

NEWSLETTER

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Hello

AGM Chairman's Report on 2023



The Annual General Meeting of the Hillcrest Advice Bureau and Bursary Fund was held on 19 August 2024 as a hybrid meeting, with ten members meeting at Kearsney and four,

including the new members of the Management Committee, Nomfundo Mthembu and Lwazi Kleinboo, attending via Zoom.

The Chairperson Tanya Harvey reported that all projects were continuing to make an impact in the communities of the Valley of 1000 Hills.

The Schools Project providing uniforms and food parcels helps keep learners in school.



The CAO project gives excellent value for money, impacting over 1,700 high school learners in Quintile 2 and 3 schools. The project's success in helping 'high fliers' through the application process has led to a welcome reduction in January applications to the Tertiary Fund, which now gives

priority to CAO Project alumni who do not have relatives who can assist them with the areas of financial shortfall left by NSFAS.



CAO Project and Tertiary fund From Grade 9 to Graduation

The Advice Bureau has seen an improved attitude following meetings with Senior Management at SASSA and Home Affairs branches. The time taken to resolve cases has reduced somewhat now that Nokuthula accompanies clients and advocates for them, however the process can still be extremely slow. One client relied on our food parcels for 2 years before his disability benefit was reinstated.



Our Marketing Team, helped by a donation from Ann and Tanya's old school (Lady Eleanor Holles in Hampton, Middlesex) is slowly bringing HABandBF into the 21st Century and to the attention of the local community. Giving Tuesday on 28 November 2023 launched our Zapper account and branded golf and T-shirts.

The FINANCIAL MATTERS

After posting a deficit in 2022 and drawing on savings, the situation stabilised. Income exceeded expenditure in 2023 and the Auditors were happy to sign that HABandBF is a going concern.

The total received in donations was R1 362 658, and expenditure was R1 308 918. We are working towards building sufficient surplus to cover at least six months expenditure.

Money was spent as follows:

Advice Bureau (telephone, transport and wages): R 115 023

Schools Project (uniforms and food parcels): R 107 500

CAO Project (application fees, emergency support, photocopying and travel): R 38 579

Tertiary Student Support:
University and College fees: R 322 225
Student transport costs: R 248 420
Student accommodation costs: R 187 100
Study expenses (books, computing equipment, Study equipment, data etc): R 80 257

Wages: R 107 450
Communication and social media: R 52 018
Other running costs (bank and accounting charges, accreditations, office expenses): R 42 351
Depreciation: R 7 995

TOTAL R 1 308 918

What is a Section 18A Certificate

- Donors can claim tax deductions for their contributions.
- HAB is recognized for serving the public good.
- It facilitates access to funding from various sources.
- Ensures regulatory compliance.
- Helps secure ongoing financial support for sustainability and growth.

Section 18A certificates can be issued on request. Talk to us if you are interested in sponsoring a bursary to gain BBBEE points.

Dudu Msimanga had been very active in the Marketing portfolio, and we were sorry to see her go but wish her every success in her new position managing Woza Moya for the Hillcrest Aids Centre Trust.

Thanks were recorded: to C&S Accounting, Stimela Consulting, and Netelligent Consulting for services provided; to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, the African Gospel Church, and Kearsney College for donating space and facilities; to the Diapalante Trustees for use of their online funding platform allowing access to the UK Gift Aid scheme; and above all to the Trusts, Charities, Corporates and individuals who donate money, second hand laptops and smartphones, and our team of volunteers who are invaluable to our work. Despite the tragic and untimely death of Martyn Harvey in June 2023 the Team is still strengthening.



Our Newly Appointed Governing Body Members

Lwazi Kleinbooi is an experienced human resources professional with a career spanning nearly three decades, beginning in 1995. Specializing in organizational development and learning and development. Lwazi has worked extensively in both the financial and education sectors. Currently as a principal consultant for BKP Consulting, Lwazi applies deep expertise in developing strategic HR initiatives to improve organizational performance and employee development.



Nomfundo Mthembu is a UKZN graduate and a respected academic, with a Masters in Law and is currently pursuing a PhD in Medical Law. She has a passion for nation building and social justice. Her research interests range widely, centring around reproductive law. She has presented at national and international conferences and served as external reviewer and moderator. HABandBF is proud to count her among our alumnae.



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Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

Barack Obama

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