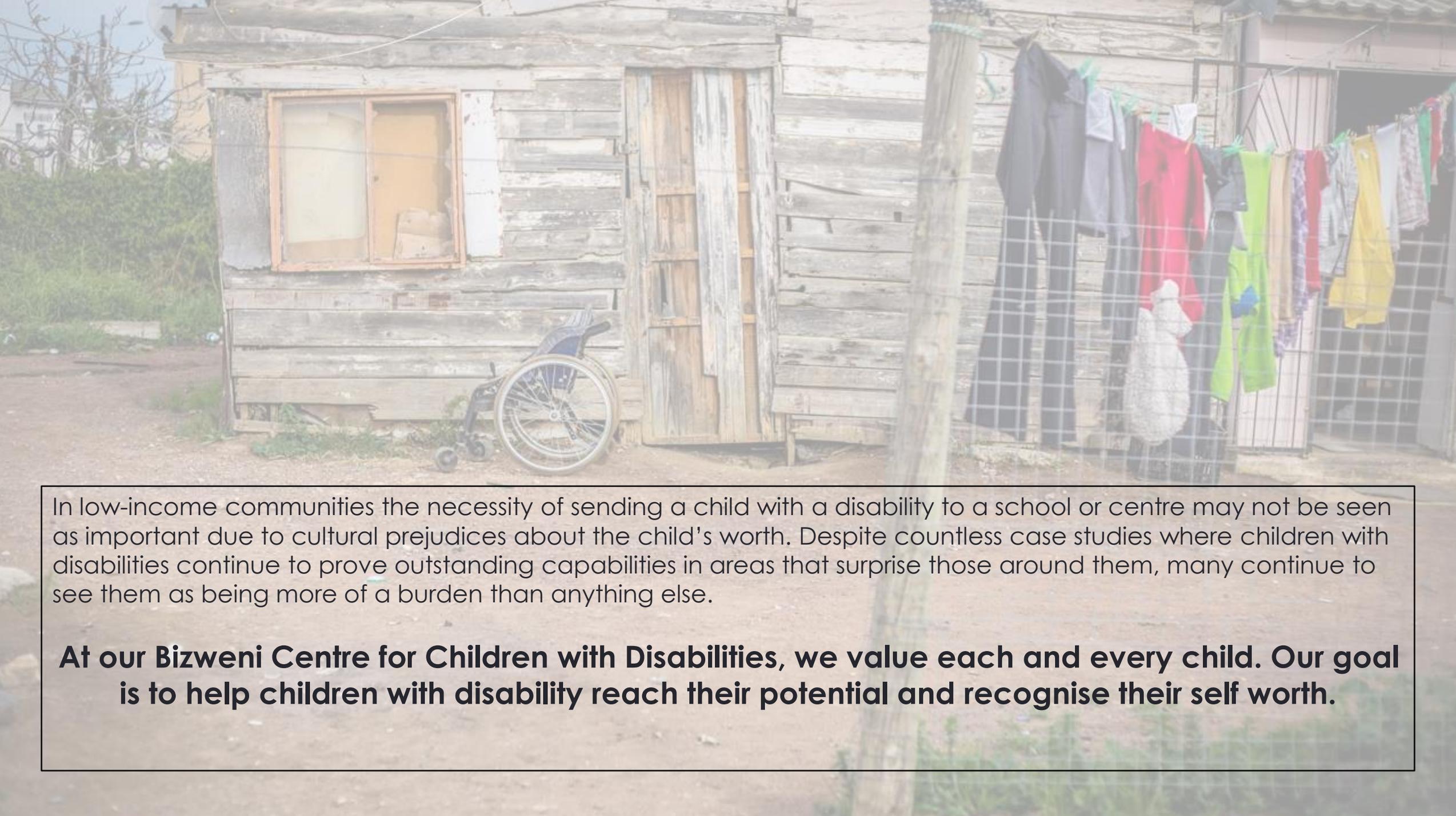


2019-2020
annual
report



**BIZWENI
CENTRE**
— FOR CHILDREN —
WITH DISABILITIES





In low-income communities the necessity of sending a child with a disability to a school or centre may not be seen as important due to cultural prejudices about the child's worth. Despite countless case studies where children with disabilities continue to prove outstanding capabilities in areas that surprise those around them, many continue to see them as being more of a burden than anything else.

At our Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities, we value each and every child. Our goal is to help children with disability reach their potential and recognise their self worth.

Vicky Hinrichsen Principal



“Looking back on 2019, I have so many reasons to be grateful.”

- We have had a year of generous funding from multiple sources – trusts, foundations, schools and individuals who continue to be an incredible support to our work.
- As always a big thanks to my Management Committee and Board of Governors, who have shown great dedication and wisdom in helping me lead the organisation.
- I would like to mention the outstanding commitment and achievement shown by our therapists throughout the year. They particularly focused on building relationships both from within our organisational family and out to other service providers and the community at large. They have created a strong network for us to connect with, learn from and share with. Relationships have been built and I am sure we will benefit greatly from this moving forward
- We also saw an increase in visits from funders. I can already see how this has made a measurable impact in our relationships with a better understanding of our vision and the work that we do.

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Changes 2019-2020

Team

We said goodbye to two of our therapists – **Jessica Theart** and **Lisé Marais**, but welcomed **Emma Hayward** and **Chenéll Myers**.

Debbie Bone – came on board to support Bizweni's fundraising through Events and Social Media campaigns.

Children

3 children left us at the end of 2019 to progress to new schools (Gloria Botha and Rusthof LSEN School)

5 new children started in January 2020 (we had 21 applications for these limited spaces)

A large group of children and adults are sitting on blue mats in a gymnasium, looking towards the left. The children are of various ages and are wearing colorful clothing. Some are sitting on the floor, while others are sitting on chairs. The adults are also sitting on chairs, some holding children. The background shows a large room with windows and shelves.

**What do we
look like?**

32 team members

64 children

5 classes

Throughout the year we continued to offer the highest standard of care to all our beneficiaries by:

- ensuring that the children can get to our Centre every day. We have three buses that collect and return the children daily.
- careful division of children into classes according to their age, needs and abilities.
- the continuous development of a strong team of carers, educators and therapists. Our team attended a large number of courses during the year providing ongoing skills as well as personal and professional development training.
- offering a comprehensive mix of different therapies to accommodate all types of disabilities ensuring that the children get the best care and attention. We offer remedial, occupational, speech and musical stimulation.
- facilitating parent evenings and training workshops for the parents and carers of our children.
- Providing strong leadership.

Why are we special?.....because we always go that extra mile

Highlights from 2019

5 children received **Biokinetic therapy** quarterly which helps with improved function of muscles, reduction in spasticity and increase in range of motion.

Horse Riding was a regular event for many of the children. Not only does it allow the child to stretch and strengthen muscle tone, but the rhythm of riding helps to relax the body and improve balance and coordination. And of course it inspires moments of pure joy and calm.

Weekly visits from **Applewood students** to work with the children, encouraging and building new relationships between fully abled children and the children from our centre.

The Extravaganza Concert - truly a showcase of the progress that the children have made. An important and inspiring event for the children, the team and the parents and carers as well as our supporters.

Women's High Tea – A yearly event especially for the mothers of our beneficiaries. This year we had Nazeema Mohamed and daughter Zara, who suffers from a rare genetic disorder, and Jami Yeats Kastner, the founder of the Butterfly Centre for Children with Autism. Very powerful and moving presentations.



So what's been going on in 2019:

Outings, outings and more outings Exposing the child to the world and the world to a child with disabilities.

We believe it is vital for the children to get out and experience life. We have been able to offer over 20 outings including visits to

Helderberg Farm
Somerset West Village Garden
Waterfront Cape Town – Boat Trip
Vergelegen Wine Estate
Oak Valley Flowers
Shopping at Pick'nPay
Gordon's Bay Beach
Apple Farm – Vyeboom Grabouw
Giraffe House
Somerset Mall Spur
Lourensford Wine Estate
Eagle Encounters
Helderberg Hospital
Activities at Somerset House





Great excitement, our music program was able to purchase a wonderful selection of instruments for the children. The cherry on the top was the 10 djembe drums. Emiel Liebenberg joined the morning ring and gave a lesson to the children and staff on the Djembe drums. Rhythm seems to flow through our children.



Fundraising Highlights – it's been a great year

Zumba

In May we held our first Zumba event with an 80s theme. We were thrilled to have such a great turnout with huge amounts of fun had by all.

And again in November with a 'Be-YOU-nique' theme...

Virtual Resource Campaign

For this campaign, staff from Virtual Resource chose to donate some of their pay, either a day rate, half a day or an hour.

Donors were from England and South Africa. It raised an amazing R45,000.

Activists

Last year 11 people chose to raise funds on behalf of the Bizweni Centre:

Elsa Pienaar swam the Sanlam Cape Mile along with Edna and Peter to make up Team Bizweni. She then swam the Bridge House Mile. Elsa raised an incredible R21,368.

Sevi Barlow created his own fundraiser with his friends - The Laser Run.

Romana Beardmore donated her birthday and raised R9,000.

Michelle Lombardi & Anneke Jacobs rode Wines to Whales. They raised R2,500.

Russell Julius & Danielle ran the Slave Route Challenge.

Dewald & Laurin rode the 3 day Tankwa Trek. They raised R1,000.

Students at Applewood Preparatory School chose to make various crafts and set up a stall at their Christmas market to raise funds for our Centre. They raised R3,038.00



FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-2020

Bizweni Centre is registered as an NPO, which measures itself against best practice in terms of governance for its sector. It has a staff complement of 30, who care for more than 60 children. The Board recognises that these people are dependent upon the financial sustainability of the centre.

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 2020. 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 has improved by R413k to R1.9m, which is positive. R860k of the balance is recorded as income received in advance, which represents donor funds received, but which is allocated for use in the next financial year. The Sustainability fund of R700k is allocated out of the remaining balance. 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. The value of the fund did not increase during 2019/2020.
- **Net assets** materially comprise 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. One bus will need to be replaced in the foreseeable future.
- **Capital and reserves** are positive at R1.7m, which is an improvement on prior year.

The **Income Statement** shows a net surplus of R182k.

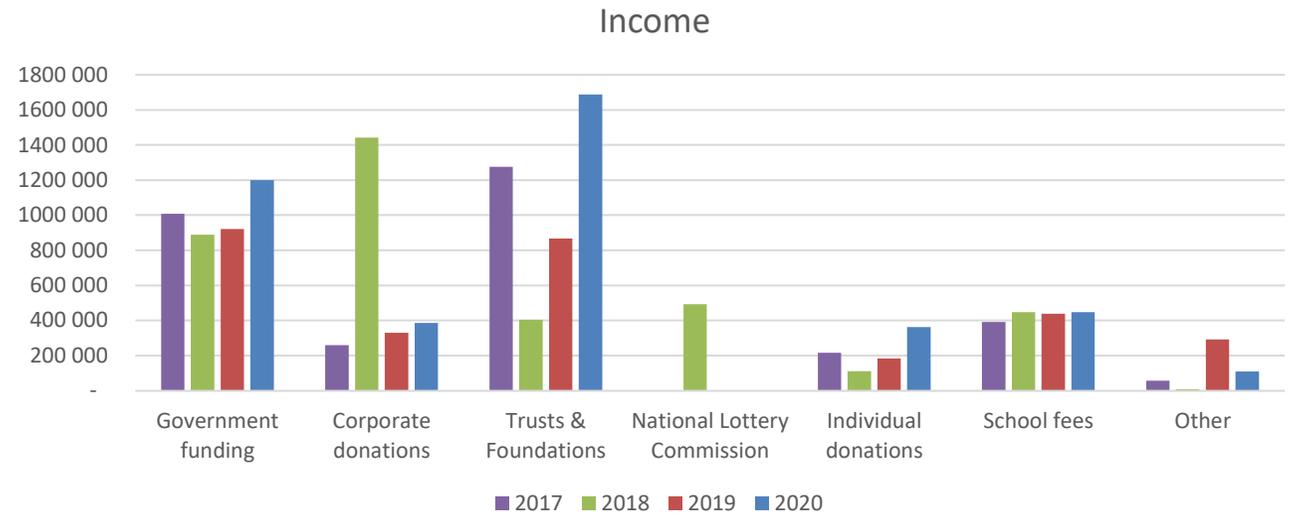
- **Donations** remain the key source of funding, which is 58% up year-on-year at R3.6m. The main increase is due to new funding from the Elma Foundation and RB Hagart Trust and generous increases from existing funders.
7 sources currently provide 64% of the funding. This base of funders needs to be extended to reduce risk. Funding from a broad base of funders remains essential to sustainability.
- **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. However, there was a write-off of uncollected fees in the current year.
- **Staff costs** were 11% up, which includes a market related cost of living adjustment and employment of temporary staff and contracted skilled specialists.
- **Program costs** were 14% up, which was mainly driven up by transport costs, the costs of getting the children to school.
- **Office and administrative expenses** were up 5%, but before depreciation, which is a non-cash item, they were up 44%. There were large increases in computer expenses, electricity charges, repairs and maintenance and unrecovered school fees. These increases were all necessary for running the centre.
- It cost R4m to run Bizweni for 2020, which is an average of R334k per month.

In summary, the positive increase in donations for the year, was required to fund the increased costs and resulted in a net surplus for the year of R182k, which is pleasing to report on. The cash reserves have grown and Bizweni will continue to strive to grow these bank balances to ensure the sustainability of the Centre.

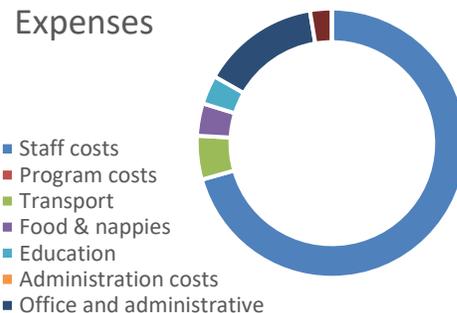
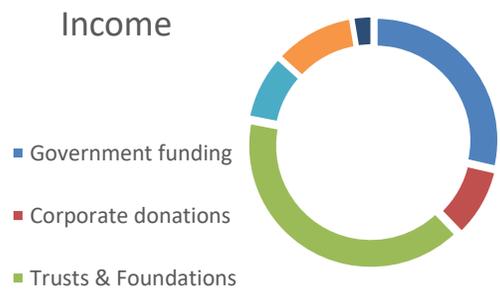
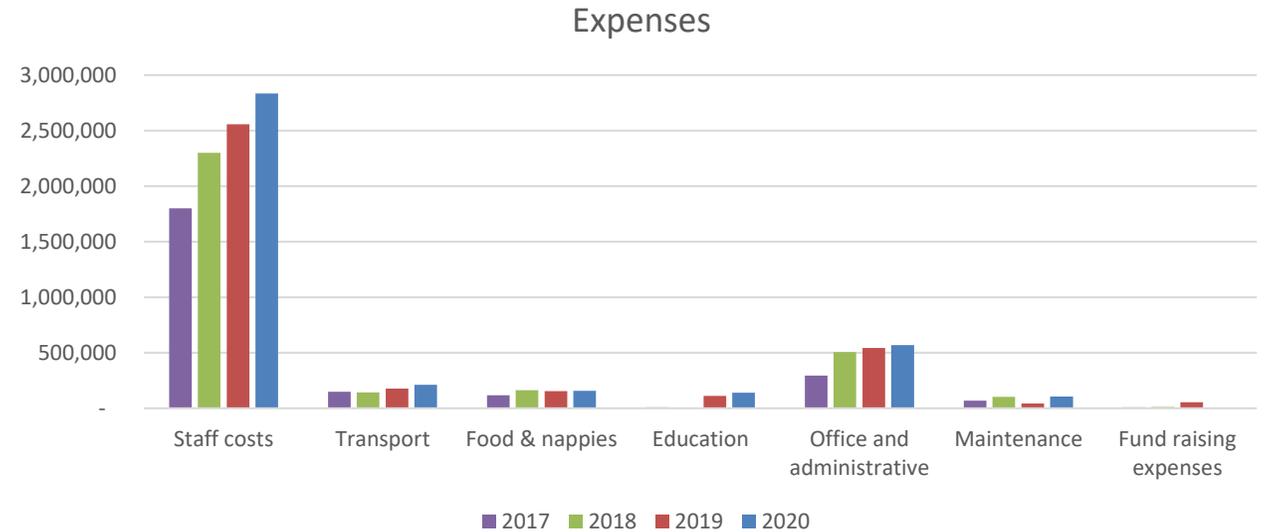
The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has gripped the world have also had an impact on the Bizweni. While the children and staff have not been able to physically attend school, generous donations towards a food drive has enabled the delivery of food parcels and educational supplies to the staff and children of Bizweni. Funders have continued to support the centre, which will resume full operations when the government allows.

Dan de Villiers

INCOME	2020	2019	change
Government funding	1 199 653	920 531	30%
Corporate donations	386 417	329 917	17%
Trusts & Foundations	1 687 662	867 334	95%
National Lottery Commission	-	-	
Individual donations	362 917	183 750	98%
School fees	447 525	439 150	2%
Other	109 717	291 340	-62%
TOTAL INCOME	4 193 890	3 032 022	38%



EXPENSES	2020	2019	change
Staff costs	2 833 674	2 555 391	11%
Program costs			
Transport	210 775	176 349	20%
Food & nappies	156 177	154 724	1%
Education	139 582	112 556	24%
Administration costs			
Office and administrative	567 229	542 171	5%
Maintenance	104 493	43 179	142%
Fund raising expenses	-	53 266	-100%
TOTAL EXPENSES	4 011 929	3 637 636	10%
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	181 961	-605 614	



2019 / 2020 Income & Expenses

Thank you to all our loyal donors, sponsors, contributors and supporters:

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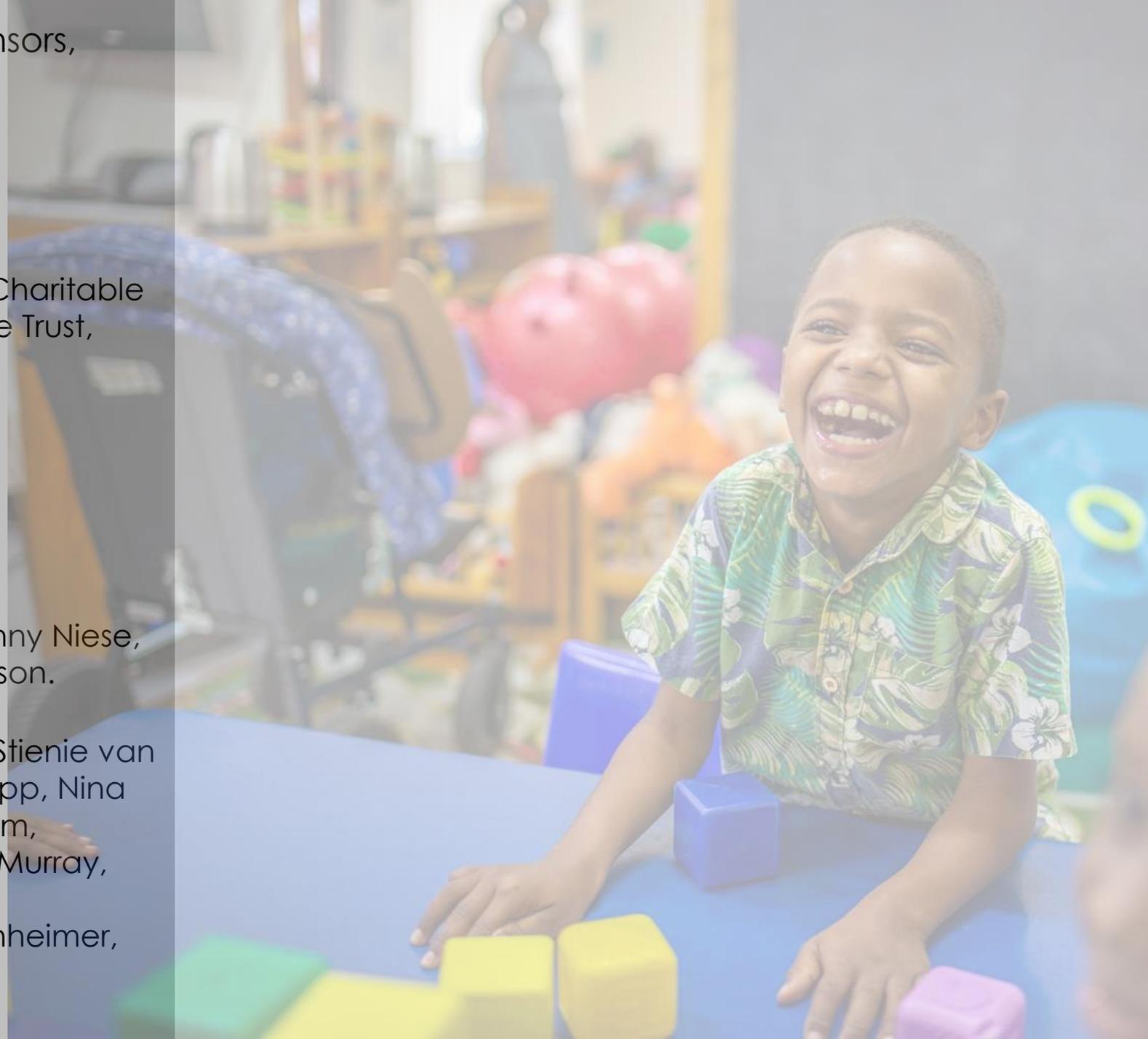
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