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Vision Statement

Young people achieving their potential and making positive contributions to their future and society

Mission Statement

At The Johannesburg Children's Home, we believe that child care is not just the provision of food and shelter, but also includes the provision of a special place for a child to be, a home in which he/she can take pride and feel surrounded by love and warmth.

Chairperson's Report

This year is a very significant milestone for The Johannesburg Children's Home, celebrating 125 years of serving societies most vulnerable, our children. Like any other establishment, we had our fair share of trials and tribulations over the decades, but have come through it all stronger and better equipped to render services.

It is a pleasure to announce, that once again, we have obtained a clean audit for the financial year ending 31 March 2018.

The core of our existence, is the 64 children who call The Johannesburg Children's Home, their home. The children come from painful backgrounds, mostly as a result of domestic violence, abuse and neglect. The Johannesburg Children's Home has various programmes in place, to ensure our children are given the best chance to integrate seamlessly into society. The programs have multi-faceted approaches, which include life skills development, confidence building programs and work readiness.

We are cognisant of the tough economic challenges the world is facing. Funding sources for NGO's are limited with some drying up. Individual-giving is also affected due to reduced disposable income. In this climate we thank the Department of Social Development for their continued financial support. We acknowledge the tough task the department has in apportioning limited funds to all deserving NPOs. Much appreciation to the National Lottery Commission for their support; the private sector who have partnered with our home for over a century; and not forgetting the local community and supporters - without you there would be no Home.

Many people contribute to the success of the Children's Home: Our partners in care provide our management team with current research findings, training and skills. The operations department makes it possible for the Children's Home to function at its optimal, the fundraising team working constantly to secure funding. The new social enterprise projects which have been established to generate income from alternative sources, with the vision that the Home can become self-sustaining.

To the Management Team of The Johannesburg Children's Home, under the guidance of Annette Brokensha, you are a pillar to this amazing home. Your passion and dedication surpasses all expectations. To the Board of Directors, it is humbling and refreshing to serve with such a group of energetic, professional and passionate individuals, your continued guidance is priceless.

Lastly, to the staff members of The Johannesburg Children's Home, we are all indebted to you for all your hard work, dedication and relentless efforts. You are an embodiment that to work at an establishment like ours is a calling and not a job, you could have easily found more lucrative employment in the private or public sector, but you chose to look after the society's most vulnerable. You are the best!

Thank you very much to everyone who is making this a reality



Siphso Mdluli
Chairperson

Managing Directors Report

It is a great pleasure to present The Johannesburg Children's Home Annual Report for 2017- 2018.

The Johannesburg Children's Home (JCH) celebrated its 125th birthday this year. The home is steeped in history and rich in stories of successful transitions from painful life experiences to finding comfort and safety. It has been particularly rewarding to receive donations and volunteer support from professionals who grew up at JCH. Their appreciation for the time spent at the home is an encouragement to us all. Our heartfelt thanks go to all of our donors, volunteers and staff who make it possible for children who have experienced so much hurt to be transformed into successful adults.

A special reunion was held to celebrate 125 years of the Home's existence. Many people who grew up here but have never had the chance to return for a visit came to the event and were thrilled to meet old friends. We were regaled with many stories and fond memories.

Our children continue to inspire us to find new ways to make the home successful and sustainable. Their wellbeing and success is our key priority, and thus we have continued to develop our services and income generating ventures which I trust you will enjoy reading about.

CHILD CARE

Once more the children's achievements are cause for celebration. A highlight of our year was the President's Award ceremony which we hosted at our premises. Children from child and youth care centres across the city joined us for a joyful celebration of their achievements. Nine JCH children received their Silver Awards and are actively working on their skills development for the prestigious Gold Award. Three received their bronze certificates.

Some children have been enrolled in further education and training in church youth leadership, photography, graphic design and office administration. The child care department managed, by Linda Madhoyo has done an excellent job in diligently supporting the children to achieve the best they can. We are equally proud of our children and our care workers.

Following the recommendations leading from research done by UJ on youth leaving care we launched our aftercare programme. The young people are very active in their participation and deeply appreciative of the support they are getting. They are providing helpful advice on how we can improve care and are passionate about encouraging children who are still in care to use the opportunities at their disposal. The lessons from this programme is incorporated into our Siya Sebenza (work skills) programme, which is designed to teach children life skills needed to cope in the world.

We continue to run our programmes focusing on the holistic development of our children. The children and care workers work in teams to develop life skills such as team work, confidence, creativity, sharing and public speaking. They implemented spelling bee competitions, cultural days, bead making and sewing, reading circles, sports days and even our very own stall at a craft market. Children sold some of their art, bead work and cupcakes at the market.

The sports programme was boosted by the donation of time by trainers and coaches in karate, aerobics, yoga and soccer. Our soccer and netball teams held their own in the matches against other children's homes.

Many individuals and corporate volunteers have assisted with the programmes. This is encouraging for the care workers, and shows the children that people are prepared to invest in their lives.

Volunteer support for Homework assistance has increased dramatically and we are seeing the results in school reports.

PARTNERS IN CARE

Our team of part time staff members are deeply committed to seeing our children excel in art, in computer use, music and in their remedial classes and therapy. Support programmes are offered by the WITS Occupational Therapy and Speech and Hearing teams.

Caring for the carers is often an overlooked area for sponsorship and yet vitally important. The team carries a heavy burden with each childcare worker supporting up to 10 children at a time. We have had a wonderful opportunity to partner with The Sophiatown Community Psychological Services. They are doing specialised work with the team and are helping us to offer an even richer experience of care to the children.

We are grateful for ongoing medical support from the Charlotte Maxeke Child and Family Unit, Hillbrow Health Precinct, Rahema Moosa Paediatric unit, Tara and the psychiatric unit at Baragwanath Hospital.

Two of our children who left our care have been placed with an organisation called Home Base, an organisation that helps young people with the transition between life in a children's home and the "real world". They are learning about the value of personal integrity, networking and a disciplined lifestyle.

A local church run an exciting youth group for our young people and have offered training and skills to some of our school leavers. Our local church continues to transport our children to church every Sunday and run a regular weekly meeting. The importance of a spiritual grounding has been highlighted by the youth who have left care and thus this service provides direct support for the future success of our children.

The mentorship programme, now managed by JCH, has proved beneficial, and several children are enjoying the support of mentors and are feeling inspired and encouraged to focus on their futures. Our mentors are dedicated and make a significant difference in children's lives.

Many individuals and organisations have partnered with us for fun events or outings with the children which remain highlights in the children's lives. Thank you to all of you.

OPERATIONS

Our operations department runs with great efficiency under Fiona Duke's leadership. The team of experienced and dedicated staff members keep the cottages, kitchen, laundry, vehicles, security and grounds in tip top condition. The team takes great pride in providing for the children's basic needs in preparing healthy meals, clean clothes and ensuring a safe living environment for the children.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to the Johannesburg community for your material support for our operations. We regularly receive donations of food, clothing, furniture, maintenance materials and much, much more.

In the tough economic climate the team did a fantastic job to control expenses and we thank our suppliers who have also been willing to keep increases at a minimum.

We are pleased to report that the roofs of the cottages has been repaired along with the gutters, we extend our sincere thanks to Barrow Construction for donating their expertise.

The borehole continues to function and the water quality is excellent. Regular tests are conducted to ensure safety for consumption.

The gardening team from Life Landscapes, our entire team enjoyed a team building day and extended our food garden. Many corporate teams joined us during Madiba month and planted a generous amount of food.

Life Landscapes continues to support a complete waste food recycling system using Bokashi. We have drastically reduced food waste and are very proud of the fact that we continue to reduce our carbon footprint, we have also started recycling plastic and glass along with all our waste paper.

FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising team under the leadership of Margaret Michaels continues to raise funds to provide for the children's needs. The JCH Board plays an active role in our fundraising efforts.

The home has transparent systems of record keeping, which assures donors that every donation is used carefully to ensure maximum support for the children in our care. The auditors have once again given JCH a clean audit.

We are grateful to our loyal platinum donors for their significant contributions: The National Lotteries Commission has funded us this year. The Gauteng Department of Social Development continues to partner with JCH and we thank them for their support. DGB, the Robert Niven Trust and Elkin Trust continues to support the home. Fresenius Kabi and the Javett Foundation supported tertiary education for our older children. Servochem continued with their programme and upgraded the TV rooms for the children, a private donor gifted each cottage with an HD open view decoder which has brought much entertainment to the children.

We thank every one of our donors – companies and individuals, who have given according to their means. Your donation has given children a safe place to live and grow up in. We are in awe every time we realise how loyally the Johannesburg community supports its children.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

We commend our SE manager Alison McVey and the entire JCH team for setting up 5 small business units to generate income for the home.

The following projects are now in operation:

- Catering platters for meetings and events and meals for training courses.
- We offer a laundry service to the businesses and homes for bulky items like table cloths and bedding.
- An unused building was converted into a comfortable B&B which receives guests from around the world.
- The Westcott Hall on the property can be hired as a very professional training venue, as well as a gorgeous place to have a wedding. We have bookings for the venue well into the second half of the year and the venue was hired for another successful wedding.
- Our small informal charity shop was moved to Queen Street in Kensington at the end of the financial year and now operates as a “proper” second hand shop. The local community continues to donate second hand furniture and goods. Items that we cannot use in the children’s cottages are sold at the shop and we’ve had surprising success.

We are really thrilled that these opportunities also give our children the chance to learn additional skills to prepare them for the world of work.

CONCLUSION

In our 125th year of existence we are reminded of the legacies left by many people that have gone before to establish a successful and sustainable place of care for vulnerable children in Johannesburg. We thank the Board of Directors have ensured continuity and high standards of service delivery in every aspect of the home.

We salute each one of you for your contribution. Together we can continue to assist the children to reach their God-given potential.

Annette Brokensha

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Managing Directo

The Team

MANAGING DIRECTOR	Mrs. A .Brokensha
OFFICE TEAM	
Head of Communications & Fundraising	Ms. M. Michaels
Head of Operations & PR	Ms. F Duke
Fundraising & PR Support	Ms. R. Phiri
Receptionist & Office Support	Ms. S. Mangyane
Financial Accountant	Ms. A.McVey (Outsourced)
SOCIAL WORK TEAM	
Social Work Manager	Ms. L. Madhoyo
Social Worker	Ms. C. Honeywell Ms. K de Allende
CHILD & YOUTH CARE TEAM	
Child & Youth Care Co-ordinator:	Ms. B. Bond
Shift Supervisors	Ms. I. April Ms. N. Skosana
Child & Youth Care Workers	Ms. L. Mabaso Ms. G. Manyakole Ms. N. Mofokeng Ms. G. Mdluli Ms. M. Mlangeni Ms. S. Ngcobo Ms. P. Siavhe Ms. A Siavhe Ms. M Molutsi Ms E Mohlakoane Ms N Pahle Ms. G. Baloyi Ms. K Nyathi Ms. C Madidmalo Ms. T Klaas Mr. P Mothupi Mr. T Nyembe Ms. M Pakkies
SUPPORT TEAM	
Chef	Mr. J Siavhe
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Kitchen Assistants	Ms. V. Motswalo
Laundry Supervisor	Ms. C. Matlala
Laundry Assistants	Ms.L. Ngobeni Ms F. Kula
Drivers	Mr. T. Rampau Mr. P. Mongwe Mr. L. Mtaung
Maintenance Staff	Mr. R. Mongwe
Cleaning Staff	Ms. T. Soga Ms. K Manqele

The History of our Home

The Johannesburg Children's Home, the oldest charitable institution in the City, was founded early in 1892 by a committee formed under the Chairmanship of Mrs. von Brandis, wife of the Landdrost. These women raised funds for the running of a small home opened in Fordsburg. With the proceeds from a Fancy Fair, which totalled £4779, plus an enormous amount of courage, this organisation started its long life of activity.

The expenses for upkeep were met by weekly street collections. To help any and every child in distress it was decided that the Home be entirely "undenominational" and that children of all creeds be admitted.

Soon the need for larger premises arose and eight stands in Twist Street, Hospital Hill, were donated to the committee by the Transvaal Government. While building on this site was developed, 70 children were housed in Beit Street, Doornfontein.

During the South African War friends cared for many children. The remainder of the children were sent with the matron to Verulam, Natal. They were supported by donations of food and clothing from residents there and money from Johannesburg refugees in Natal.

After their return in July 1902, the need for a larger and suitably designed Home became a priority. It was decided that the Twist Street position was unsuitable and the stands were sold back to the Government for £12,000. With this sum, and donations, our present ground in Observatory was acquired.

In 1906 a building, which was opened by the Countess of Selbourne, wife of the Governor-General, was erected and did yeoman service for 30 years. In 1939 a sub-economic loan was received from the Housing Board and in 1941 the children moved into the Children's Home in Observatory.

In 1985 the cottage system was introduced to create a more personal and less institutionalized environment. With exciting and dramatic political change in South Africa, the Home now caters for children of all races between the ages of 3 and 18 years.

Hundreds of children have passed through the Home since its inception in 1892. Many of them have become valuable members of the community and we are confident that those now entrusted to our care will, in turn, play their part in the future of our country.

Statistics

Children	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Registered Capacity	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
Number of children admitted	11	7	6	4	8	11	12	12	13
Number of children released	12	2	2	1	5	6	7	5	9
Number of children re-united with family						4	2	4	7