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Light from Africa
Lighting the flames of creativity and hope in young lives

From the Desk of the Director

It has been a busy time at the Light From Africa Foundation (LFAF), and we are excited to introduce you to our newsletter - a new channel we will be using to share quarterly updates and new programme developments.



We are also thrilled to present you with a summary snapshot of our mid-year performance. *All data reported is up until 31 May 2022.*

We hope you enjoy the content and are as delighted as we are on the progress we have made in inspiring and transforming the lives of communities across the Western Cape, in South Africa.

We could not have done this without **YOU!** Thank You. Dankie. Enkosi.

Almarie Pelser Director,
LFAF

Mid-Year Impact Report

We are delighted to share our mid-year results for 2022. By the end of May, we successfully served **4,284** direct and indirect beneficiaries through our various programmes. **3,728** of this total, were youth participants. Seventy percent of all beneficiaries reached were female, and 86% were youth.

Below is a breakdown of our reach numbers per project. Thank you for helping us ignite the flames of hope and creativity in our youth!

LIGHT FROM AFRICA MID-YEAR IMPACT REPORT AUGUST 2022	URBAN ART ENRICHMENT 15 SCHOOLS 43 SESSIONS 1,504 CHILDREN	ART BURSARIES 2 SCHOOLS 20 SESSIONS 2 STUDENTS	CARE OF THE CARERS 18 SESSIONS 18 NPOs/HOMES 238 ADULTS 57 CHILDREN	FUTURE MALE LEADERS 2 SCHOOLS 21 SESSIONS 33 BOYS
	FUTURE FEMALE LEADERS 2 SCHOOLS 29 SESSIONS 40 GIRLS	RURAL ART ENRICHMENT 2 SCHOOLS 60 SESSIONS 460 CHILDREN	NEEDLECRAFT 2 SCHOOLS 60 SESSIONS 266 CHILDREN	ADULT COMPUTER OUTREACH 56 SESSIONS 24 ADULTS
	SCHOOL COMPUTER OUTREACH 2 SCHOOLS DAILY SESSIONS 457 CHILDREN	MUSIC 1 SCHOOL DAILY SESSIONS	CHOIR 52 CHILDREN RECORDER 29 CHILDREN	FOOD GARDENS 2 SCHOOLS 868 CHILDREN 294 ADULTS

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Youth Month in Focus

Holiday Programme Inspires Awareness and Creativity



Caption: A few of our youth beneficiaries who participated in the June School Holiday Programme in Suurbraak.

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The week was spent creating an awareness of our natural resources. The children enjoyed a walk along the Buffeljags River and learnt about the Burchell's Redfin, commonly known as the 'Roovierkie'. This fish is critically endangered and is endemic to the Western Cape. It can be found in the Breede and Tradouw rivers.

Under the guidance of our Art Facilitator, Charl (Junior), the children were encouraged to make their own version of the 'roovierkie'.

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Mandela Day

Youth Gather to Clean Up Buffeljags River

On Monday, the 18th July, we commemorated Nelson Mandela's legacy by dedicating 67 minutes to clean up the Buffeljags River in Suurbraak. The day was primarily focused on raising environmental awareness amongst the youth, who were also treated to some exciting and fun activities. The day started with a parade displaying all the puppets made by the children during the holiday programme, of the critically endangered endemic Burchell's Red Finned fish (Roovierkie).

Much to the delight of local visitors and guests, the children sang songs, listened to the fable of the Suurbraak mermaid, and enjoyed themselves with Oom Piet from Net Vir Pret. This was followed by the river clean up.

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Children on the Day.

Caption: Project Volunteer Lynne Roscoe with some of the youth at the Mandela Day river clean-up event.

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VIDEO FEATURE:

One of the highlights on Mandela Day was a special rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" by 10-year-old Suzairiah Jacobs, who lives in Barrydale.

She was supported by dancers from community-based organisation, Net Vir Pret, who gave thanks and praise to our ancestors for the River, and pledging to care for it.

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London Networking Event:



Caption: Rupert Pardoe, Anthony Record and Hamish Sinclair

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Anthony was recognised and honoured by Bishops for his philanthropy, receiving the Robert Gray Award in 2020. It seemed therefore a good confluence of Bishops, OD and charity streams to host a dinner for ODs and friends for him to share the work of Light From Africa Foundation.

Joining him on the night and to share more insight into the charity's work in South Africa, were Godfrey Hendrickse and Lynne Roscoe. They presented first-hand accounts of LFAF's work in pictures and video, which was received with enthusiasm, and many more valuable Friends of Light from Africa were made.



LEFT: Lucinda Palmer and Magda Wierzycka
CENTRE: Lynne Roscoe, Godfrey Hendrickse, Rupert and Carole Record
RIGHT: Maida Shivik, Caelim Parkes and Simon Reader

Project Updates

LFAF Welcomes Baphumelele Fountain of Hope as Urban Food Gardens Partner

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Caption: Baphumelele's Owen Mdllele inspecting the organisation's vegetable garden project in Philippi, Cape Town.

We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Baphumelele Fountain of Hope to scale up our Urban Food Gardens and youth leadership programmes in the Western Cape.

Baphumelele Fountain of Hope is based in Phillippi township and supports young people aged 18-21 who are not in formal school and who are unemployed, by offering them skills development and training, and access to sustainable livelihood programmes.

After meeting with the inspiring Owen Mdllele from Baphumelele, we are excited to support their vegetable garden, and will now provide them with seedlings. We will also start a youth leadership project which will be facilitated by our talented Andile Ndikandika.

We are excited about this partnership and its programming potential.

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"If music be the food of love, play on!" That is exactly what the children at Mullersrus Primary had taken heed of!

With the support of the LFAF, the four month old choir has gone from strength to strength, clinching a well deserved silver medal at the Eisteddfod and now they are hoping to make their way to Artscape for another competition.

There is no stopping these young musicians now.



The school choir having secured a silver award, second place, at the Worcester Eisteddfod in May.



Our young musicians performed the South African National Anthem at the opening of the Desmond Tutu Library in Swellendam, and they wowed the crowd!



The choir also performed at the school cultural evening.

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