

Light From Africa Foundation

LIGHTING FLAMES OF CREATIVITY AND HOPE IN YOUNG LIVES



A Heartfelt Thank You for an Exceptional Year

As we approach the end of 2023, I am filled with gratitude and joy as I reflect on the remarkable journey the Light From Africa Foundation has had this year.

We've collectively made a positive impact on the lives of individuals across our rural and urban project streams, not only transforming communities but also laying the foundation for a brighter future.

The spectrum of our efforts reflects our dedication to addressing the diverse needs of the communities we serve. We are proud of being able to launch new, exciting, and sustainable initiatives - from rural school libraries to community food gardens. We were also able to facilitate educational and awareness training on important issues such as water safety and taking pride in one's community through clean-up drives.

Another highlight of our year was the youth-led activities over the school holidays, and the leadership and capacity-building workshops for caregivers, teenagers, and young adults. These initiatives have not only empowered the younger generation but have also fostered a sense of community and resilience.

Additionally, we are thrilled to share that our partnerships with like-minded organisations have grown stronger, paving the way for even more collaborative endeavours in the coming year.

These partnerships have been instrumental in amplifying the impact of our projects and have created a network of support that will undoubtedly contribute to the sustained success of our mission.

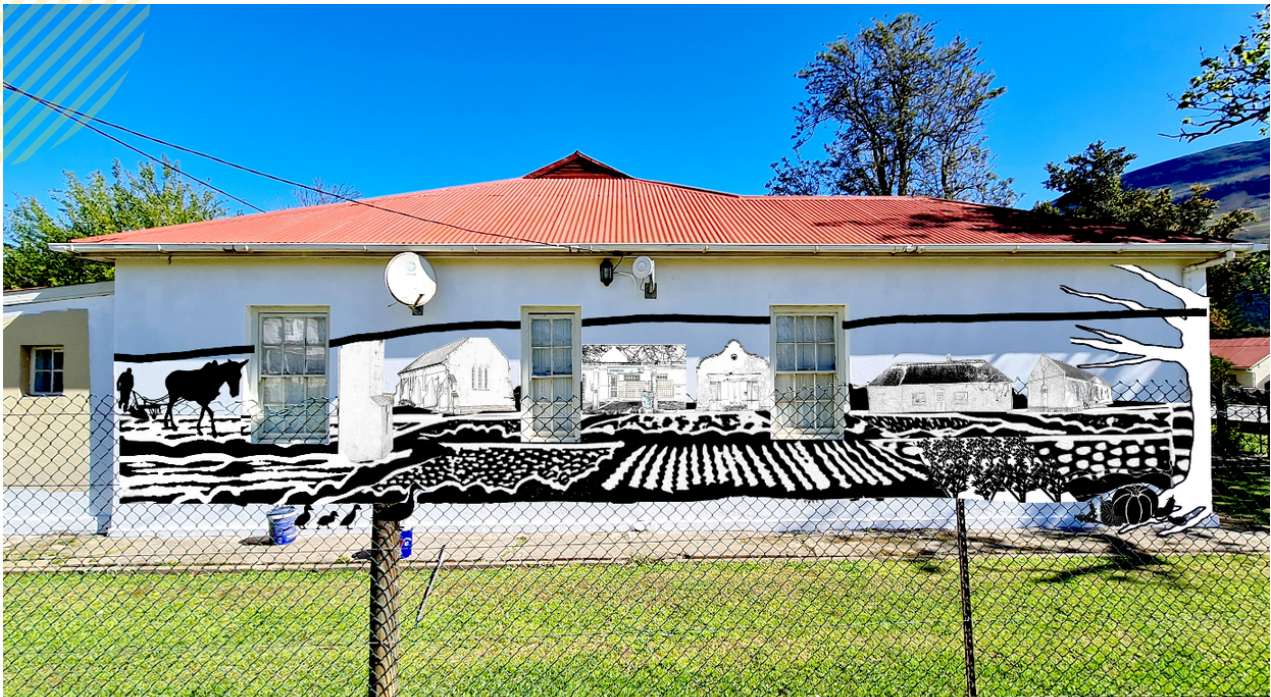
A special note of appreciation goes out to the remarkable team at Light From Africa Foundation – the management, staff, facilitators, and volunteers – whose unwavering dedication and selflessness have been the driving force behind our success in 2023. Your collective commitment has illuminated the path for positive change, and we are profoundly grateful for each one of you. Thank you for your tireless efforts and boundless compassion.

As we express our gratitude, we also look forward to building on the foundation we've laid in 2023. Your continued support is invaluable, and we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we can continue making a positive difference in the lives of those we are privileged to serve.

Wishing you a joyous festive season and a prosperous New Year.

Almarie Pelsler

Light from Africa Foundation Director



TRUST HOUSE UNDERGOES A MAKEOVER

The Light from Africa Foundation (LFA), in partnership with the Peter Clarke Art Centre (PCAC), facilitated and orchestrated two creative arts workshops for Grade 6 and 7 learners from Suurbraak Primary in September. These workshops marked the initiation of a transformative process aimed at revamping the LFA Trust House, through the creation of a Collective ARTS Mural.

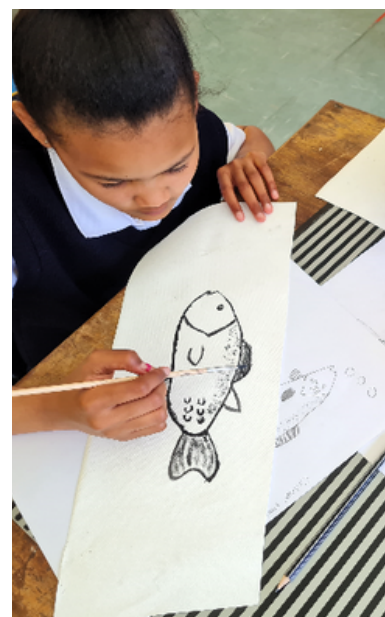
The initiative sought to empower both learners and community members, providing an opportunity for them to showcase their talents and contribute to the enhancement of the community's aesthetics.

Our primary focus was to breathe new life into the Suurbraak community by fostering the development of a collective arts mural. This endeavour aimed at encouraging creative exploration, instilling pride in the local environment, and deepening connections to Suurbraak's rich history, folklore, agriculture, and natural beauty.

The mural design serves as a testament to the magnificence of Suurbraak, featuring its oldest architecture, unique churches, animals, traditional ploughing methods, and widespread vegetable farming found in nearly every household. Actively engaging various organizations and groups within the Suurbraak area, the Trust House revamping process extended beyond mural creation.

This ongoing initiative involves the participation of different organizations and groups in Suurbraak, and the initial workshops are just the beginning.

We plan to follow up with at least two more sessions, collaborating with the adult quilting group and other creatives from the community to seamlessly integrate all individual elements into the mural, contributing to the vibrant transformation of Trust House and its surroundings.



LFA SET TO SCALE UP LIBRARY PROJECT WITH THIRD SITE

As we reflect on the past year's achievements, we acknowledge the ongoing journey to empower young minds and create a brighter future through education. We take pride in celebrating a significant milestone achieved in May 2023—the inauguration of the Suurbraak Primary School library and resource centre.

This project, made possible through the collective efforts of generous donors and partners, symbolizes our commitment to advancing literacy efforts in the region. The upgraded Suurbraak Primary School library stands as the second of its kind after LFA opened the Mullersrus Primary School library in 2022. It features interactive reading corners, well-stocked shelves with new reading materials tailored for Grade 1 to Grade 7 learners, and computer facilities to support young students in their research endeavours.

Looking forward, LFA intends to scale up our library project in 2024. We plan to open our third school library at St Theresa's Primary School in Cape Town, continuing our commitment to fostering a love for reading and learning in underprivileged communities across South Africa.

Meanwhile, LFA formed an exciting partnership with the **Oxford Centre for Fantasy** in the U.K. aimed at creating fantasy readings corners in libraries in underprivileged areas, in honour of the 50th anniversary of the passing of legendary author J.R.R. Tolkien. The goal was to raise £10,000 to extend the gift of reading to countless children in South Africa's rural areas, where access to books remains scarce.

We are pleased to announce that the Library Quest achieved its fundraising target and all funds raised will be going towards LFA's efforts to establish fantasy reading corners and setting up new libraries in rural communities in the Western Cape and other identified areas across South Africa.



Igniting A Passion For Reading Through Rural Library Book Clubs

At the Light from Africa Foundation (LFA) in South Africa, we believe that every child, no matter where they come from, deserves access to the world of books and the wonders they hold.

With this vision in mind, we are thrilled to announce the inauguration of the first book clubs in the rural libraries in the communities of Suurbraak and Mullersrus in the Western Cape.

Our primary goal with these book clubs is to not only encourage learners to borrow as many books as possible from their newly established school libraries but also to kindle the flames of imagination in the next generation, fostering a lifelong love for reading.

The images captured reflect the pride and excitement of the pupils who have become part of a book club for the first time in their lives. For many of these young learners, having a library book in their homes is an entirely new experience, and this is a remarkable step toward broadening their horizons and nurturing a lifelong passion for reading.



Blossoming Communities: Spotlight on Community Food Gardens

Initiated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in June 2020, the Light From Africa (LFA) Community Food Garden initiative continued its impactful journey this year. The project began by moving beyond traditional food hamper distribution, providing vegetable seedlings from the Western Cape Seedling Nursery to households in need. This approach empowers communities to cultivate their vegetables, fostering self-sufficiency and long-term food security.

Completing 10 distribution cycles, the LFA team supplied vegetable seedlings and compost to 55+ home gardens in Cape Town and surrounding areas, as well as supporting the rural and urban school and community gardens. By August 2023, a total of 50,800 seedlings had been distributed, significantly contributing to local agricultural initiatives.

Welcoming Fairmount High School and Masi Creative Hub as new partners, the project strengthens its impact. Both organisations, active in soup kitchens and feeding schemes, aim to distribute an additional 50,000 seedlings.

The LFA Community Food Garden project remains committed to promoting sustainable food practices and enhancing food security across the Western Cape. New partnerships, coupled with ongoing support, position the project for continued growth and positive impact.



MASI CREATIVE HUB



Masiphumelele Creative Hub (MCH), a South African non-profit organisation founded in 2017 by Yandiswa Mazwana, is dedicated to creating a safe, supportive, and educational environment. Here, community members harness the power of creativity and art to navigate and overcome their daily challenges.

In November, the Light From Africa Foundation proudly announced a collaboration with MCH under its Urban Food Community Garden Project. This initiative marked the delivery of 1,500 seedlings, symbolising a growing alliance committed to fostering positive change. The goal is to sustain MCH's food security efforts, ensuring that the community thrives through sustainable agriculture.

Looking ahead, our commitment to MCH extends beyond seedlings. We are set to support MCH through various capacity-building workshops. Concurrently, MCH Ambassadors will participate in the **Care of the Carers** workshops at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. This program, tailored for carers working with young people at risk, equips participants with essential skills to cope with emotional burnout and secondary trauma. These workshops provide a platform for carers to share experiences, validate their invaluable work, and build a supportive community.

The MCH Dignity Boys and Girls will join LFA Facilitator, Andile Ndikandika, in the LFA **Future Leadership** workshops. This programme aims to empower young boys and girls with leadership knowledge and essential life skills. Participants learn coping mechanisms to navigate life's challenges and achieve success. Utilizing drumming as a medium, the workshops help focus attention, build teamwork, enhance communication, interpretation, and encourage self-expression.

In addition, we will support an art programme designed and facilitated by Yandiswa Maswana in collaboration with the Peter Clarke Art Centre (PCAC). This initiative seeks to unleash and nurture artistic expression, providing community members with a platform to explore their creativity and contribute to the vibrant cultural tapestry of Masiphumelele.

Empowering Learners through Horse Powered Reading



As we draw near the conclusion of another impactful year, we are thrilled to announce the successful completion of a pilot programme initiated in May. Collaboratively launched by Braveheart Outreach, Trust House, and the Light from Africa Foundation (LFA), the Horse Powered Reading (R) programme has achieved a significant milestone with the certification of three learners who completed the course.

The Horse Powered Reading programme skillfully combined interactive word games with the therapeutic presence of gentle horses, to provide an opportunity for struggling learners to enhance their reading skills.

Looking ahead to 2024, the LFA would like to scale up this reading programme to reach more learners in need, but is dependent on securing dedicated funding for implementation.

If you share our passion for making a lasting investment in a young child's future and would like to partner with us in shaping brighter futures, we invite you to contact us today: info@lightfromafrica.com.



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Graad 4: Caleb Antonie:

Caleb is meer spontaan wat sy lees aanbetref. Sy lees vermoë en herkenning van moeilike woorde het verbeter. Caleb is meer gefokus en sy gedrag is van goeie gehalte. – Mev L.V.Adams

Graad 5: Juli – Anca Valtyn:

Juli – Anca se leesvaardigheid het aansienlik verbeter. Sy het ook baie meer selfvertroue. Mev C.C.Slabbert

Graad 7: Ethan Oosthuizen:

Ethan Oosthuizen se gedrag het verbeter. Hy gee sy samewerking en doen wat van hom verwag word. Hy is meer gefokus. Sy kwartaal 3 uitslae het ook verbeter. Mev L.Loggenberg

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Cultivating Safety Together: A Collaborative Journey in Water Safety and Drowning Prevention

In response to a concerning surge in drownings among boys aged 9 to 14 in the Buffeljagsrivier area, the Light From Africa Foundation (LFA) proudly presented a collaborative partnership with the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI), that has been instrumental in raising community awareness and fostering a culture of water safety among the youth.

Our joint efforts commenced with impactful workshops at Suurbraak Primary School in May, led by the seasoned facilitator Caville Abrahams. The sessions covered critical topics such as executing life-saving interventions without compromising personal safety, utilising the Pink Torpedo Buoy effectively, understanding the significance of the emergency number 112, navigating rip currents, and mastering hands-only CPR.

We extended our outreach to Mullersrus Primary School in Buffeljagrivier on July 25th, marked as World Drowning Prevention Day by the World Health Organisation and endorsed by the United Nations.

This collaboration with the NSRI not only highlighted effective teamwork but also shared crucial life-saving tools and tips, contributing significantly to the safety of our community.





CELEBRATING MANDELA DAY

As we reflect on the past year's endeavours, Light From Africa Foundation (LFA) is proud to share the heartwarming success of our Mandela Day initiatives in Suurbraak. In July, our community-driven activities brought together residents, volunteers, and various stakeholders to make a lasting impact.

Neighbourhood Clean-Up

On July 17th, 53 enthusiastic children and 20 dedicated adults gathered at Trust House to participate in a litter collection and neighbourhood clean-up. The event not only contributed to a cleaner environment but also fostered a sense of pride and unity among participants.



The success of this initiative was made possible through the collective support of residents, SAPS, Suurbraak Police Forum, Xairu Foundation NPC, Swellendam Municipality, Suurbraak Community Leaders, and the dedicated workers of the Community Work Program (CWP).

Honouring Suurbraak's Senior Citizens: A Day of Love and Creativity

Continuing the spirit of Mandela Day, LFA hosted a heartwarming activity for Suurbraak's senior citizens. The day was filled with love, laughter, and creative expression as we connected with these remarkable individuals. Engaging in meaningful conversations allowed us to learn from their wisdom and experiences, enriching our understanding of the community's history and values.



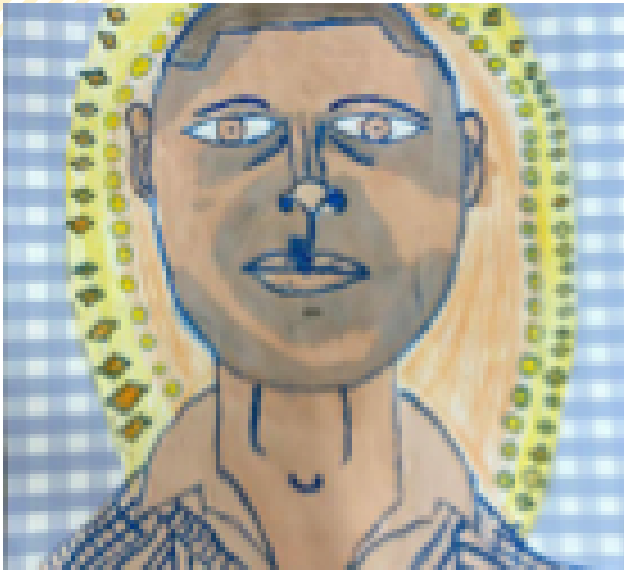
Community Food Drive: Nourishing 341 Residents

The Mandela Day activities in Suurbraak culminated in a Community Food Drive, demonstrating the true spirit of community in action. A record-breaking 341 residents were served a comforting cup of warm soup and freshly baked bread, providing a treat on a cold winter's day.



We express our heartfelt thanks to the many donors, with special recognition for the contributions from the Light From Africa Foundation, Xairu Foundation NPC, Deon Le Kay, SAPS, Suurbraak Police Forum, community leaders, and the youth who actively assisted on the day.

Empowering Art Education Project Celebrates Another Year of Creative Impact



In a successful collaboration with the Light From Africa Foundation, the Peter Clarke's Ibbabhathane Project has concluded another fruitful year of providing Creative Art/Design lessons to twelve under-resourced schools. This impactful programme delivered over 50 art workshops, benefiting more than 1,200 learners per quarter.

The primary objectives of the programme are to nurture a love and appreciation for the arts while developing artistic skills among students. Art often serves as a medium for psycho-social support and healing, particularly for learners who have inadvertently become victims of various societal challenges.

The year kicked off with enriching expeditions, providing learners with educational and insightful experiences. Visits to prominent institutions like the Norval Foundation Arts Museum and Zeitz Mocaa Contemporary Art Museum offered students unique insights into the art world. Additionally, schools had the opportunity to spend valuable time at the Peter Clarke Art Centre, exploring various materials and techniques in the realm of creative arts.

As LFA and Peter Clarke's Ibbabhathane Project celebrate another year of creative impact, the collaboration continues to empower young minds, fostering a lifelong love for the arts and providing essential support for both learners and educators in the artistic journey.

Impact Stories: Art Bursary Recipients

The Light from Africa Foundation's Art Bursary Programme continues to be a beacon of hope and opportunity for young artists, shaping their futures and contributing to the cultural enrichment of the Western Cape. The Art Bursary Programme has successfully achieved its stated outcomes:

- Creative Exploration: Fostering a sense of pride and developing self-esteem.
- Building Confidence: Empowering students to believe in their abilities.
- Visual Literacy and Creative Expression: Providing a platform for artistic communication.
- Observational and Technical Skill Development: Nurturing technical excellence in various art forms.
- Holistic Creative Problem-Solving: Encouraging a well-rounded approach to artistic challenges.
- Developing a Positive Attitude and a Sense of Self-Worth: Instilling confidence and self-value in each participant.

The Foundation's commitment to nurturing creativity and empowering youth is evident in the success stories of Gareth, Glorious, Hlahlindlela, and Andrew.



Andrew Mulenda (Grade 10 Drawing and Mixed Media):

Andrew, an outstanding student with a passion for drawing, has leveraged his talents through a YouTube channel and Instagram account, showcasing his work to a wider audience. His participation in a portrait competition and the subsequent feature of his drawing on the official invitation highlight his commitment to artistic excellence. Despite occasional communication challenges, Andrew's dedication to his craft is evident and inspiring.



Gareth Jansen (Grade 12 FET Photography):

Gareth's journey, from lacking the means for art lessons to blossoming into an excellent and thoughtful photographer, is a testament to the Foundation's support. Overcoming challenges and catching up on Grade 10 theory, Gareth's technical prowess and dedication are commendable. We extend our best wishes to him for the culmination of Grade 12 and his future endeavors.



Glorious Kisangani (Grade 10 FET Painting and Mixed Media):

Glorious, a budding artist with a promising future, has already showcased her work in multiple art exhibitions. With insightful theory and expert guidance, she is poised to achieve even greater heights in Grade 11. We eagerly anticipate witnessing her artistic journey unfold in the coming year.



Hlahlindlela Venga (Grade 10 Product Design):

Hlahlindlela's dream of becoming a renowned fashion designer has been made possible through the Foundation's financial support. Despite challenges like distance and the loss of his father, Hlahlindlela has excelled in his studies. The Foundation's impact extends beyond financial aid, as demonstrated by the dedicated efforts of Teacher Fabian Hartzenberg, who ensures Hlahlindlela's safe commute. The programme has not only nurtured his creative skills but also provided a sense of self-worth, belonging, and confidence.

Enhancing the Wellbeing of Caregivers in the Western Cape

We are pleased to present an update on our impactful programme designed to support carers working with children and young people at risk. Our Care of the Carers programme focuses on equipping caregivers with essential skills to manage emotional burnout and secondary trauma, fostering a supportive community and providing a rejuvenating experience amidst the challenges they face.

All our workshops take place at the Goldfields Centre situated at the picturesque Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in Cape Town. This collaboration offers a serene garden setting, providing an ideal environment for our program participants to enhance their overall experience. The programme's primary objectives include addressing the challenges faced by caregivers in children's homes and early childhood educators within the context of the country's prevalent poverty, unemployment, and familial dysfunction.

Regular evaluations conducted after each workshop consistently affirm the programme's necessity and deep appreciation among participants. As we move forward, we remain committed to advancing the well-being of caregivers and, by extension, the vulnerable children, and young people they serve. We extend our gratitude to all partners and stakeholders who contribute to the success of this vital initiative.



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Dear Light from Africa Funders

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for affording our +/- 90 participants (Preschool Principals and teachers) an opportunity to be cared for in a very special way through Light from Africa. These ladies give so much to our communities, caring for and stimulating the little ones. They give so much of themselves, and Light from Africa is that place that refuels them and 'fills their cups' again so that they can continue rendering this crucial service to our disadvantaged communities. Below are a few direct quotes from some of the participants who attended the Light from Africa session.

"I gained a lot of self-esteem and I have learnt to believe in myself and how to deal with the past. I also learnt that the past does not define who you are and that it is never too late for anything your heart desires while you are still on this earth, anything is possible!"

"At Kisterbosch, I have learnt that your past does not determine your future we all go through things but that does not mean we will not succeed because of them".

"The session was good I have learnt that something that happened in the past does not hold your future".

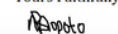
"The session was very interesting, it helped me a lot to forget about the things that happened to me in the past to let it go and look in the future".

"I learnt a lot there that people go through the most. I am not the only one who is going through a lot and I learnt that things happen and you have to accept and forgive yourself and let go because life goes on. We cannot stay in the past for the rest of our lives. I forgave myself and started to see life differently. I wish I was involved in this Programme before, but I am still grateful for the opportunity".

"I learned that to speak out about things that went wrong in your life helps a lot. Don't grudge people just look at yourself, do passive things, and move forward. I learned that you are not alone everybody passes through difficulties".

Thank you once again.

Yours Faithfully


Mildred Bopoto

Letter of Appreciation: iKamva Labantu



Bridging the Digital Divide: LFA's Computer Outreach Programme Makes Strides in 2023

In the ever-evolving landscape of the digital age, access to computer literacy has become a critical factor in determining one's success. Recognizing the digital gap prevalent in rural communities, the Light From Africa Foundation's (LFA) Computer Outreach programme continues to make significant strides in addressing this issue and empowering individuals in the Western Cape, South Africa.

The Computer Outreach programme is equipping learners and adults with fundamental computer literacy skills, the initiative ensures they are well-prepared to navigate the challenges of the digital age. Beyond academic achievement, the programme seeks to enhance numeracy and literacy skills, thereby promoting continued education and skill development among learners.

The success of the programme is further amplified by the generous support received from Billionetworks. A grant of R68,000 enabled LFA to provide computer literacy support to our rural school partners, Suurbraak Primary School and Mullersrus Primary School. The funds were utilised to hire computer lab assistants for each school for the year. Hardware repairs at Suurbraak Primary School were also addressed, ensuring a conducive learning environment.

In addition, 27 teachers from Suurbraak Primary School and Mullersrus Primary School attended the '21st Century Educator and Blended Learning Course, in collaboration with OPTIMI. The objective was to encourage and up-skill teachers in utilising technology in their lessons, further enhancing the impact of the Computer Outreach programme.





R.B. Hagart Trust Fuels Growth and Empowerment Among Future Leaders

The Future Female and Future Male Leaders programme is dedicated to fostering the comprehensive well-being of teenagers and young adults. By actively engaging participants in activities that promote growth, the programme addresses physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of their lives.

Conducted in an empathetic and supportive environment, the sessions incorporate movement to facilitate skills development and character building. The programme adopts a holistic approach, encouraging participants to recognise their potential, gain perspective, and thrive authentically. This process aims to help them become better versions of themselves, effective leaders, and overall better human beings.

This semester, the R.B. Hagart Trust proudly extended its support for the Future Leaders programme at LFA with a second grant. Specifically allocated to the Future Leadership programme, this grant allowed LFA to acquire a set of 25 *djembe*s (African drums), which play an integral and crucial role in the leadership programme.

Feedback and Impact: The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. The girls expressed their love for spending time together and reflected on the exercises and tools covered during the session. Many reported actively applying these tools in their everyday lives, showcasing significant growth in their leadership abilities.

One notable impact was on academics. Several participants reported that the program had positively influenced their grades and academic performance. They credited their increased confidence, better communication skills, and improved sense of self-awareness as contributing factors.

Furthermore, participants willingly assumed leadership roles within their school and were motivated to share the knowledge and tools acquired during the program with their peers. This demonstrated their commitment to personal growth and their eagerness to uplift those around them.

In conclusion, the Future Female Leaders Impact Session: Women Who Lead was an incredible success, leaving a lasting impression on the participants. It empowered them to embrace leadership roles with confidence, both within their academic pursuits and in their personal lives. This session not only fostered a sense of community but also equipped these young women with the tools they need to continue thriving as future leaders.

We look forward to more impactful sessions in the future and the continued growth and success of our Future Female Leaders.



Annual Certification Ceremony: Celebrating Excellence and Dedication

The Annual Certification Ceremony stands as a shining testament to the dedication and hard work of Light from Africa's (LFA) facilitators, volunteers, and staff. This year's event marked a significant milestone, as we proudly presented over 500 certificates to learners, teachers, and partners who actively participated in our transformative programmes and collaborated closely with LFA.

This celebration serves as the culmination of a year filled with impactful projects conducted in partnership with numerous schools, non-profit organisations, and homes. The successful realisation of these projects is a testament to the unwavering dedication and perseverance demonstrated by everyone involved—a collective victory that we savour and take pride in.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the numerous funders whose generous and steadfast support has been instrumental in making our work possible. Without their commitment, the positive impact we strive to achieve in communities and institutions would not be attainable.

As we honour the achievements of our participants and partners, we also acknowledge the vital role played by our valued funders, recognising them as essential pillars of support in our mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.





2024: CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF IMPACT AND COMPASSION

In 2004, Anthony Record and his wife, Carole Turner-Record founded the Light From Africa Foundation (LFA) after being deeply moved by a talk from Rachel Mash, the founder of Fikelela Youth and Child Centre, during a visit to Cape Town. This home was established as a beacon of hope for the community in Khayelitsha in 2000, in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Over the past two decades, LFA's impact has expanded beyond borders, with diverse urban and rural outreach projects empowering communities throughout the Western Cape, South Africa. As we mark our 20th anniversary in 2024, we reflect on the journey that started with a commitment to support Fikelela.

Announcing Our 20th Anniversary Appeal

To celebrate this significant milestone, LFA is launching a special investment drive to fund impactful initiatives. Our initial project is the upgrade of bathroom facilities at the Fikelela Youth and Child Centre in Khayelitsha.

The bathroom upgrade project aims to create safe, clean, and dignified spaces, contributing to the overall well-being of the children and youth served by the centre.

Join Us in Making a Lasting Impact

The Light From Africa Foundation and Fikelela Child and Youth Centre's 20th Anniversary Partnership Appeal is a focused effort to address a critical need. With the collective support of donors, volunteers, and the community, this appeal seeks to create lasting improvements in the lives of those served by Fikelela, leaving a legacy of enhanced dignity, safety, and well-being.

OUR IMPACT



Light from Africa

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023 IMPACT REPORT

RESULTS THAT MATTER

WITH YOUR HELP WE ARE EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND CHANGING LIVES. BELOW IS A BREAKDOWN OF OUR REACH THIS QUARTER:

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED: 4,998
(3,909 YOUTH + 1,089 ADULTS)

TOTAL CONTACT SESSIONS: 290

NUMBER OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS & SCHOOLS: 59



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

In October, we officially launched our very first book clubs in the rural libraries of Suurbraak and Mullersrus, with the goal of encouraging young minds to explore the world or books and foster a culture of reading.



In November, we joined forces with Masi Creative Hub in Cape Town, to kickstart our collaborative urban community food garden project with the delivery of 1,500 seedlings.



In December, we welcomed the community of Suurbraak to the newly revamped !Xairu Community Hub, formerly known as Trust House. The centre boasts a new gallery space that showcases the talents of the vibrant community.

