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ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

1. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I welcome this opportunity to reflect on the events of 2015/16 financial year at Ikhaya Lothando Community Centre. It had been a period of great transformation of the centre faced with dents and opportunities. On behalf of Tembisa community and on my own behalf being the chairperson of the Board of Ikhaya Lothando Community Centre, I wish to thank fellow board members, all staff members, volunteers, preschool parents, donors, Department of Social development, ward Councillor and community at large.

Good day.

We volunteered our self into a crisis situation by agreeing to be interim board members of the centre. No doubt we went in with our eyes open, but not knowing how big the skeletons are. Everything was in a mess or mess-up by the old board as they showed no love for the centre and not caring about anything.

One person (representing previous board) made hand over to us as interim board. There was no records, no witness and we had to take his word for an answer and had to trust him. As people with interests of the centre we accepted what was handed over and moved forward. There were no audited financial statements available to us. In the same way we took it upon our self to work with what we have and furthermore, there were no funds in the bank. As shocking as it sound, we had to start from zero to what we have as seen today in the treasure's report. For more details see the treasure report. There was no exciting donors. All donors had closed doors on the centre but, after the legitimatisation of the board, talks with donors were started.

We played a role to restore the trust relationship and are hoping to keep it in the same way with the department of social development and all of you as our stake holders. We are prepared to fight any indicators who tries to spoil it again.

We encountered a huge outstanding electricity bill. This part of the skeletons was so big in our view. It nearly paralyse majority of us it was over +- R200 000.00. What is great in our team was not what we sow but what we are hoping to achieve with this centre in the near future. We than took the bull by its horn.

The short part to explain this is that the centre did not exist in the sight of the law. We had started process to take corrective measures as this will hinder all process and any advancement which are planned.

We accumulated a back log of shortages and un paid staff salaries. It was a big thorn that left scares on the staff moral and attitude about working for the centre. We had angry staff with trust relations broken. We were lucky in our own way in motivating them and establishing trust and confidence in us to do things the different way and in the right way, if we enjoy their support. Since we started we leaved up to that promise no staff member ever missed his or her salary. We give thanks to the

department of social development and all people who made sure we remain triumphed in the regard. Having said that we wish to pay better salaries in the future as a centre.

I would like to applaud the Gauteng department of Social Development for its consistent support to the NGO sectors. Thank you for the much needed grants and support shown throughout. We believe the established relationship given to us will go a long way ensuring that opportunities for better life are given to all South African citizens.

To my fellow board members, we have in the past and now demonstrated excellence in our duties as Board members. Thank you.

Finally, on Behalf of Ikhaya Lothando Community Centre, I would like to once again thank all individuals, companies, and organizations which provided valuable social, financial and technical support to Ikhaya Lothando Community Centre.

I hope that Ikhaya Lothando Community Centre continues to provide valuable care and welfare services to the children in and around the Ekurhuleni metropolitan municipality.

Thank you and may God rich you all.

PS H. Bogopane

Chairperson of the Board

2. PROFESSIONAL REPORT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This report covers professional activities carried out during 2015/2016 reporting period. The report comprises of the Pre-school, Child and Youth Care Centre, and the Multi-purpose Centre programs' achievements, challenges and outstanding activities to be accomplished by the Organization.

3. PROGRAMS

3.1 PRE-SCHOOL

The preschool is registered to cater for 124 children between the ages of 6months to 6 years.

In this financial year we cared for 56 children with 13 children out of this number graduated to enrol in grade 1. To foster growth and development, the Preschool undertook an educational trip to Dries Nimandt recreational park and Johannesburg Zoo.

The preschool facility employs three professional teachers and two other staff members. We took turns to involve parents and volunteers in our program to complement delivery of quality service.

The preschool received donations from Procure All in a form of foods which we found handy for our children. Mr Gram Hewett also donated with Christmas treats to all children in the pre-school.

The pre-school survived this financial year through the subsidy from the Department of Social Development and other methods of fundraising such as school fees.

We provided a safe haven for children when parents were at work. Children received early child hood stimulation and pre-school education. We play a role in promoting socialisation through recreation and play with other kids and we provided them with two nutritional meals per day.

We therefore appeal to you that the Preschool needs more children since we have vacancies to accommodate more children. Through your advocacy and cooperation we shall reach our targets.

3.2 CHILDREN'S HOME

The children's home was not operational during this financial year. However, the centre was in the process to make it re-operate again. The centre appointed a professional social worker in order to enable the registration and renovation processes to be alive and possible. Throughout this financial year, this official was busy with the registration documents for compliance with the municipality and the Department of Social Development.

Two dormitories were renovated and are now in good condition. One dormitory was fully furnished and ready to house young persons.

A number of inspectors came to conduct inspection as per their jurisdiction. They did not object the initiative of housing children in these dormitories but insisted to assist where they identified gaps.

The centre advertised posts for the child and youth care workers and conducted interviews. Three were appointed on a temporary contract pending the admission of children.

3.3 PLANS FOR THE CHILDREN'S HOME

The children's home intends to accommodate 15 to 24 children between the ages of 12 to 18 years. We wish to report that the children's home is registered conditionally and is legible to accommodate young male persons as prescribed by the Children's Act 38 Of 2005.

It is by law that we only house the children who are in need of care and protection. This is followed after an intensive screening process by the field social worker in the admission conference.

The children's home will provide them food, shelter, taking them to school, looking at their medical needs, social functioning, and psychosocial support and counselling.

Without government subsidy it will be impossible to cater for all of this services and, we therefore we appeal to all of you as community, corporates, Non-governmental organizations and business to partner with us and assist where you can.

3.4 THE MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE

The centre had five tenants that were renting office spaces within our premise. Thus, the tenants' rentals assisted the centre to cover some of its expenses such as municipality bills etc.

The previous centre manager and the social worker attended community engagement and strategic planning workshops in Pretoria organised by the board.

The centre has a bakery that was used by a co-operative and it is now available for business rental.

The community supported the centre by booking the hall for different activities which is one of our fundraising methods.

The centre tried to establish security measures such as alarm system but did not prosper due to financial constraints. Due to this, the centre suffered a number of burglaries and office equipments were stolen.

4. THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS IN CAS OR KIND

1. Department of Social Development
2. Procure All
3. Gram Hewett
4. Parents for pre-school children
5. Our tenants
6. Management Board