



**BIZWENI  
CENTRE**  
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN



# Annual Report 2017 / 2018

*Powerful voices...*

## *Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities*

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

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**How is the Centre helping your child? What needs do you think the Centre is meeting for you and your child?**



*“To love my child unconditionally, to support him and to be the best mother ever. To teach him to be independent no matter how his condition is, to accept his physical challenge situation.”*

### *People speaking out for us*

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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##### **Secretary**

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Clive Hector Collins

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Trevor Mubaiwa

Stephen Mack

## A word from our Project Manager

### Dear Friends of Bizweni,

It is such a good exercise looking back over the last year. How quickly we forget all that has happened, all those events, ups and downs that made up the year and have brought us through to where we are today.

I am truly humbled to say that reflecting back over this period I feel that the Centre as a whole experienced real growth and a strengthening as an organisation. The support and buy in we have received from our faithful funders, old and new, has again highlighted the nature of our work and the importance of giving ones all in the fight to provide a service that is ever changing and improving to the children with disabilities and their families in the Helderberg basin.

The highlights for us were:

Sports Day

We hosted our first ever sports day in March which proved to be a wonderful success. The day was an invitation to families to connect while watching their children engage in the different activities. The joy on the day was tangible.

Extravaganza Concert

Our concert is a highlight each year, and each year we are taken aback by how the children have grown and how much our audience of family, friends and supporters loves it.

Children going to school

We had a good number of children leave Bizweni Centre to go the appropriate schools. We are always sad to have children leave that we have loved and connected with, but we are delighted that they will have a greater opportunity at a better future.

Our faithful Daisy the bus was put out to pasture

We were so grateful to receive funding from the National Lotteries Foundation to buy a beautiful new bus when it became clear that Daisy was too old. The new bus works just as hard making 2 trips daily.

Thank you to our funders and friends without whom none of this would be possible.



Vicky Hinrichsen

Project Manager – Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities

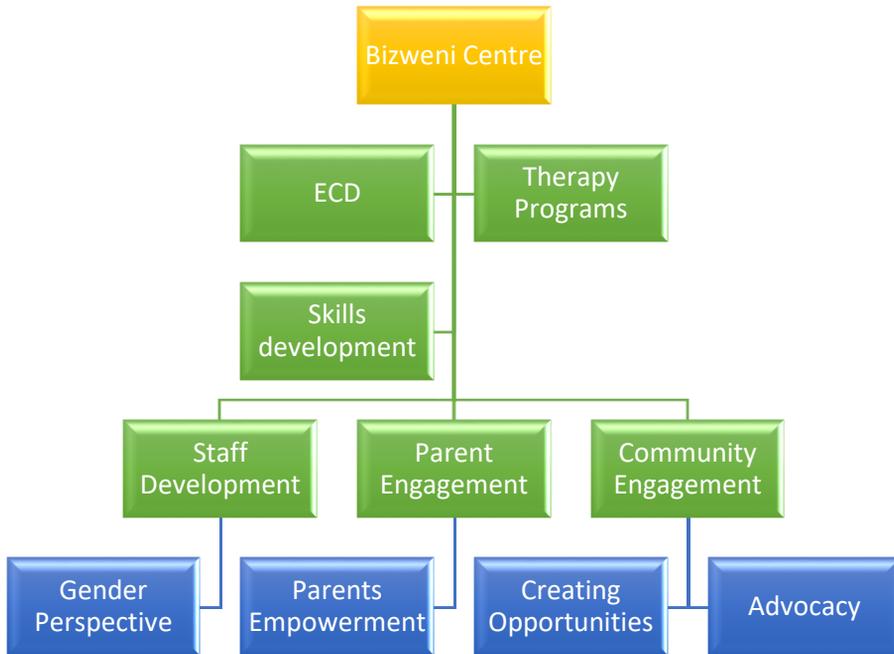


### What needs do you think the Centre is meeting for you and your child?

*“The need for Zara to have “purpose.” I don’t know how I would be able to deal with Zara on my own.”*

# Where our voices are heard

## OUR BUILDING BLOCKS



**How is the Centre helping your child? What needs do you think the Centre is meeting for you and your child?**



*"By letting my child socialise with other children and to feel a sense of belonging. Siraaj has a complete different life at Bizweni Centre and we are very grateful for that."*

## Staff Development

### 14 Training Workshops and Courses 87 Staff Attended

'Understanding Intellectual Disability'  
'Fine Motor Skills'  
'Downs Syndrome and Intellectual Disability'  
'Cerebral Palsy and Intellectual Disability'  
'Sexual Health and development of children. Debunking Myths and Teaching Good Touch Verse Bad Touch'  
'Carer Burnout'  
'Life Skills and Sexuality Education'  
'The Importance of Structured Indoor and Outdoor Play and how to add it to your Daily Programme'  
'Challenging Behaviour'  
'HPCSA Ethics and Social Media'  
'I Can, stimulation kit for children with disabilities'  
'Gross Motor Development (Pre-school child)'  
'How to get the most out of training, it is about attitude'  
'Positive Behaviour Management'

### Staff Camp 3 Days

'Team Building and Personal Growth for the Good of the Team'



## Parent Engagement

### 3 Parent Evenings 87 Parents Attended

'Reading' Giving parents the encouragement, tools and confidence to read to their children or make up stories around pictures if they cannot read. 250 donated books were distributed.  
'Let's Talk Disability'  
'Children's Class Programs' opened up to parents

### Parent Survey for Strategic Planning

63 Given Out 45 Returned



## Community Engagement

**Sports Day.** The focus was fun for the children, having moms and dads there, buy-in and participation from families, disability awareness and involvement from the community. Attended by over 300, exceeding all our expectations.

**Extravaganza Concert,** the theme, "Joy, Joy, Joy". A record turnout of parents, families and Bizweni supporters and funders, close to 300 people. A number of regular supporters and funders noted the ongoing improvement in the children's capabilities.

**Applewood Prep** in Grabouw brought their Grd 6's weekly to the Centre for an hour. Eleven pupils and two teachers integrated into Class 1, 2 and 3. Objective is to raise awareness of children with disabilities and encourage integration. This has been most successful.

### How is the Centre helping you? How is the Centre helping your child?

*"The Centre help me so much because my boy is walking and understands when you talk to him. The Centre help me to make some more exercises to help my son. Pick up something like pencil and bottle."*



## What we learn | how we learn

### Outings

Class 2: Jan Marais Nature Reserve for their theme 'Environment: Plants and Nature'.

Life Skills Classes 4 and 5: SPUR exposing the children to eating at a restaurant, and exposing the community to the importance of inclusion of people with disabilities.

Class 3: Jan Marais Nature Reserve for their theme 'Environment: Plants and Nature'.

Class 2: John Dory's, the theme being 'Cultural Food'

Class 1: Weekly horse riding therapy at Chilanga Stables.

Class 2: Stellenbosch Airport who submitted a wonderful article to the local newspaper.

Class 1: Helderberg Farm

Class 3, 4 and 5: Bridging Abilities & Adapt2Move held a Paralympic sports and recreational games event.

Class 4 and 5: Big Cat Tour at Vredenheim Wildlife and Winery.

Class 3: Helderberg Nature Reserve.

### Therapy Programs

**Music Stimulation** was incorporated into the therapy programmes during 2017. Processed by a different area of the brain than speech and language, music enables a child to more easily absorb information and skills. We are witnessing real progress and change in many of the children during a music session.

**Occupational Therapy** As part of the individual development plans for each of the Bizweni children, OT takes much time and resources, but the benefits show the valuable influence this therapy program has through clinical intervention, stimulation programmes and support with assistive devices, physical exercise and functional support .

**Speech Therapy** The morning ring is designed to be a daily communal speech therapy for the children. Starting with greeting one another by name, praying our morning prayer out loud, naming the day of the week and the weather, and finally responding to the book reading for the day. The class teachers and support staff are upskilled to understand and apply basic principles of speech therapy in class context.

**Remedial Therapy** takes place in the classroom setting and on an individual basis. It focuses on the development of communications skills, gross and fine motor skills and perceptual skills.

### Extra Help

Five children receive therapy from a Bio Biokineticist Practice who volunteered to give our children individual therapy once a week for 15 min per child.

### Getting to School

National Lotteries Foundation donated a SesFikile Quantum Toyota 16 seater. It replaces our faithful old Daisy, does two trips transporting twenty-six children. The District Mail covered the handover giving us good coverage.

### How is the Centre helping you? How is the Centre helping your child?



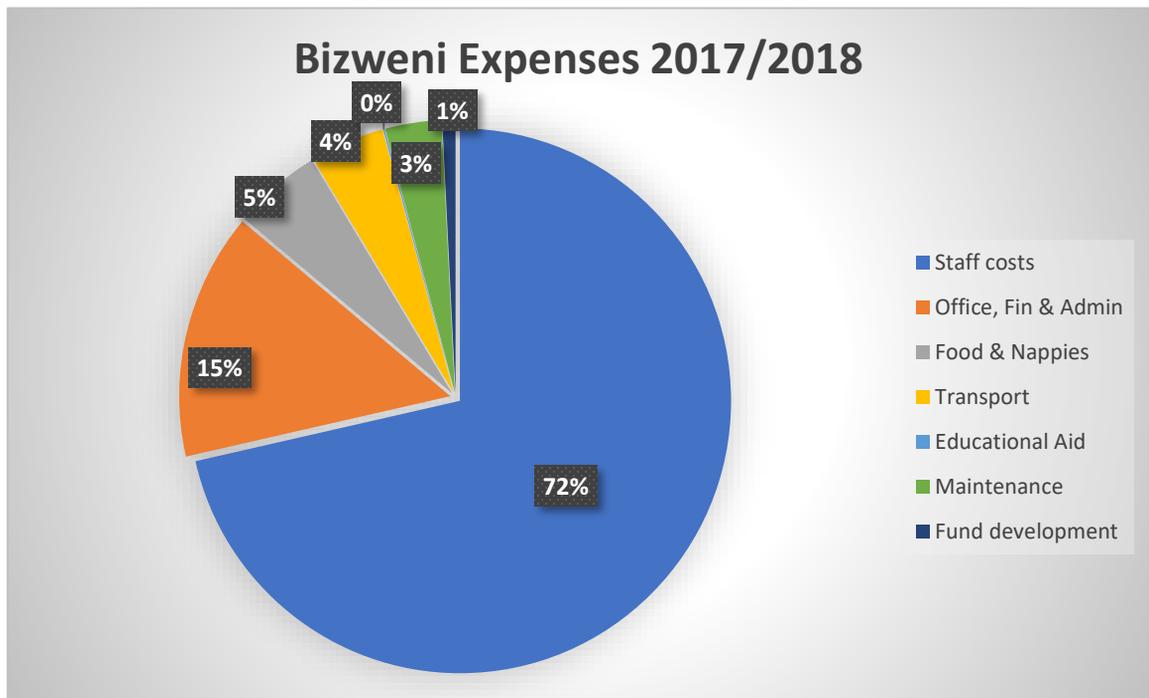
*"The Centre is helping me cope with Caren-Leighs disability and to insure she gets the education she needs. She learns a lot and gets to go on outings she would otherwise not go on."*

# Speaking in numbers

## 2017/2018 FINANCIALS

The figures below are compiled from the financial statements as at 28 February 2018:

EXPENSES	2017/2018	2016/2017
Staff costs	R 2,303,225.00	R 1,799,606.00
Office and administration	R 471,936.00	R 294,553.00
Food & nappies	R 169,720.00	R 116,091.00
Transport	R 142,676.00	R 147,430.00
Educational aids	R 2,680.00	R 10,026.00
Maintenance	R 108,175.00	R 68,781.00
Fund development	R 25,292.00	R 7,382.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>R 3,223,704.00</b>	<b>R 2,443,869.00</b>



**How is the Centre helping you? What needs do you think the Centre is meeting for you and your child?**

*“Making her independent when she want to go to toilet. She can communicate with other people better now. To understand that my child can do more than I expect.”*

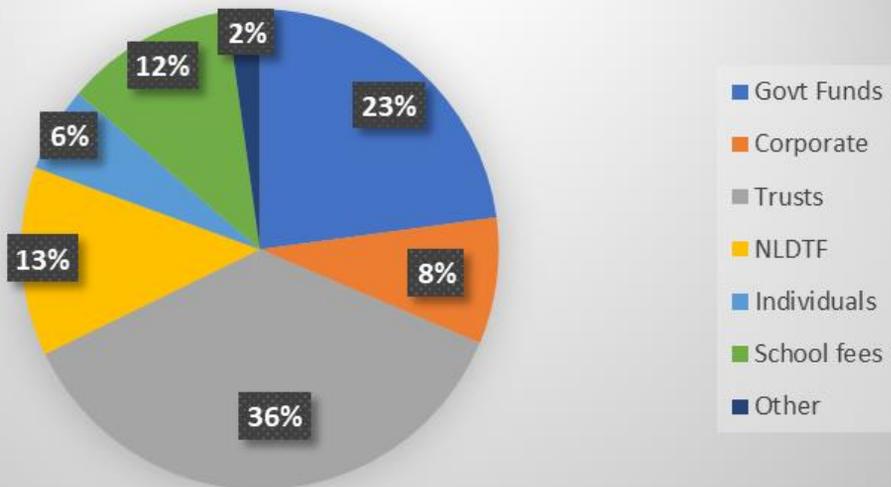


## And proud of our figures...

### 2017/2018 FINANCIALS

INCOME	2017/2018	2016/2017
Government funding	R 886,799	R1,008,719
Corporate donations	R 329,000	R260,000
Trusts & Foundations	R 1,413,000	R1,276,300
National Lottery Commission	R 492,535	R0
Individual donations	R 221,008	R215,940
School fees	R 447,750	R391,800
Other	R 85,813	R56,785
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>R 3,875,905</b>	<b>R3,209,544</b>

### Bizweni Income 2017/2018



### How has the Centre helped you? How is the Centre helping your child?

*"It is helping us to educate and developing our child mentally. Since he attended the Centre he is totally different than before, we mean he is a happy child."*



*Let me tell you about some amazing people...*

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

**R600,000-R1,000,000**

Department of Social  
Development  
Molteno Brothers Trust

**R200,000-R599,000**

The 476 Charitable Trust  
Alexander Forbes  
R B Hagart Trust  
National Lotteries Commission

**R100,000-R199,000**

Anders & Nina Pettersson

**R20,000-R99,000**

Power Construction  
Syringa Trust  
Dr Mark Ableson  
Woodbenders

**R5,000-R19,999**

Helderberg Rotary  
Kevin & Carla Mc Pherson  
Orion Project Managers  
Fredagsgolfen Tagesson  
Securewealth  
Villiersdorp Round Table  
Werner & Yolandi  
Danie, Helen & Nardus Groep  
Johan & Azanne van Wyk  
Ricci & Lloyd Marshall  
Ajax Tyres & Wholesalers  
Stuart  
Barbara Kingwill  
Edwin Hendricks  
My School Supporters



**R1,000 – R4,999**

Connie Niese  
Crookes Family  
Brandon & Zelda Plank  
Daniel van Eeden  
Herman Burhmann

**R1 – R999**

Hans Heunis  
Carry on Hardware  
Solena  
Mariette Kershaw  
Chaska Homes  
Anonymous  
Marije Pierson  
Cheryl Micheletti  
Laurien Dufour  
Charlotte Blake  
Debra Stegmann  
Genevieve Tickner  
Elizma Beets  
Debbie Bone  
Christiaan Swellengrebel

## ... and the Angels in or lives!

### **Project Manager**

Vicky Hinrichsen

### **Financial Manager**

Dinks Rankin

### **Program Implementer**

Philippa Liebenberg

### **Occupational Therapists**

Shanley Donkin

Jessica Theart

### **Therapy Coordinator**

Sauney Coetzee

### **Speech Therapist**

Chelsea Hach

### **Remedial Teachers**

Megan Hartman

Elzana Visser

### **Music program and Teacher**

Estie Griesel

### **Teachers**

Catherine Coetee

Sienah Snoek

Miriam Blom

Caroline Moletsane

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Mariel Anderson

Kath Storey

Alli DeVilliers

Chane Govender

Mignon van Vorselen

Kerry Marais

Desrae Watson

### **Bus Drivers**

Francois Vogelzang

Gift Mpufu

Fernando Meissenheimer

### **Housekeeper**

Nancy Mutuda

### **Class Assistants**

Engiline Xhobani

Frances Leibrandt

Irene Mutswiri

Lena Meyers (VD Merwe)

Megan Stefoor

Nothini Tyiti

Sandra Morris

Simone Coetzee

Virginia Oliver

Yongama Mtulu

Zandiswa Ketani

### **Office Helper**

Celeste Eager



**How is the Centre helping your child? What needs do you think the Centre is meeting for you and your child?**



*"It is stimulating Hailey and teaching her new things. She can be herself loved and encouraged. It is giving Hailey the freedom to explore and be independent. She is learning to socialise with other kids and being encouraged to walk and stand."*

## BIZWENI CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



**A BIG Thank You to all who speaks for us when sometimes  
we don't have the power to speak for ourselves.**

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