



**BIZWENI
CENTRE**
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Annual Report 2016 / 2017



*A year in our
footsteps...*



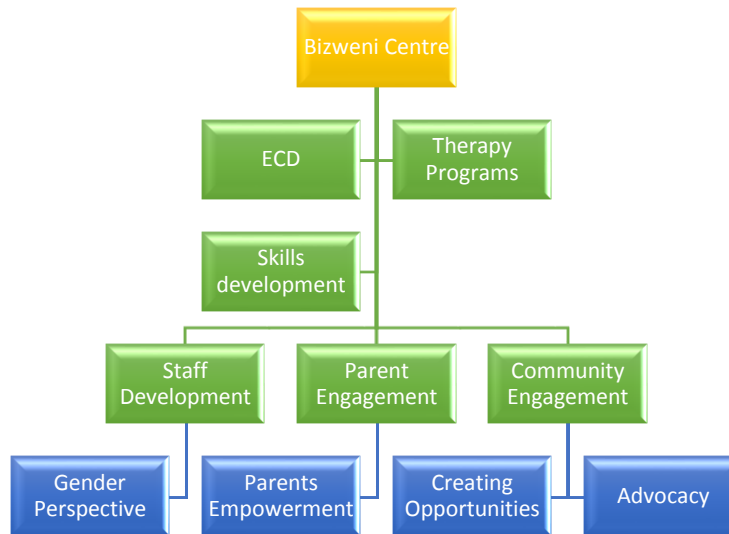
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A voluntary Association providing comprehensive education and personal development services to children with disabilities in the Helderberg.

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Those who leave their footprints in our hearts

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A word from our Project Manager

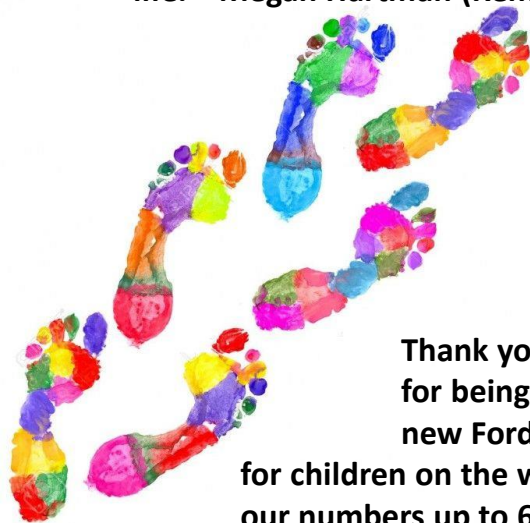
Dear Partners and Friends,

As I reflect back over the 2016-2017 year and look at our journey, I have to admit I am in awe of God. The vision for Bizweni centre keeps unfolding, becoming reality and solidifying, yet at the same time opening up to more.

One of our long time Funders has just asked us to do a very interesting exercise. A reflection and mapping of the Centre's last 10 years. One of the questions posed was, "Is this the best we can do?"

I believe the Centre is a work in progress and one of our fundamental values is to never be satisfied with the status quo.

The Life Skills Centre has certainly brought a change to the dynamic of the Centre. "We knew it would take a whole lot of love, patience, and behaviour modification, but we trusted that deep down inside of him, there was a "good, little boy" who just desperately wanted love and stability and acceptance in his life. " Megan Hartman (Remedial Teacher)

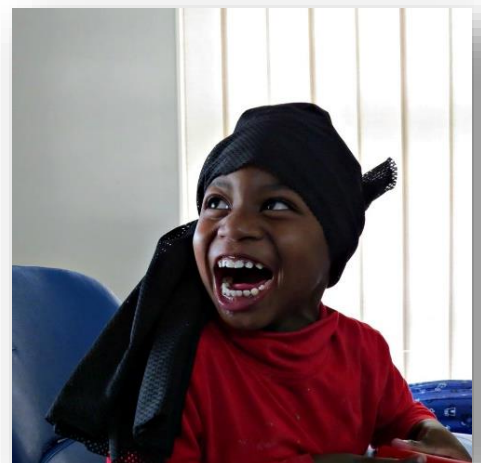


Another milestone in our journey was our name change from Bizweni Centre for Disabled Children to Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities and our own NPO registration. While the change was small the impact it has had, has been profound.

Thank you Anders and Nina Pettersson and Helderberg Rotary for being so instrumental in the Centre's growth. The beautiful new Ford Transit bus opened up, desperately needed space, for children on the waiting list, bringing our numbers up to 64 children.

Thank you to our funders and supporters who are beyond incredible. You have partnered with us at the Centre understanding that this Centre is in for the long haul. We so appreciate your faith in us.

Vicky Hinrichsen
Project Manager – Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities



March 2016



17 March marked the opening of our new **Life Skills Centre**. Now we're able to learn practical things so that we can help at home too!



March 7 Hayden goes to Paarl school! We work hard to get our children into special needs schools.

April 2016



The Grade R class from the **Bizweni Primary School** came to visit on **21 April**!



On **14 April** Class 3 and the Life Skills class visited the **Strand Fire station**.

Now I can tell mommy about fire safety

May 2016

May 23 - Class 2 gets their turn to show their fire-fighting skills at the **Strand Fire Station**!



The opening of the Life Skills Centre marks a milestone in our provision of a uniquely holistic service to our children and their families. Now we are able to provide necessary life skills training to our growing number of children aged 12 to 18.

Outings expose our children to a wider range of experiences, stimulating their learning and development and affording them the experiences normal children have.

Visits from other schools expose our children to "non-disabled" children in a controlled environment, while the other children are sensitised to disability from an early age.

June 2016

June 9 - *Art the Able* comes to visit, teaching us music, art and even how to make seed bombs!



New blankets from the Embassy of China on **June 23**. Winter is going to be **WARM!**

July 2016

July 19 - A visit from the WCFID. The WCFID are our lifesavers providing very necessary training for all our staff.



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August 2016



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WITH DISABILITIES

A real milestone!
August 29 saw the independent registration of **Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities**



Class 2 visits **Eagle Encounters** on **August 30** - we just loved all the birds!

Visits from groups like *Art the Able* provides additional stimulation, breaks some of the routine and helps bring immense joy to the children. This time it initiated the idea of adding musical therapy to the Centre's therapy programs.

Our registration as an independent NGO brings more authenticity to the Centre and enhances our fund development opportunities.

The visit from WCFID helped build on our relationship with them.

September 2016



On **October 16** we visited the **Helderberg Nature Reserve** where we learned lots about our natural environment.

September 17 - The Bizweni Centre **High Tea**.



October 2016



October 17 - Our brand new **Bus**. The best gift ever!!



November 2016



November 10 - End of Year **Extravaganza**



November 22 - Class 3 and the Life Skills Class went to Giraffe House. We had the best time seeing the animals.

Events like the *High Tea* provides us the opportunity to meet new friends, to highlight the importance of our work and raise the much needed funds to sustain our Centre.

The *End of Year Extravaganza* is a joyous celebration showcasing what our special little people have learnt during the year. It is a proud moment for both parents and teachers!

The new bus means transport for more children than ever before.

December 2016

December 6 - Every year we are blessed with gifts from the *Shoebboxes of Love*. Yes, we Love you too!



December 8 - We had a truly magical time together at our end of year staff party!



January 2017



January 11 - School opens. A new year of exciting opportunities. (And we really missed our teachers!) We now have 64 children!

February 2017



February 1 - The start of our new **Music Therapy Program**. Can you feel the beat?

Our first **parent meeting** of the year with 45 parents attending - another new milestone! **February 7.**



As school closes and reopens every year, we reflect with gratitude on the many, many people that support our Centre. You are the reason these special children have the chance to have fun and learn. The music therapy program brings new dynamics to our development programs and really big smiles to the children's faces! Involving parents in their child's development process is crucial. We're happy to report more and more parent involvement every year.

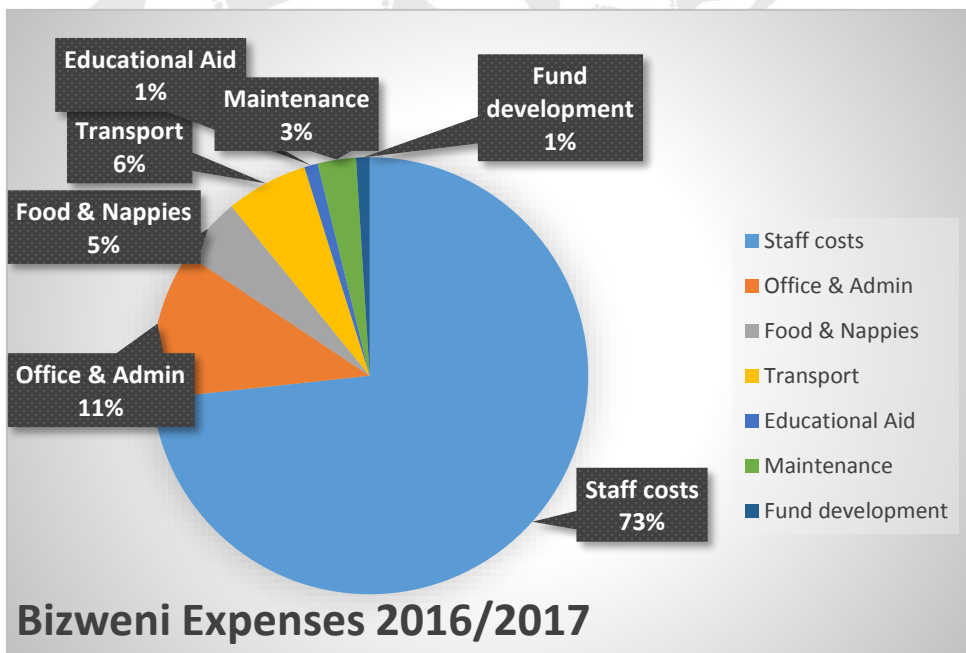


Stepping carefully through the numbers

2016/2017 FINANCIALS

The figures below are compiled from the financial statements as at 28 February 2017:

EXPENSES	2016/2017	2015/2016
Staff costs	R1,799,606	R1,417,454
Office and administration	R294,553	R263,940
Food & nappies	R116,091	R91,294
Transport	R147,430	R133,660
Educational aids	R10,026	R18,230
Maintenance	R68,781	R26,680
Fund development	R7382	R19,904
TOTAL EXPENSES	R2,443,869	R1,971,162



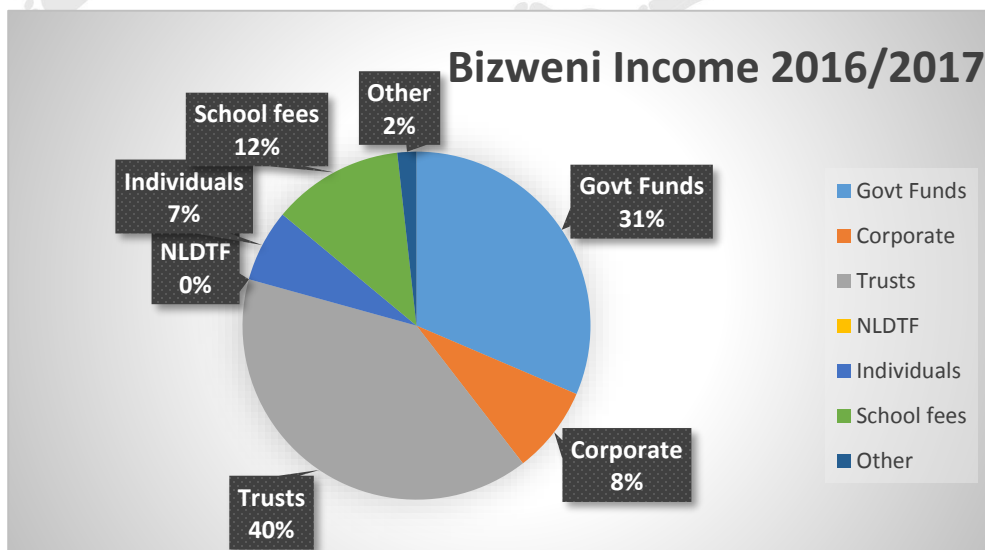
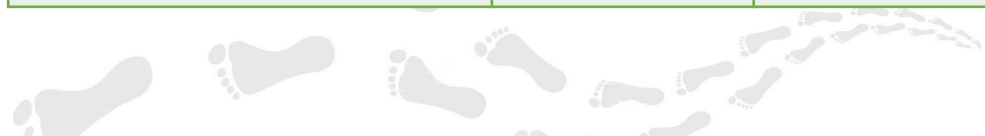
“Bizweni is an incredible place to work and a place that will change your heart forever! The way the kids are challenged each day to become more independent and confident is outstanding! They are helping lead the way to a better South Africa where people with disabilities are treated equally and loved. Hats off to everyone who works so hard to make this place run day in and day out!” – Megan Irene, previous voluntary employee.

Treading proudly through the numbers

Income for 2016/2017 brought a more balanced income split with less dependence on any one source of funding.



INCOME	2016/2017	2015/2016
Government funding	R1,008,719	R679,192
Corporate donations	R260,000	R288,000
Trusts & Foundations	R1,276,300	R310,000
National Lottery	R0	R29,500
Individual donations	R215,940	R295,031
School fees	R391,800	R259,290
Other	R56,785	R58,607
TOTAL INCOME	R3,209,544	R1,919,620



“The best school, in my opinion, to send your child to grow and learn. The love and attention they give their students is, without question, what any parent hopes for when sending their children to any school.” S. Mostert, Parent.

"Life's journey is easier when you hear a friend's footsteps beside you"



Here's to those who makes our journey so much easier...

R800, 000+

- Department of Social Development

R600, 000 - 799, 000

- Molteno Brothers Trust

R200, 000 - R599, 000

- The 476 Charitable Trust
- Alexander Forbes
- The Rolf Stephan Nussbaum Foundation

R100, 000 - R199, 000

- Anders & Nina Pettersson

R20, 000 - R99, 000

- Power Construction
- Dr Mark Abelson
- SecureWealth

R5, 000 - R19, 999

- Kevin & Carla Mc Pherson Orion Project Managers
- Werner & Yolandi de Leeuw den Bouter
- Nardus Groep
- Johan & Azanne van Wyk
- Ricci & Lloyd Marshall
- Ajax Tyres & Wholesalers

R1, 000 – R4, 999

- Brandon & Zelda Plank
- Barbara Kingwill
- Woolworth's My School
- Maureen de Beer
- Lizeth van Staden
- Regal Civils

R1 – R999

- Anthony Hinrichsen
- E & M Osrin Charity

And to all the anonymous supporters, whose donations were big and small, thank you. We are truly grateful for you.

Those who help us with our first steps every day...

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Yongama Mtulu

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Everyone's PA

Celeste Eager



"Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same."

Flavia Weedn

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I wouldn't change you for the world, but I'll change
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