



# Annual Report 2018 / 2019

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## A word from our Principal

### **Wonderful Friends and Supporters of Bizweni Centre,**

Looking back over the 2018-2019 year at all the activities, highlights, and ups and downs, all I can say is an enormous thank you to God for his hand of grace over our Centre.

It is so difficult to condense a year into a report. Trying to give a snapshot of the dynamic workings of the work being done with the children, the incredible input from the staff and the financial position of Centre.

Somehow the word sustainability seems to be upmost in all our minds. Rather daunting as one visualises this very comfortable lump sum in one's bank account to draw on in difficult times of financial pressure, '*wonderful dream*'.

During the year we were confronted with a situation. I had missed the deadline for a funding proposal and as with all funding, there are no guarantees that there would be funding allocated to the Centre at their next Board meeting. All I can say is at this point, other than feeling awful, the Board had to sit down and work out how to navigate this financial squeeze.

Having an invested working Board over the last two years has made all the difference to Bizweni Centre's governance and move towards sustainability. Even though we had to pull in our belts tightly across the Centre, we were able to draw on our still small Sustainability fund and ride this through.

Here I have to acknowledge Dinks Rankin our wonderful Financial Manager. Her priority has always been to ensure that we are good stewards of our funders money, and to have that little bit of financial cushion for emergencies. Dinks's finger is firmly on the Centre's financial pulse and she keeps our enthusiasm for spending in check.

So in short, I want to thank my Board of Governors and Dinks for the wonderful support and work they do in ensuring that the Centre not only runs but grows and continues to meet the ever changing needs of our children.

Again, how does one impart the work that the staff at the Centre do. Working with our vulnerable children takes dedication, commitment and that something special that sets them apart to love and care for them on a daily basis.

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  
Principal Manager – Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities

# A Year in Review

**“Equipping children with disabilities to reach their full potential”** is our **vision** at Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities. It is with this that our **mission** is possible. **“We believe that every child with disabilities, irrespective of background, ability or circumstances should have access to education. Our aim is to provide a safe, loving environment, conducive to learning and development.”**

At Bizweni we have  
**5 Classes**  
**62 Students**  
**31 Staff**

Our expenses were  
**R 3,637,636**  
**Which is an average of**  
**R4,750 per child monthly**

We launched the  
**Support a Child**  
**Campaign** across  
our social media

Our students receive  
**Remedial Therapy**  
**Occupational Therapy**  
**Speech Therapy**  
**Music Stimulation**

**Our staff** attended over 60  
training workshops/courses  
**The learner’s parents** attended 3  
parent evenings and training  
workshops



Every day our three bus drivers  
get our learners safely to school,  
and thanks to the Helderberg  
Rotary Club we had three-point  
safety belts fitted for an even  
safer journey!

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

## Finance report for financial year ended 28 February 2019

The financial statements comprise a balance sheet, which is a snapshot at a point in time and an income statement, which records the activities of the centre during financial year, which ended on 28 February 2018. The financial statements were audited by an independent auditor, who expressed an unqualified opinion on the results.

The **Balance Sheet** is healthy:

- The **bank** balance at year end was R1.5m, which is positive. R812k is recorded as income received in advance, which represents donor funds received, but which will only be used in the next financial year. The balance of the funds represents the sustainability fund of R700k.
- This fund could sustain Bizweni for about two and a half months. It is the intention of the board that this should grow to six months, which reduces risk, if funding commitments change.
- **Net assets** are mainly three buses, which transport children. Reflected in the notes is another asset, being the non-cancellable operating lease over the building from the church. Both these categories of assets are critical to the future of the centre.
- **Capital and reserves** are positive at R1.5m, but down on prior year due to losses incurred during the year.

The **Income Statement** shows a loss.

- **Donations** are the key source of funding and were 31% down year-on-year at R2.3m. The main reasons were that there was no Lotto income and there was a change in timing of funds received from Molteno Brothers Trust. This caused income received in advance to increase. Six sources, including Social Development provide 87% of the funding. While positive, there is risk, should any one funder decide to discontinue their funding commitment. Funding from smaller funders is therefore also essential and efforts are being made in this area.
- **Fee income** is in line with prior year. The business model is that parents pay school fees, which ensures their commitment and fee collection remains good, which is a healthy indicator.
- **Other income** includes funds received from a sponsored golf day.
- **Staff costs** were 12% up, which includes a cost of living adjustment and employment of temporary staff and contracted skilled specialists.
- **Expenses** were up 17%. Before depreciation, they were up 10%. Depreciation increased as the newest bus was purchased in the last month in the prior year. During the year, discretionary expenses were curtailed, where possible. Material costs remain food & nappies, insurance, electricity and printing & stationery.
- It cost R3.3m to run Bizweni for 2019, which is an average of R278k per month.

In summary, there is a loss for the year, which is not pleasing to report on. However, this is caused more by the change in timing of funds received than the loss of funders. It highlights the importance of a stable base of funders. The cash reserves are positive and Bizweni will continue to strive to grow these bank balances to ensure the sustainability of the Centre.

Dan de Villiers  
Treasurer

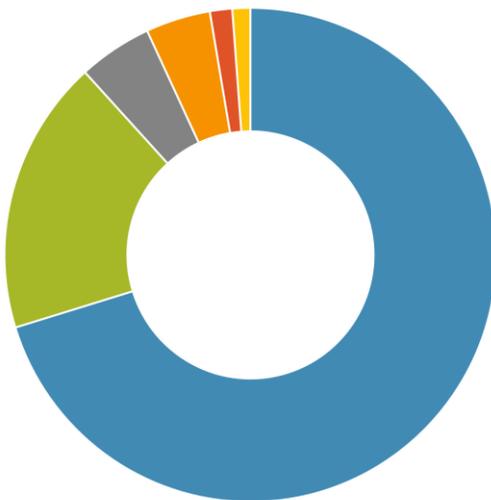
# Speaking in numbers

## 2018/2019 FINANCIALS

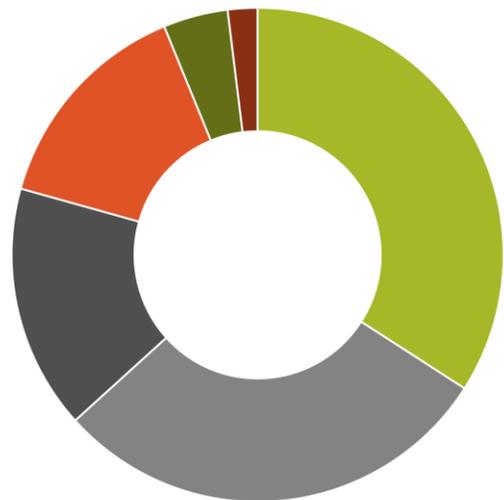
The figures below are compiled from the financial statements as at 28 February 2019:

EXPENSES	2018/2019	2017/2018
Staff costs	R 2,555,391	R 2,300,405
Office and administration	R 654,727	R 506,135
Food & nappies	R 154,724	R 161,530
Transport	R 176,349	R 142,676
Maintenance	R 43,179	R 102,360
Fund raising expenses	R 53,266	R 10,886
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>R 3,637,636</b>	<b>R 3,223,993</b>

Expenses 2018/2019



Income 2018/2019



INCOME	2018/2019	2017/2018
Government funding	R 934,199	R 889,027
Corporate donations	R 800,584	R 1,442,000
Trusts & Foundations	R 396,667	R 404,166
National Lottery Commission		R 492,535
Individual donations	R 116,552	R 111,166
School fees	R 439,150	R 447,750
Other	R 53,529	R 8,133
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>R 2 740,682</b>	<b>R 3,794,777</b>

## Student Highlights

**5 learners** left the Centre at the end of 2018 to start in the appropriate schools in 2019. Referrals were done through the CSPID educational psychologist who observe and asses the learners throughout the year.

The children's annual Extravaganza '**Marvelous Music**' was held with amazing support from the learners' family, friends of Bizweni, and funders.

**Class 1** experienced the incredible benefits of weekly horse riding lessons, and took their first trip to the Strand Swimming Pool.



**Class 2** experienced the beauty of the Cape's beaches, the tranquility of the Helderberg Nature Reserve, and the hustle and bustle of a South African fast food restaurant.

**Class 3** visited the beautiful Oak Valley Estate to see and smell the flowers and fruit grown in abundance, followed by a picnic with their friends from the Applewood Preparatory School.

With the skills picked up in their weekly Music Stimulation sessions **Class 4 + 5** have been able to use music to connect with and add value to the lives of the residents at the Helderberg Society for the Aged Old Age Home and Vonkers Huis Frail Care.



**Occupational Therapy**



**Music Stimulation**

*Therapy Programs*



**Remedial Therapy**



**Speech Therapy**

## Staff Highlights

In the last year Bizweni staff attended over **60 workshops, courses and training sessions** with a focus on upskilling and empowering themselves in order to best serve the learners.

- Courses were incredibly varied and included 'Gross Motor Workshop', First Aid, 'Sustainability Strategy focused on Social Media', Tax Workshops, 'Positive Discipline' and 'ADHD and Autism: Introduction to These Two Diagnoses. How can I help?'
- Class assistant Zandiswa Ketani, employed since 2014, attended the Masikhule Basic ECD course and was then invited to the Advanced ECD course. In the feedback they called her an asset to the class due to her in house training and understanding of the importance of education for all children, even those labelled as unteachable.
- Lena Van Der Merwe attended and completed her WCFID NQF 2 Carer Course, her graduation took place at the WCFID AGM.



Bus Driver Francois Vogelzang called into **KFM's morning show** and earned a spontaneous **R16,335** for the Centre. Following which a Philanthropic Organisation contacted us to submit a proposal for a two year grant.

Lisé Marais took over from Shanley Donkin as our new **Occupational Therapist**. She oversees Class 1 and all individual therapy sessions required by the 2 – 12yr olds.

## Community Engagement

We launched the '**SUPPORT A CHILD CAMPAIGN**' in order to help raise funds for the learners basic needs. To date we have raised an average of R10,000 pm from the amazing friends of Bizweni from around the world.

**The Rotary club** has continued their amazing support of the Centre. The Helderberg members gave us Jerseys, beanies, and 20 beautiful trees. Members from the UK and Australia also paid us a visit.

**Applewood Prep** visited us every Friday, building a valuable relationship between students from our Centre and their school. We have also had visits from students from **Stellenbosch Waldorf and Bizweni Primary**.



## Parent Engagement

We've had **3 parents evenings and 1 workshop**:

- 'The importance of Music in the overall development of a child'
- 'Bizweni Morning Ring' (Group Speech Therapy)
- 2019 new year Parents Meeting
- Parenting Workshop and support group 'Functional Life Skills'

# The Bizweni Centre Team

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Chairperson**

Justus Leo Swart

### **Vice Chairperson**

Kobus Nicolaas Swart

### **Secretary**

Denise Rankin

### **Treasure**

Daniel De Villiers

### **Additional Members**

Trevor Mubaiwa

Daniel Van Eeden

Stephen Mack

Jurgen Neubert

## **BIZWENI STAFF**

### **Principle**

Vicky Hinrichsen

### **Vice Principle**

Philippa Liebenberg

### **Financial Manager**

Dinks Rankin

### **Admin Assistant**

Megan Mubaiwa

### **Occupational Therapists (OT)**

Shanley Donkin

Jessica Theart

Lisé Marais

### **OT Support**

Sauney Coetzee

### **Speech Therapist**

Chelsea Hach Van den Berg

### **Remedial Teachers**

Elzana Visser

### **Music Program and Teacher**

Estie Griesel

### **Teachers**

Catherine Coetee

Sienah Snoek

Miriam Blom

Caroline Moletsane

Megan Stefoor

### **Bus Drivers**

Francois Vogelzang

Gift Mpufu

Charles Adriaanse

### **Housekeeper**

Nancy Mutuda

### **Class Assistants**

Amanda Sohuma

Frances Leibrandt

Irene Mutswiri

Jo-Anne Meyers

Lena Meyers (VD Merwe)

Nothini Tyityi

Sandra Morris

Simone Coetzee

Virginia Oliver

Yongama Mtulu

Yoliswa Pekula

Zandiswa Ketani

### **Office Helper**

Celeste Eager

### **Volunteers**

Mariel Anderson

Kath Storey

Alli DeVilliers

Debbie Bone

Doreen Jonker

Holly Cammel (Biokentecist)

Marinder Bruwer (Bio)

Monique-Anne Meyer (Bio)



# *The people who make it all possible*

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

Department of Social  
Development

## **R200,000-R599,000**

The 476 Charitable Trust  
Alexander Forbes  
Molteno Brothers Trust  
R B Hagart Trust  
Nussbaum Foundation  
CSV Charity Golf Day

## **R100,000-R199,000**

NBP Charitable Trust

## **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  
Johan & Azanne van Wyk  
Ricci & Lloyd Marshall  
Ajax Tyres & Wholesalers  
Barbara Kingwill  
My School Supporters  
Ned & Mina Wilkie Smith

## **R1,000 – R4,999**

Daniel van Eeden  
Joubert Family  
Frank and Maianne Minderhoud  
Tim Bertram  
Valda Krige  
360° Shade Solutions  
M. Roberts  
Blanche Assam



## **R150 – R999**

M. Roberts  
Blanche Assam  
G Strapp  
Nina brag Petterson  
Colleen Lategan  
Lyn Stanford  
Beulah and Riaan Sindon  
Dale Kuys  
Mrs Wilmot  
Hettie Kruger  
Stienie van Vuuren  
Greg and Terese Bertram  
Allan Bellamy  
Margaret Murray  
Lyn Rudman  
Hazel Swart  
David and Nikki Bertram  
A Crawforth  
Malcolm Prinsloo  
M. Meissenheime  
M Bruwe  
M Owen Barnard  
Maccasar Home Group

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**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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