When I was 16yrs I went to Initiation school and realised that this tradition does not make me a man but undermines the values of family, community and scouting. Scouting and KTD196 has shown me what it means to be a real man. So many young men go to Initiation School and come back twisted believing they are men at aged 13 and can do what they want, drink alcohol, smoke, take drugs and have unprotected sex and make babies. This is not a true man that is why KTD196 work and Scouts are so important.

What I like about KTD196 is that they take all children, no one is refused. We all learn to work together and now I am a leader and a role model and that makes me feel proud of who I am today.



From the Chairman of the Board

Every year when I am asked to make a small contribution to the Annual Report I reflect back over the last 12 months and I am amazed, humbled and also proud of what KTD196 has achieved. It is very difficult to put all my thoughts together for this report mainly because they have achieved so much in just one year. I think one significant achievement is that finally Keep The Dream196 is being recognised by government particularly the Limpopo Premiers Office. We were asked to send a contingent of children to celebrate Youth Day in Durban this year. During the celebration KTD196 was highlighted as a premier youth movement and SABC broadcast the presentation by Nkulu Mabuza on Youth Day. It is rewarding, not for rewards sake, but for all the hard work the Dream Team has put in to the work they do and the real rewards are seen in the lives of the children changed.

Fred Hoffman - Chairman of the Keep The Dream196 Board.

Our Partners

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 people are doing it tough out there so thank you. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU! The Dream Team.

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Thank you to Fetola "Legends" program for all your support, advice and ideas.

This young man is Max Krueger, a German Volunteer who came to us through Welthaus Bielefeld a Government based Volunteer project in Germany. Max spent a year with us on his cultural exchange. During this time Max has assisted us with getting our database up and running. Max returned to Germany in August 2013. He is pictured here with Kheto Mongwe our Rover and Field Officer.

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
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