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OUR VISION & MISSION

Our Vision

Everyone in Masiphumelele will have access to quality education, training, advice and support.

Our Mission

To work with the people of Masiphumelele and key partners, offering opportunities through education and enterprise to help residents progress out of poverty towards a sustainable livelihood.

Our Values

- Utmost **respect** for those we serve and for each other.
- **Participation** in decision making by all those affected by our actions.
- **Empowering** all involved to take ownership of their own development.
- **Integrity** and **transparency** in all our operations.
- Long-term **sustainability**.



MESSAGE FROM OUR MD



SA education is **facing a crisis** and there are urgent calls for improvement from education professionals, especially at the early childhood development (ECD) stage – the key phase of learning for every child.

A new study by the International Association for Evaluation of Education Achievements, Progress in International Reading Literacy, states that **78% of Grade 4 (age 10) pupils in SA are illiterate!** This has raised more concerns over the quality of our education system. It states SA is **not a reading nation**, that SA pupils are amongst the **5 lowest in the world in Maths and Science**.

Working every day in Masiphumelele with teachers and pupils, we focus our work on the key areas of education. In 2017, we continued to provide extensive support to over 10 pre-schools in the township, including informal pre-schools run out of backyard shacks that can go unnoticed. Our ECD programmes are currently **making a difference for more than 600 young children**. We simply must help them to become school ready.

We continue to provide extensive support to the teachers and pupils at Ukhanyo Primary through our English, Maths and Science Labs. Testing conducted by the Western Cape Education Department in Maths and English showed outstanding improved results at the end of 2017. A real cause for celebration for all involved **as the School was honoured with a number of awards!**

We continue to support the Grade 11 & 12 (age 17 to 19) Maths & Science pupils at Masi High through our partnership with Fish Hoek High School. The Grade 12's achieved a **16% increase in the pass rate of Maths**.

I firmly believe that children should have an education **that includes the arts and physical education/sport, where all will benefit, and some will excel**. For many years, we have provided PE and sport programmes at Ukhanyo Primary and for the wider community, but this year we formed a partnership with Vince van der Bijl through partnership with his MCC Masi 750 Sports Club. **The project will bring about significant change at the school that will impact the community at large.**

Our team in Masiphumelele is working hard and I thank you for your interest in and commitment to Masicorp - we all appreciate it.

Milli Firth



Dame Linda Dobbs
Our Patron

OUR PEOPLE



UK Board

Our Board



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Our Management Team



Penny Ramahloko
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Administration Manager



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Sewing Instructor*



Nyameko Nzuzo
*Assistant Manager
Computer Lab*



Nceba Jonas
Sport & PE Coach



Vince van der Bijl
*MCC Masi 750
Sports Club*



Teddy Nyali
Sports Coordinator



Lindelwa Hangana
Masi Educare Principal

SEEDLINGS - Nurturing Pre-School Children

The Early years in a child's life are critical for development, as this is a period of rapid physical, mental, emotional, social, and moral growth. Our objectives are to raise the standard of care and learning outcomes, to provide a high quality education and care, and to prepare and equip children for a successful school career.



UKHANYO PROJECT - Primary Education

Our Maths and English Labs are ongoing and Science Lab is in sustainability. We continue to transfer skills and expertise from teacher to teacher. In partnership with the MCC Masi 750 Sport Club, we have a fully structured sports programme at Ukhanyo. Our English....Please! programme aiming to improve English language skills of children from Masi, is now also available at Simon's Town School.



HIGH HOPES - Secondary Education

At secondary education level, we continue to develop the confidence and mathematical efficiency of Masi High learners in grades 11 and 12, and have added extra science classes this year.



BRIGHT FUTURES - Tertiary Education

Masicorp's support bursary is available to first year university students who have been educated or live in the community of Masiphumelele. The bursary is designed to supplement the state educational NSFAS funding. Each student has a personal mentor to foster a culture of educational and social engagement, as well as the full support of the Bursary team.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Our Business Hub offers entrepreneurs from Masiphumelele and Ocean View support on how to create and run successful businesses. The partnership between Evangeline Ministries and Masicorp continues to offer life skills and training opportunities, and Masicorp provides affordable office space to 18 NGOs on the Chasmay Road Campus.



MASIPHUMELELE LIBRARY

In addition to loaning books to adults and children, Masiphumelele Library supports the growing needs of a continually changing environment with comprehensive education outreach, computer training, and personal development programmes. It does this free of charge to the local community.



COMMUNITY SPORT

The positive power of sport in the development of an individual's physical and mental well-being is well documented. Sport helps build personal confidence, discipline and self-respect, all so vitally important in a poor and disadvantaged community. Our community sport programme is highly successful and much appreciated in Masiphumelele.



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Number of
Projects

68

Number of
Volunteers

8500

Number of
Direct
Beneficiaries

35

Number of
Community
Staff



ECD IN MASI

There are around 6,000 pre-school children living in Masiphumelele, many of whom attend neither a formal Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre, nor one of the many informal crèches. The latter tend to be merely babysitting facilities, where children sit quietly, eat and sleep from early morning till early evening. Often, there are no toys, no books, no ablution facilities, no pictures on the walls and not a sound can be heard.

Our **vision** is to raise the standards of pre-school care and learning outcomes for children aged 0-6 years old in Masi.



Feeding Programmes



Masi ECD Centres

We have continued to build strong relationships and partnerships with donors and partnering NGOs, enabling us to provide feeding programmes, ECD training, as well as support and mentorship to many local centres.

In addition to our flagship Masi Educare, we have been able to assist three ECD centres this year with repairs, renovations, maintenance and registration support. These ECD centres now receive DSD financial support.



Masi Educare

We are honoured to be joined by four new members of staff this year. One of our staff members is training with Cape Town College and four other staff members had the opportunity to attend a 3-day Creative Refresher Programme.

We held four Parents' Meetings this year and all of them were well supported. We are very proud to have such strong relationships with the parents of our learners.

On Heritage Day, everyone got dressed up in their best traditional outfits representing their cultures - such a fun-filled day.

For the Seedlings Overview event, held on 29th October 2017, we invited all our Seedlings Project community partners. Our Pre-Grade R and Grade R's were on their best behaviour and they all performed very well, making us and their parents extremely proud.

We now receive DSD subsidy, making this facility financially self-sustainable.

Lindi Hangana (Principal) is supported by nine ECD practitioners and four support staff, serving 156 children and their families.



Home of Love

Home of love started 2017 with a fresh coat of paint inside and out, and all maintenance issues attended to. The principal and staff continue to run a happy and busy day care centre and all the children and their parents are extremely proud of their beautiful school.

The staff benefited from the support and mentorship of an experienced Montessori teacher and trainer. This support was highly valued and enabled the Montessori trained teacher to implement what she had learnt at college. Customized furniture was made to support the Montessori way of teaching and storing of equipment.

The Home of Love children enjoyed a year-end visit to the Aquarium.

Our special thanks to the FACE Team in the UK, who continue to fundraise to support this school.



Stay & Play

Our Stay & Play group now runs twice a week from the Masi library. These groups target the children, who are not in an ECD centre, offering support to day mothers and the informal crèche sector. Stay & Play provides a morning of stimulating and structured play and activities for a group of 120 children on a regular basis.

These Stay & Play groups are now supported with transport and we have also added an Art Therapy component. With the help of a local Art Therapist, Yandiswa Mazwana, we have had a successful pilot phase and the art therapy has been very well received by both the caregivers and an additional 80 children.



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It has been a very exciting year for Masi Educare. We are confident that we will build on our continued success and move from baby steps to taking giant strides.

Lindi Hangana, Masi Educare Principal

Watch this space

Masicorp has adopted the Educare Centre on Chasmay Road campus with the capacity for 120 children. We will improve the standard at this ECD facility to allow a DSD registration application to be submitted by 31 December 2018.

UKHANYO PROJECT



People around the world

English Hub

In January, a new English team moved into the beautifully refurbished and renamed English Hub. Timeout Creations did a fantastic job giving the room a complete facelift and the Ukhanyo staff and learners love the Hub, visiting often during breaks and after school.

Our primary focus for 2017 has been the six **Grade 3** teachers and their 240 learners. Our goals have been to build relationships with the teachers, to support them as they work through the English FAL curriculum, and to create a resource-rich classroom.

We started an **English Club** for the Grade 5's on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, where we offer a variety of activities in English.

Later in the year we started a **Library Club** for the Grade 7's. They are allowed to borrow from a brand-new collection of books kindly donated by Neil van Blerk (Timeout Creations).



ENGLISH...PLEASE!

Building on the successes at **Fish Hoek** Primary School we were approached by **Simon's Town** Primary School for assistance and, through generous funding, we have been able to assist Gr 4 & 5 pupils with their language skills. Considering that the programme only ran for four months this year in Simon's Town, our results were gratifying with noticeable improvements in pupils' written work and comprehension.

In Fish Hoek, all pupils showed progress in either reading or comprehension. More than half showed an improvement of more than one year in reading age as well as in comprehension.

School Uniforms



In partnership with the Sewing Café



English test scores

The Western Cape Department of Education's annual systemic test results showed an improvement in **English pass rate** for Grade 6 from 16% in 2015 to 70% in 2017.

Masifunde

Masifunde focused on Grade 4 this year and all learners in this Grade were assessed for their ability to read and write in English. About 40% of each class were below standard and selected to participate in our programme, a total of 130 students.

They were taught by six volunteers, with 4 or 5 matched-ability learners in each group. Learners hugely benefit from being taught in small groups, where they also enjoy some much-needed personal attention.



Maths Lab

It was a year of great learning for everyone involved in the Maths Lab. The Grade 3 teachers witnessed the dramatic improvements of Grade 4 students in 2016 and requested that we help them this year.

The goal of Scott and Laurie Smith has always been to leave a sustainable Maths Lab after their eventual return to the States. Maths Lab Assistant, Nokuthula Gomba, aptly runs the Lab with Grade 3 teachers. Despite the greatly reduced availability of the Smiths due to illness, we are thrilled to see 75% of Grade 3's pass their 3rd quarter Maths exams!

In Grade 3, we worked with six teachers and 240 students in the main Maths Lab. In Grade 4 with three Maths teachers and 260 students in classrooms, as well as special intervention instruction with 75 students.



Maths test scores

*The Western Cape Department of Education's annual systemic test results showed an improvement in **Maths pass rate** for Grade 3 from 38% in 2015 to 81% in 2017. In the same period, Grade 6 improved from 36% to 79%.*



Science Lab

Our Science Lab is in sustainability. This year the Science Teachers requested a Lab Assistant to help them with managing the facility and the setting out of the practical lessons. In addition, we sent 12 pupils to participate in a school challenge at the Cape Town Science Centre.

Sport

Physical education is a crucial part of every child's learning and as such, Masicorp has had a sports programme in place at Ukhanyo Primary School for many years.



However, in August 2017 we launched a new project in partnership with the MCC Masi 750 Sports Club, led by Vince van der Bijl. Through this fully structured sports programme at Ukhanyo Primary School, we give the children an increased sense of self-belief, purpose, teamwork, honour, discipline, and physical and emotional wellbeing.

In partnership, we built three state-of-the-art artificial surfaced cricket nets. Teddy Nyali, the sports coordinator and two part-time cricket coaches have been employed, and seven staff members have volunteered to assist coaching, raising the number of coaches to 15! All sports are coached daily Monday to Thursday, and netball, rugby and cricket are played year-round.

Equipment and playing kit for cricket, rugby, netball and athletics have been purchased, as well as funds made available for transport for away matches and practices (due to the lack of sports facilities at the school).

In addition, 22 bikes have been donated by BenBikes, Pedal Power, Cape Town Cycle Tour Trust and Qhubeka, as well as 10 bikes for the coaches.



Sport participation

Since August 2017, 336 learners participated in after-school sports, an increase of 30%. The sports coaching staff has more than doubled and 7 cricket teams have represented Ukhanyo for the first time.



EXTRA MATHS

Masicorp in partnership with Fish Hoek High School (FHHS) offer extra support in Maths to 45 pupils in Grade 11 and 12 from Masi High School. Each week on Thursday from 15.30-16.30 hrs and on Saturday from 12.00-14.00 hrs, the grades 11 & 12 of Masiphumelele High, link up with the learners of FHHS to attend extra lessons at workshops based at FHHS. The pupils are transported by taxi to the school.

Prepared lessons on set exam subjects were covered, worksheets and memorandum distributed, special PowerPoint material was presented, and examples given. The teaching team is headed up by Rob Douglas of FHHS, together with up to 5 volunteer teachers.



**Maths & Science
Test Scores**

*Although not all learners from Masi High participated in the extra Maths & Science programme, Grade 12 **Maths pass rate** improved from 42% in 2016 to 58% in 2017.*

*Grade 12 **Science pass rate** was 56% in 2017.*



In the third term, soup and sandwiches became part of the Thursday sessions with the generous support of Fish Hoek **Pick n Pay**, prepared and served by the FHHS catering learners. A real morale booster and enjoyed by all.



Extra Science

Success in Maths alone is unfortunately insufficient to gain entrance to many university courses in disciplines, such as medicine, engineering, science and architecture. For this reason, we felt it necessary to compliment the excellent work done by Rob Douglas in tutoring Maths, by offering the same students additional help and support in Science.

One of our volunteers (Filippo Faralla) approached Tandie Mzileni, the Science teacher at Masi High, to test her interest and willingness to extend the after-hours tutoring for Grade 12 to include Physical Science.

She was extremely enthusiastic about the idea and extra Science classes started in the final term of this year. About an hour each Wednesday afternoon was spent revising scientific concepts with the students and testing their understanding using past exam questions.



19

Total number of
continuing
students

2

Number of
graduates in
2017

Challenges & Successes

With the new financial rules kicking off this academic year, i.e. Masicorp is no longer providing loans for private accommodation and subsistence allowance, our students adjusted very well. Most of them successfully obtained a place in Res. We realised however the vital importance of the monthly subsistence allowance and Masicorp decided to gift this to all our students in 2017.

With the uncertainty of the ongoing #FeesMustFall movement and the changes in the financial management of the programme, the bursary team decided to postpone the intake of new students for one year.

Despite these challenges, we met all our students face-to-face during January and July 2017 review meetings, albeit some of the January reviews were postponed until the Easter break.

In July, we organised a well-attended and successful student & mentor social gathering to celebrate successes and bring all people involved closer together.

The bursaries support our students with among others textbooks, stationary, work clothing, extra tuition sessions, transport, and non-university courses.

4

Total number of
discontinuing
students

R200k

Gifted amount for
subsistence
allowance

BURSARY

We saw two of our students graduate, Khuselo Mchithakali with an Agricultural degree and Nosipiwo Bokwe with a Nursing degree, both from the Cape Town University of Technology. Congratulations!

Nineteen students continued their studies in degree courses ranging from Accounting to Mechanical Engineering and Social Work to Geography. Most of our students study at University of the Western Cape, Cape Town University of Technology, and Stellenbosch University.



In partnership with Cape Town based tour operator Absolut Afrika and the **Pack for a Purpose** initiative, our students have benefitted with a wide range of stationery gifted by the mostly German tourists travelling with this tour operator. They have among others received writing paper, pens and pencils, and 16 Gig memory flash drives.



In February, some of our US and UK fundraising teams visiting Masicorp, met with many of our **Alumni students**. Our Alumni are now all working and are very keen to start giving back to the Masi community. They have started by working closely with Masi High School and mentoring their students.



Chasmay Road Campus

The Chasmay Road Campus provides a safe, secure and affordable home for Masicorp as well as a host of other NGOs, including empowering disadvantaged women, teaching the violin, enthusing young people through cycling and soccer, education and skills training, and sewing.

The site is owned by the City of Cape Town and Masicorp takes full responsibility for the management of the site. By August 2017, Chasmay Road Campus achieved 100% occupancy with all available space rented out and already a waiting list of potential tenants.

At present, we have 18 NGOs renting space, including Ubuntu Soccer Academy, Evangeline Life Skill Training, The Sewing Café, AWOL Township Tours, Songeso Jim Cycling Academy, Ithemba Wood Carpentry, The Palm Stringlets Violin group, The Harlequin Foundation, Ikamva Labantu Seniors Club, Masicorp Business Hub, Clarence the Baker, Surfpop, Justice Dolls, Enkosi Craft, Sakhisizwe College Night School, ECD Nursery School, Pixcomm and Zizamele Ceramics.



Business Hub

Three successful training sessions were held that benefitted 24 entrepreneurs, facilitated in partnership with Knowledge 2 Share.

We have continued to assist Nonny's Home Cooking, Zuzoe Enterprises and Nondyebo Art with Administrative help. Zuzoe Enterprises and Nonny's Home Cooking have now repaid our micro-loan, as well as the return on the investment as per our Investment Agreement.

Nonny is restructuring and registering her business, as she managed a successful catering bid with SANParks, with the assistance from the Business Hub.

Lifelong Learning

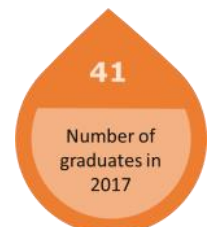
In 2017, **Evangeline Ministries** continued their successful partnerships by selecting 48 students to participate in the bi-annual Life Skills programme. The course runs for 6 months, Monday to Thursday, and includes basic sewing, computer and English language skills.

Forty-one students successfully completed the requirements in 2017 and (mostly women) were awarded a Certificate of Completion and a sewing machine.

Our programme focusses on more than just Life Skills training. We endeavour to provide inspiration to our participants to rise above their circumstances and begin to fulfil their potential.

We also continue to invest in the educational growth of our teachers. Our sewing instructor, Namgamso Dyantyi, successfully completed an Advanced Course in Pattern Making and the computer teacher, Mandela Tshapela, is currently a student herself at the False Bay College, completing a degree in Business Communication.

Working with the Sewing Café, we were pleased to see some of our former graduates involved in local, national and international income-generating projects.



COMMUNITY SPORT

Masicorp continues to provide financial and logistical support to various local sport initiatives, including the part funding of community sports coach Nceba Jonas's salary. In 2017, support was largely focused on providing transport expenses for the 70+ beneficiaries of the Masi football and netball teams, both playing under the name Fish Hoek Pirates.

The netball and football teams are run for various age groups, starting from under 10 year olds up to adult level. Both teams entered into various local tournaments and Masicorp provided support for transport for 50 away games attended

For the netball teams, 30 new sports kits were funded through our organisation.




Computer Lab

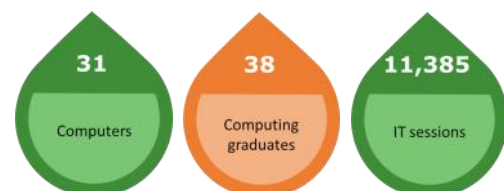
The Computer Lab in the Masi Library offers a range of different computer courses to the Masiphumelele community. In addition, the Computer Lab offers its facilities as an Internet Café, where the public have full access to the Internet and make use of off-line applications, such as Microsoft Office Suite to create CVs and write letters of application.

In 2017, all the hard work paid off for our small team, Nyasha Sithole, Nyameko Nzuzo and Paul Garwi, in the Computer Lab. All the existing programmes have proven to be very successful and the stats show a positive improvement in all. We are especially pleased to see our children's classes showing the highest increase in attendance compared to the previous year.



 With the donation of 11 new computers from a generous local donor during the last quarter of 2017, the time allocated to each computer user has increased tremendously. This generous donation takes the number of computers in our Lab to 31.

We wrapped up this year with a joint graduation for the advanced and children's computer classes, with 18 advanced computer students and 20 children graduating.



Nyasha was invited as a guest speaker at the Innovative Young African Librarian Innovators held in Vilnius, Lithuania. Here he shared how Masiphumelele Library offers outstanding ICT Programmes to its community and how the community benefited.

“ I found out that even though we have unique problems in our libraries and communities, funding is the common problem that affects all ICT programmes initiated in libraries. I also learnt that we are very fortunate to have the facilities we have!

Nyasha Sithole - Computer Lab Manager

OUR FINANCES







Masiphumelele Corporation (SA)

FINANCIAL POSITION			
	Notes	2017	2 016
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets		702 106	791 668
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables		260 583	218 539
Cash and cash equivalents		6 056 029	4 952 383
		6 316 612	5 170 922
Total Assets		7 018 718	5 962 590
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Funds and reserves			
Restricted donations		5 295 759	4 324 913
Retained income		1 644 254	1 633 510
		6 940 013	5 958 423
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		78 705	4 167
Total Equity and Liabilities		7 018 718	5 962 590
Summary of income and movement in reserves			
Donation Income:			
Restricted	2	3 914 738	2 463 366
Unrestricted		1 161 976	650 689
	1	5 076 714	3 114 055
Other Income		1 519 203	1 286 232
Total Income		6 595 917	4 400 287
Expenditure:			
Projects	3	4 864 722	5 850 649
Administration		749 605	661 290
Total Expenditure		5 614 327	6 511 939
Movement in Reserves		981 590	- 2 111 652
Accumulated funds		10 744	- 1 210 495
Reserve for restricted donations		970 846	- 901 157
Operational expenses as percentage of total expenditure		15%	11%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Chasmay Campus property rental income in prior year was included in donations.
Comparative figures have been adjusted.

Note 1 - Donation Income by Source				2017	2016
					
R2.2M	R1.0M	R1.8M	R5.0M		
USA				R 2 209 369	R 832 968
UK				R 1 040 488	R 438 645
RSA				R 1 826 857	R 1 842 442
				R 5 076 714	R 3 114 055

Note 2 - Breakdown of Restricted Donations	2017	
Seedlings - Early Childhood Development	R 722 000	
Ukhanyo Project - Primary Education		
- Learning Labs	R 277 000	
- Sports (MCC 750)	R 660 000	
Sports Build	R 349 000	
High Hopes - Secondary Education	R 218 000	
Bright Futures - Tertiary Education	R 440 000	
Skills Development and Training	R 361 000	
Chasmay Road & Community Support, Library, sport, etc	R 342 000	
Other Education projects	R 546 000	
Total excluding unrestricted donations	R 3 915 000	

Note 3 - Breakdown of Spending for Major Projects	2017	
Seedlings - Early Childhood Development	R 1 117 561	
Ukhanyo Project - Primary Education		
- Learning Labs	R 959 346	
- Sports (MCC 750)	R 216 150	
Sports Build	R 450 468	
High Hopes - Secondary Education, e.g. Masi High & Students	R 201 667	
Bright Futures - Tertiary Education	R 437 861	
Skills Development and Training, e.g. Evangeline, Business enterprise	R 409 587	
Chasmay Road & Community Support, e.g. Library, Community sport	R 839 419	
Other Education projects - English Please, Uniforms	R 232 663	
	R 4 864 722	



STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Fiona Maitland - Deputy MD

Fiona Maitland has a wealth of ECD experience, which she gained from 30 years of working in the sector in both the UK and South Africa. Since returning to South Africa in 2002, she has worked solely with NGOs to develop education and mentorship programmes in communities in and around Cape Town. Fiona joined the Masicorp team in 2014 as head of the Seedlings Programme, our ECD sector. In 2016, Fiona accepted the position of Deputy Managing Director taking on additional managerial responsibilities and supporting our MD, Milli Firth, during an exciting time of rapid growth and development within the organisation. Fiona played a fundamental role in the establishment and opening of Masi Educare, our flagship ECD centre, in 2015.

“It is a privilege to be working with Masicorp and the people of Masiphumelele, a community I hold very close to my heart. I started working with children, parents and teachers in Masiphumelele in 2003 – those children are now matriculating this year. I strongly believe that education is the best route out of poverty and I try to establish that through my work every day.”



During the **Career Exhibition** hosted by Ikamva Youth at **Masiphumelele High School**, we were delighted to be joined by many of the Alumni of our Bursary programme. They were able to inform learners first-hand of the benefits of a university education, as well as specific guidance regarding their specialist courses, including Avile Mabengu on environmental management, Khusele Mchithakali for agriculture, Babalwa Mtshawuli nursing, and Aluncedo Mtengwane on accountancy.

Everyone was able to talk about what to expect at university in terms of student life and the big step up required in terms of learning and understanding the higher level course materials.

Big thank you to Masicorp volunteer Pru Ramsey, an experienced Montessori teacher, who works closely with the **Home of Love** pre-school.

She supports and mentors principal Indiana with the aim to turn HOL into a Montessori school.



Our team of dedicated **mentors** continue to play a vital role in the success of our Bursary programme. They provide our students with a social safety net and ferry them to and from Varsity.

Masicorp would not be able to carry out any of its work in Masiphumelele without the generous help and support of our **68 volunteers**. Neither would we be able to run our organisation without the extensive fundraising efforts in both the USA and UK, and the time the respective overseas boards willingly give to our organisation. Likewise, with our board members in South Africa. Without the commitment from our 35 community staff, we would not be able to deliver our projects and make so many valuable contributions to the community of Masiphumelele. **A big thank you to you all!**



It was another busy year for the fundraising teams in SA, US, UK and the Netherlands. There were two major highlights during the year and both involved our close relationship with the UK. The first was the visit to England and Northern Ireland by our MD Milli Firth in July, culminating in her presentation to invited guests at the House of Lords about the work that Masicorp does, an excellent opportunity for networking and fundraising. The second was the visit of the erstwhile Chief Executive of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), when Masicorp hosted him and many other donors to the sports development project at Ukhanyo Primary School in Masiphumelele.

Derek Brewer came to us through our special partnership with our sports champion, South African cricket icon Vince van der Bijl, who set up the MCC Masi 750 Sports Club last year to raise ongoing funds to provide additional coaches and training, and expansion into many more codes of sport and PE at the school. The Open Day to launch the Club was held on 22 August and around 200 guests were guided round the school to observe the three Learning Labs and sports activities, as well as being entertained to cultural dancers, and performances from the school choir, the Palm Stringlets violin group, and the school's very own Praise Singer. This was such a success that we are planning on additional similar events to underscore the amazing progress and developments at Ukhanyo Primary School.

Our thanks must, as always, go to the fundraisers in the US, UK and the Netherlands, who champion the cause of Masicorp, and of course to all our individual donors and visitors, who continue to spread the message of the challenges and successes far and wide.

We continued with our donor and visitor tours and now have a tourism specialist Shelley Tuck, who organises Volunteer Experiences for which we charge £75 or \$100 up front. The experience offers the opportunity to volunteer in one of the Masicorp education projects, followed by a lunch at Nonny's house in the township.

Thanks to our Director of Communications & Marketing, Dr Paul Giess, we had some success with our new Email Appeals that go out now, twice a year, in which we highlight particular projects by way of a story illustrating a significant need for one project or another. Funds we have so far garnered in this way have been for the English...Please! project, the Bursary Support Fund, and most recently, for the Tracksuit Fund. Our sincere thanks go to some faithful long term personal donors, as well as new friends who are touched by these appeals!

In addition, we have our partnerships with AWOL Tours, whereby we gain R50 per tourist, and Absolut Tours who provide us with bountiful gifts of stationery and toiletries (as well as some cash donations!) through their Pack for a Purpose project.

The generosity of individuals, corporates and Trusts keeps our wheels not only turning, but well oiled.

The need, nevertheless, continues to grow, so please continue to support us!

Carol Hanks
Director Development



Funding priorities

Chasmay Educare Project: ZAR 450,000

Refurbishment of an existing pre-school on the Chasmay Road Campus, bringing it up to at least DSD minimum standards and making it financially sustainable.

Ukhanyo Primary Education: ZAR 1.9 million

Our support to Ukhanyo includes building teaching capacity with the Learning Labs for Maths, Science and English, expanding the physical sports facilities, and our Stay Warm for Winter tracksuit support programme.

Literacy Programmes: ZAR 210,000

Our Literacy programme supports English...Please! and MasiFunde, both aimed at assisting learners from non-English home-language backgrounds, to improve their English reading and writing skills.

Further Education & Training: ZAR 900,000

This funding stream supports the Masi community in adult education and skills development, with our Tertiary Education Bursary Programme, the Life Skills programme in partnership with Evangeline Ministries, and Masi Library Computer Lab.

MASICORP IN NUMBERS



8,500 Direct beneficiaries
18 NGOs



English....Please!
44 Learners in two schools
45 mins Lessons per week
Improved reading comprehension



Clothing
130 Tracksuits in partnership with Sewing Café



R 1.8 mil SA 2017 donations
R 2.2 mil US 2017 donations
R 1.0 mil UK 2017 donations



Maths Lab
9 Grade 3 & 4 teachers
575 Students in Grades 3 & 4
From 38% to 81% Maths pass rate in Grade 3



Community Sport
70+ beneficiaries
50 Away games attended
30 Netball kits



29 Programmes & projects
68 Volunteers
35 Community staff



English Hub
6 Grade 3 teachers
240 Students in Grade 3
281 Students in after school clubs



Lifelong Learning
19 University students
2 University graduates
41 Life Skills graduates



Sport & PE
1870 pupils receive PE lessons
15 Sports coaches
3 Cricket nets built
336 Learners partake in after school sports programme

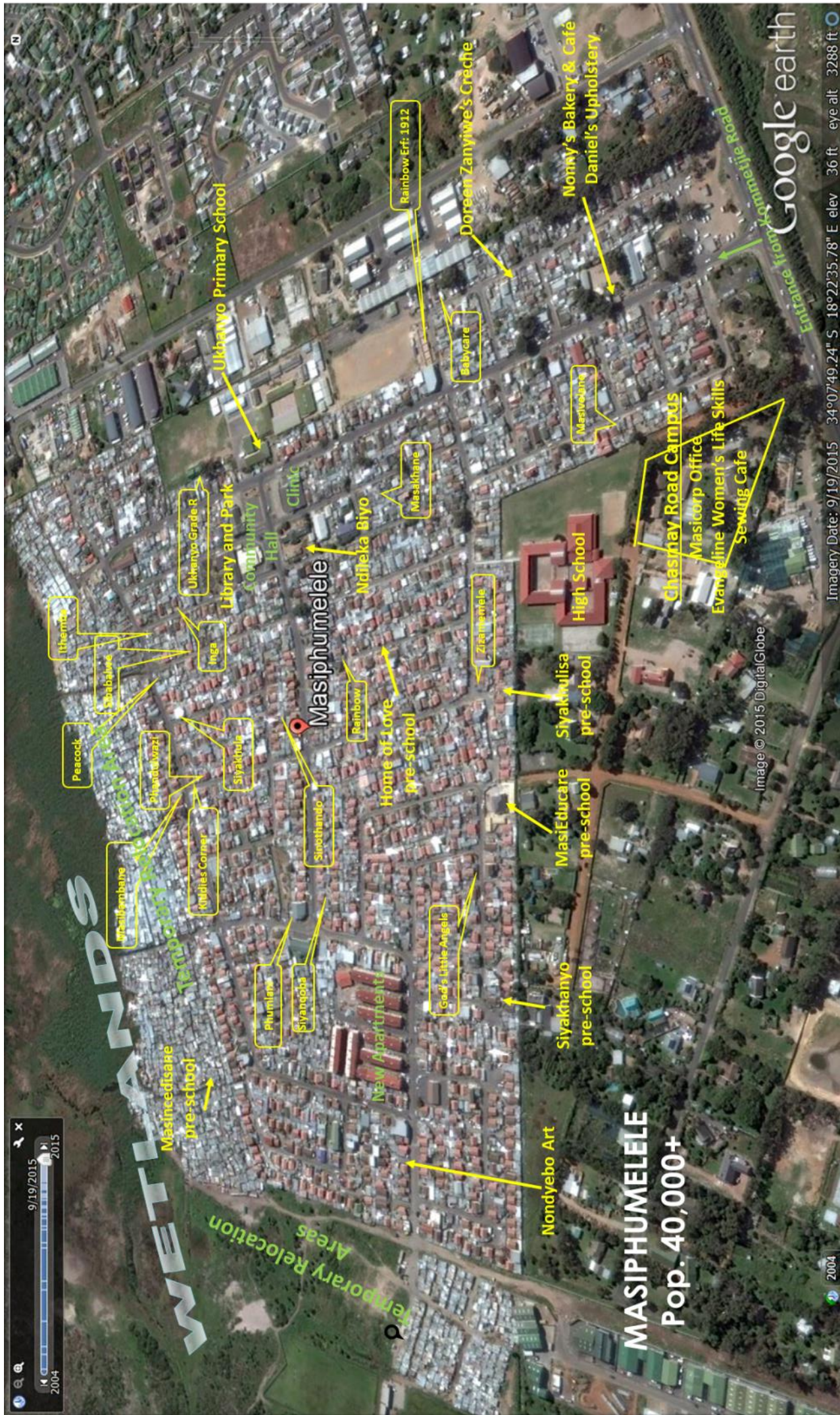


Seedlings
156 Learners in Masi Educare - our flagship EDC centre
120 Children in Stay & Play
80 Children at weekly Art Therapy



Masi Library IT Lab
31 Computers
38 Computing graduates
11,385 IT Sessions







Would you like to join our Masicorp team as a donor, a volunteer or both?

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