

## ANNUAL REPORT UTHANDO (LOVE) SOUTH AFRICA

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*"In a year filled with uncertainty, desperation and sadness, Uthando continually sent rays of light and hope when we need them most and, without their unwavering and regular financial support, we would not have been able to provide the level of care and healing to our families that we did. Uthando is, beyond a doubt, Love."*

Dwyn Griesel, Kronendal Music Academy



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***"Just know we love you and your "bombs of love" explode in our bank account like new courage at dawn"***

***Rob Small, Abalimi Bezekhaya***



# DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

*“Uthando goes beyond tourism, they care”*

**Mario Van Niekerk, Greater Commission United (GCU), Heideveld**

If you reading this report, let me thank you from the very core of my heart for being part of our journey, especially over the last year. Let me also apologise in advance for the length of this report, but considering we work with so many amazing community projects, and have the privilege of connecting them to so many kind people around the world, it is a very tough task keeping this report to just a couple of pages.

Uthando is an organisation linking tourism with community development projects. Despite a collapse of tourism in March 2020, thanks to our thoughtful and generous family of friends from South Africa and all around the world, Uthando was able to help and support thousands of people and distribute just under R5 million to more than 60 community development projects which are working tirelessly on the ground to alleviate hunger, poverty and suffering caused by the Covid-19 crisis and subsequent lockdown.

Truthfully, South Africa was already in a pretty dire situation before Covid-19 with record unemployment and stagnation permeating all aspects of life in the country.

Uthando is a tiny organisation but we have a big heart, dedication to our beliefs and philosophy, and a deep conviction to play our modest but impactful part in re-imagining our beautiful country.

I often get overwhelmed with emotion at the scale of poverty and inequality in South Africa. I struggle to traverse the two worlds in which I find myself, or infact the two universes which inhabit the country. I struggle with existential questions around the human civilization that we have built and my place in it. Running Uthando helps me to process what is going on in the world and to be present each day by striving to be part of the solution, whatever that might be.

I am honestly just beyond grateful for the people that believe in our work and support our modest efforts to build our nation through grass roots community projects and activism. THANK YOU.

Team Uthando had no lockdown at all. We literally worked day and night to generate money and other forms of assistance to support community projects on the ground. Our “Uthando Vehicle” transformed from carrying guests on tours into a true work horse, carrying food and basic supplies to distressed communities.

The information age brings with it huge challenges, like having to constantly reflect the work being done on social media platforms which is hugely time consuming, creating enormous amounts of additional work. But, the flip side of the coin to social media is the ability to convey a message to a global audience instantaneously. I have no doubt at all, that social media enabled Uthando to convey our message and activities which in turn generated heartfelt support for our emergency relief efforts.

I am very sure there are few 2021 annual reports that will not lament the stresses, strain's and trauma's of recent global events. The year since 1 April 2020 has been dramatic, historic and unprecedented in scope and impact on humanity.

The commencement of Uthando's annual financial year on 1 April 2020 pretty much coincided with the dramatic unfolding of the Covid-19 crisis and subsequent lockdowns. Virtually every human being on the planet has had to deal with death, loss, fear and profound uncertainty since the commencement of the crisis.

As I draft this report I am actually visualizing the individuals who were and still are connected to Uthando (Love) South Africa, human beings who have formed part of the Uthando Family over the last year and infact for many years. This exercise fills with my heart with great joy and gratitude. I thank each and every one of you for your love, support and hard work to help create a better, more just and equal state of humanity.

We are deeply grateful for the fact that Uthando had the infrastructure, the relationships, the experience and the ability to almost immediately adapt to the fast-changing circumstances created by the pandemic, harnessing the power of our tried and tested bridge between tourism and community development, thus providing life-saving assistance and support to a broad range of community development initiatives located across the width and breadth of Cape Town.

We are profoundly grateful for the kind and generous people from South Africa and every corner of the world who rallied to support Uthando's emergency relief assistance being provided by our community development partners on the ground.

Last but certainly not least, we are grateful for the passionate, dedicated, tenacious, visionary and selfless community development activists who mobilized their communities to provide life-saving support to millions of South Africans left destitute and vulnerable by the strict lockdowns imposed by the government.

I have no doubt at all that the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa had the best of intentions when announcing the sweeping measures of assistance to support vulnerable communities impacted by the lockdowns, but sadly government beaurocracy and in some cases corruption, meant that this support did not always reach the beneficiaries quick enough. The non profit sector and civil society really stepped up to fill the vacuum, and I am proud that Uthando was able to play its part in poverty alleviation efforts in the City of Cape Town.

We believe that through our consistent and constant messaging and reflecting the many stories of courage, hope and resilience through our monthly newsletters and social media platforms, Uthando also provided our followers and supporters with hope, inspiration and a vision of kindness and love at a time when people throughout the world really needed it.

Thank you to the Uthando Board for providing the support for “Team Uthando” to flourish, and to my colleague Xolani Maseko for his dedication and passion to our vision and working tirelessly to fulfill our mission and purpose. Thank you also to our friend and colleague Quiesto Spieringshoek for the professional messaging being conveyed on our social media platforms.

**James Fernie**

*Founding Director, Uthando (Love) South Africa*

*“With the lockdown, Uthando managed to finance our soup kitchen each and every day. Managed to support us every week to make sure the community about two hundred and fifty people have something to eat through us”.*

**Andisiwe Mbunje Gaqa- Isibane Se Afrika Choir**

*The Uthando Vehicle became a work horse for the delivery of food, groceries and other basic essentials since lockdown*





# MESSAGES OF GRATITUDE AND HOPE FROM OUR COMMUNITY

*Your support means so much, and have enabled me to provide much needed on-going support to the young drop-out girls in Hanover Park. The challenges faced by this group who are totally dependent on others as they have no education, no employment and often a young child to support) feels insurmountable. I've been amazed by the levels of sacrifice these girls make for the survival of their children. Awe inspiring.*

*Just today one of the girls asked if we could meet as she needed to talk to someone ... turns out she is in a very abusive relationship. All I can do is highlight their own intrinsic value and worthiness and the restate that the safety of themselves and their child is their first priority. It's sometimes hard to listen to their stories, I've no idea how I would respond in a similar situation. "*

**Roseanne Turner, Girls Matter**

Once the shock and trauma of the unfolding Covid-19 crisis and subsequent hard lockdown had subsided, the Uthando Team swung into action. First we had to accept that our usual programme of action of taking visitors to the community development projects was indefinitely terminated.

The visits to the community projects is how Uthando shines a light on the incredible work of these programmes to the world. It is through these visits that Uthando is able to show visitors just how inspiring, innovative and courageous these South African activists actually are, and through this process we inspire people to support these programmes financially and in other ways.

Uthando kicked off its Covid-19 emergency relief programme with a fun but impactful doodle video created by Dwyn Griesel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF3lgmjI0a0>



*"KMA is a music school but in reality we offer refuge, trauma healing, care, decent nutrition and psychological support to our students and their families".*

As the crisis was unfolding Uthando identified the community development projects that were putting initiatives into place to provide food, shelter, blankets and other forms of emergency support as South Africa was approaching an awful uncertain winter.

In the last two weeks of March 2020 Uthando provided the finances to urban micro farming operations with a view to ensuring that come winter there would be massive harvests of healthy, organic vegetables to some of the most vulnerable communities. This investment paid off generously with huge crops of fresh, organic winter vegetables harvested and delivered to people that needed it most.

It is quite difficult to reflect the impact that Uthando assistance provided for each project, because in some instances Uthando was part of a broader base of donors whilst in other cases Uthando was basically the sole contributor to the grass roots programmes.

Some of the community projects are really multi-focused offering various forms of support, thus it is quite difficult to provide an overview in a linear format.

Most community projects swung into emergency mode and deviated substantially from their core programmes towards emergency relief, for example, Dwyn Griesel from Kronendal Music Academy (KMA) explained during the crisis,

For example, vegetables were grown by Ludwe Qamata (Ghetto Gardener) at the Sinovuyo Seniors Centre and when winter arrived, every week fresh, healthy vegetables were delivered to the seniors who were isolating in their respective homes.

The report contains messages of thanks from most of the community projects and activists, as we prefer to let them speak directly to our donors and friends...

## SUPPORTING URBAN MICRO FARMING OPERATIONS WITH A VIEW TO SUPPLYING FRESH ORGANIC VEGETABLES TO DESTITUTE COMMUNITIES

### **Abalimi Bezekhaya "Farmers of Home" – Cape Flats**

*"Uthando's impact within Abalimi has been due to its consistent encouragement of our work over the long term....by visiting and thus boosting morale among the farmers and also by donating towards our work of training & extension, supply of resources, soil development and market access support.*

### **The Abalimi Team visiting Babylonstoren with Uthando**



**Ludwe Qamat or "Ghetto Gardener delivering food to the seniors fresh from the garden at the seniors centre**

*Uthando has contributed significantly to various specific community garden projects, helping them to improve infrastructure and vegetable production. Uthando gives our farmers hope, knowing that they have a true friend and supporter through thick and thin. Viva Uthando!!!"*





## Ikhaya "Home" Garden – Site C, Khayelitshabalimi Bezekhaya "Farmers of Home" – Cape Flats

Uthando partnered with Xolisa Bangani to help and support him establish the thriving vegetable garden at the Isikhokelo Primary School in Khayelitsha in 2013. Xolisa sent the following message and poem to Uthando in recognition of the support provided to him over the last year.

*"I am writing this email to you to express my gratitude for all the help, support and mad love you have been showing to me, the garden and the community at large. I also want to extend my gratitude to all the donors as well."*

*For the sake of poetry I want to dedicate this poem to you, it is called "Ghetto all-stars" I hope you can relate to it because to me you are ghetto stars like many of us who are shining the light in the darkest street where there is no hope. As ghetto stars you are a beacon of hope and you shine the light for us. Today I am happy and I can say the community is happy too regardless of time, trials and tribulation because at least we have something to hold on to, which is the garden. I can only imagine the situation we could have been in if it wasn't for the presence of the garden, I do not know how we could have survived each day. I am also happy that we started our garden prior to COVID- 19, to me it feels like we were ahead of time.*

*Today we are coming in strongly as an alternative that can shape the future for better. Cheers to Uthando for all the energy, the love, resources and everything you have given to make us better. I can never say thank you enough. You have empowered us to be strong and to lead the way for others to be strong too. I know words and poetry is not enough even if I can put my soul in it but I know that with these words I can create ... may you live long so you can see the part you played in human legacy. Thank you for trusting and believing in this idea , I hope one day we make you proud."*

**Ikhaya Garden Team: Xolisa Bangani (founder), Sibusiso Nkunka, Nompumelelo "Mama G" Majova and Loyiso Nquma.**



**Inspirational and motivated leader, Xolisa Bangani**

**Ikhaya Garden from the sky**



### Getho All-Stars - by Xolisa Bangani (Ikhaya Garden)

This is not about me making a name for myself.  
This is about me fulfilling my mission on planet earth.  
I have a vision, with mind I can paint a perfect picture.  
I can create my own reality  
I'm here to serve the King within me, under God's will.  
When I say God, I mean the power of the entire universe.  
I'm just a small piece, a small particle partaking in a complete puzzle,  
playing my part, connecting the dots, representing the people, the  
species of human beings.  
I'm just a human being seeking to walk the righteous way  
cruising through the milky way reaching other dimensions and  
galaxies along the path.  
This is about fortune not fame, of course we are  
fortunate to be here, fortunately!  
I am the star that shines amongst other stars, Getho all-stars!  
This is not about me, this is about the aim, I was sent to regain and  
sustain the treasures of life.  
This is about the privilege to be enjoyed beyond the boundaries of  
race, colour and creed.  
I am here to manifest the festival of love, happiness,  
and joy in abundance.  
I am the light that shines out of darkness,  
a glimpse of consciousness.  
I am like a rose that grew from the street pavements of Khayelitsha.  
I am the man of the past, living in the present facing the future.  
I am who I am because we are who we are...

**Getho all-stars**

## Moya We Khaya "Spirit of Home" Garden - Khayelitsha

*"Uthando has supported our garden since we started it. Moya values and appreciates the support they receive each year from Uthando. 2020 was a very difficult year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent nationwide lockdown which saw a huge number of our community members losing their jobs and income, Uthando's funding played an extremely important role not only in the garden but also helped Moya to support these destitute families with grocery food parcels."*

*With the funds received we were able to buy a new borehole engine, our ir borehole was repaired and serviced just in time as the summer season was approaching. We could also buy seeds, seedlings, manure and garden tools."*

*The highlight for us was a tour to Babylonstoren farm organized by Uthando, the visit was amazing and an eye opener, as result we came back excited & refreshed, full of ideas and began implementing them in their garden."*

*We are so grateful and appreciative of the relationship with Uthando and are thankful to each and every donor that continues to support them."*



**Moya We Khaya Garden from the sky**



**Moya Team of Farmers : Mama Christina T. Kaba, Nancy M. Maqungo, Xoliswa Magutywa, Muriel Zilwa, Stella Sukwana , Henrietta Sishuba, Ntombizodwa Daweti, Nomsa Mngcita, Sandi Mongo, Zola Mankayi**



## *“Spinach Queen” Ncumisa Mkabile Urban Farming Operation – Makhaza, Khayelitsha*

*“Thank you Uthando and your kind donors for your love, care, dedication, commitment, passion and enthusiasm to the cause of wholesome, nutritious micro-farming movement in Cape Town, you helped us when we needed it most ” Ncumisa Mkabile*

*G Ncumisa with Xolani Maseko (Uthando)*



## *“Siyazama “we are trying” Garden (Khayelitsha)*

*“Uthando’s support to the Siyazama Garden has been ongoing since 2009 and continues to this day. 2020 started out promising for the micro-farmers at Siyazama with the re-introduction of the youth training and apprenticeship program, providing training and practical agricultural skills to the youth and establishment of a new market to sell their produce, definitely it was a promising and exciting year. All of which had to be abruptly stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was a devastating blow to the farmers.*

*Siyazama had to quickly adapt and be amongst the organizations in the forefront of food security and provision of healthy food to vulnerable communities. The garden mass produced a variety of vegetables such as spinach, spring onion, beetroot, cabbage and carrots for distribution and bought grocery food parcels weekly for very vulnerable 15 families.*

*The donations received from Uthando enabled us to help our community through this difficult time. The ongoing weekly support from Uthando enables us to buy garden tools, a vegetable scale, manure and compost, seedlings and seeds. The help and support given by Uthando and donors is valued and appreciated because without it the situation would have been extremely terrible for many people in their community.”*

*Siyazama Garden from the sky*



*Siyazama Garden Team Liziwe Stofile, Andiswa Bikila, Zandisile Masiki, Nophelo Zenani, Nokwanda Nkqayi*



## *Schools Environmental Education and Development (SEED) – Mitchells Plain*

*“SEED is deeply grateful to Uthando for their unwavering support through the crazy year that was 2020. Food poverty in Mitchells Plain was 36% before lockdown and rose alarmingly to 52% as the year progressed and job losses took their toll. Uthando support enabled us to pivot our gardens to support two local feeding schemes - regularly feeding 677 people.”*



*The We Are Africa Team visiting SEED*

*SEED launched the feeding scheme gardens in April 2020 and have produced 1,55 tons of fresh organic produce to date. This was supplemented with 8266 naan breads, which we baked weekly at SEED. This has had a huge impact on the alleviation of hunger in Mitchells Plain and is proof of what a few committed people can do when they work together.”*

*SEED Team : Leigh Brown (director), Nicole van Heerden, Kudzi Genti, Elias Maksusha, Cassey Heunis, Stephanie Mullins, Lauren Dreyer, Raelene Adams, Marley Quinn and Fatima Thomas*



# A LIFELINE TO ORGANISATIONS RELIANT ON TOURISM

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The Uthando Team was deeply traumatized at the thought of how many of the community projects relied on tourism for their income and what would happen to them. The musicians, choirs, poets, artists and entrepreneurs who lost their income almost overnight. Basically within a few days the tourism industry ground to halt. Hotels and tourist sites were closed. Places like Waterfront where the choirs also performed and generated their income closed overnight. How were they going to survive this financial apocalypse we wondered. The uncertainty was terrifying.

The South African Government announced sweeping measures of support for people impacted by the crisis, but we all knew that this would be slow and bogged down by bureaucracy.

Thanks to our donors, Uthando was able to provide a lifeline to these truly remarkable people doing important work in the development of their respective communities.

Below are some messages of thanks from a few of these organisations...

### **Afri-Creative Hub (Khayelitsha)**

*"We believe that art is not a hobby or just a career to everyone of us. But it could be a tool to make strong bonds to families, friends and communities. It can be a source of therapy to deal with trauma and it activates the inspiration and creative side on everyone."*

*Ntinga Khozi Fine Art Centre which is formally known as Afri-creative Hub, we have been working on our best to help people especially kids and emerging artists to give required skills in visual art career from townships. We really struggled during the pandemic, we couldn't accomplish most of things we needed to do. Through it all we knew helping kids through art will help them to deal with the pandemic better, our priority was to keep the space for them we tried by all means possible to have art equipment so the art class can continue.*

*We thank Uthando for supporting us through the trying times they, didn't abandon us because they believed in our values and vision. Without the help of Uthando we could have lost the RDP house we are renting by now and project would be gone. A big gratitude to Uthando sponsors, keep on helping us so we can bring light and share love to our communities, with your help we can change the world!, ♥ - Nwabisa Nkonyana (Founder)*



### **Golden Flowers Museum and Tours (Khayelitsha)**

One of the pioneers of economic upliftment through tourism in the townships is Mr "Golden Flowers" (Mr Golden Sonwabo Nongawuza) and his family. Their business collapsed overnight. Uthando purchased the vases and flowers from the family during this difficult time, it meant the family were able to work and keep occupied during the difficult times, but also the vases and flowers made beautiful gifts for donors and supporters as a token of gratitude and appreciation.

*"The impact that Uthando has had on Golden Flowers Museum and Tours has been nothing short of amazing, the funding support received has kept our business alive and doors open. We were able to source and pay for raw materials from community members for the production of our flowers and vase products, this ensured a resilient and consistent service. Without the donations from Uthando, the Golden Flowers social business would have had to close down and that would have had a devastating effect to the entire family and community that benefits from it."*

**Golden Flowers Team : Sonwabo "Golden" Nongauza, Mrs Pumla Nongauza, Nangamso Nongauza, Namhla Nongauza, Nande Nongauza, Lona Nongauza, Oneziwe Nongauza and Onela Nongauza**



**SiyazamThe Golden Flowers Team**

*Inspirational Places Team receiving their vase of flowers as a gesture of thanks*





# A LIFELINE TO ORGANISATIONS RELIANT ON TOURISM

## The Major Voices Male Choir

*"The impact Uthando has had on Major Voices gave the band its dignity and changed the way we portray our music and what we must also do to impact other people. Uthando SA has had a huge impact on us especially last year when the whole country had to be on lockdown because of Corona virus. As we could no longer work (Busk) and provide for our families Uthando and its donors came to our help. Uthando's support gave hope and strength to individuals within our band, Uthando was there for us to assist at a critical moment. Even though it is this difficult time to our country, we have not stop performing our music productions anywhere if booked during this period. This also gave us time to compose and create new music and other productions, also creating time for us in checking our social media and competitions we have recently entered."*

Choir members : Ayabulela Tshabile, Mbulelo Ningi, Bongile Sulelo, Anathi Dlova, Bongani Sulelo, Thozamile Gomomo, Lonwabo Matshaya, Yanga Quleka and Mandilakhe Madikane



Major Voices Choir assisting the Sinovuyo Seniors in the vegetable garden

## DIRECT SUPPORT TO DESTITUTE FAMILIES THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Many people living in materially impoverished communities had little to no line of defence against hunger, access to basic services like electricity and mobile data enabling them to maintain communication. Their income vanished overnight. Many families in SA survive on income generated from hand-to-mouth. No work, no income, so with the lockdown many people were deprived of the opportunity to support their families.

Uthando stepped in to assist several organisations that made direct financial payments to families that they identified as extremely vulnerable and destitute.

## Christel House School

*We are extremely grateful for the generous support received from Uthando SA. All Christel House students come from severely impoverished homes on the Cape Flats, where the average household income is less than R1,500 per person per month. Uthando SA's funding helped to provide a critical lifeline to our 1000+ students and their families by providing food and basic necessities throughout the lockdown. The gratitude from our students and parents continue to stream in as we adapt to the new normal in 2021.*

*As a non-profit no-fee school that serves close to 1000 students from the Cape Flats, Christel House provides a host of critical services as part of our holistic education model – from daily nutrition to healthcare and social services. When schools were instructed to close at the end of March 2020, we had a robust strategy in place to ensure that our children had access to sufficient educational resources, health and food supplies, and social support. A key part of our plan was ensuring food security for our students and their families. In addition to distributing regular food parcels to our students, we also identified 300 of our most at-risk families and supported them with monthly stipends for 6 months through eWallet payments.*

*On the education front, we launched an ambitious remote learning curriculum. In our Junior School, students received printed workbooks and we setup parent WhatsApp groups so teachers can relay educational instructions on how to complete their daily tasks. In our High School, we supplied donated tablets and data to our students to allow them to attend online classes via Zoom. This new innovative way of teaching was not without its challenges, but in total we only missed three academic days in 2020 and continue to make use of online teaching methods in 2021. One stand-out testament to our success is the fact that our Matric Class of 2020 achieved a 100% pass rate and an 80.5% bachelor's pass.*

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## Non-profit school raises funds to feed poor families

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DONATIONS from around the world have raised enough money for Ottery-based non-profit school Christel House to feed more than 250 families until the end of July.

Christel House serves 1000 pupils from 20 impoverished communities on the Cape Flats.

At the start of last month, the school started a fund-raising campaign called "Help a family in crisis during lockdown" to provide food for 166 of its most vulnerable families during the lockdown.

The plan was to provide weekly stipends to these households for eight weeks so they could buy basic food supplies and other necessities. The public's response to the

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So many people in South Africa are feeling hopeless

James Fernie  
UTHANDO SA



NON-PROFIT school Christel House has raised more than R500 000 to feed 250 families until the end of July.

campaign has been positive with individual donors and businesses from South Africa and around the world managing to raise more than R500 000 to increase its support to over 250 families and for an extended period.

However, its aim is to support these families up until the end of September.

non-profit organisation and responsible-tourism initiative based in Cape Town.

"So many people in South Africa are feeling hopeless, facing starvation and deeply fearful of the future.

"The silver lining to this horrendous crisis has been the most remarkable sense of community, sharing and

A senior social worker and admissions co-ordinator at Christel House, Janine Welby-Solomon, said many parents worked in the informal sector, and with the lockdown, they had not been able to work and subsequently lost their only means of income.

"We also have larger families who

"We know that our families depend on these stipends to survive the lockdown and are so grateful to all donors for their support," Welby-Solomon said.

The school has also implemented a remote learning curriculum for pupils. For more information about the campaign, visit: <https://www.given->

Uthando thanked by Christel House in the Cape Times newspaper, 15 May 2020



# PIONEERING INTO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES

## The Big Issue

*"Uthando has helped Big Issue NGO manage the Covid storm which saw vendors sales decline for more than a year now. Uthando has, together with other funder supporters, help us provide a monthly Covid grant of R100 per month for 3 months during the first national lockdown in 2020. With those funds, we could also provide masks, pocket-size hand sanitisers and plastic bags for the magazines. For winter this year, we purchased a Family Size Food Parcel for each vendor. And then there is the little issue magazine which helps vendors sell a second product on the street."*

As a way of thanking Uthando for supporting the vendors, the Big Issue magazine has gifted free prime advertising space in the magazine to Uthando



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## Alcardo Andrews Foundation - Hanover Park

*"Thank you for supporting the Hanover Park Community and The Alcardo Andrews Foundation. One of our main objectives is to spread goodwill in our community and its neighbouring informal settlements and through the assistance of Uthando we were able to expand and established 2 additional feeding stations. One of the major highlights was the donation of the container. Our kitchen, "The Uthando Green Kitchen", enables us to cook additional meals in the afternoon for the Hanover Park Community. We have increased our meals we serve from 600 to 1 000 meals per day."*

*The renovation/upgrade to our base, also dubbed the Green Corner was made possible by the generous financial support received from Uthando and their partners. This serves as a safe space for our youth. James Fernie and the Uthando SA team, marketed our organisation and through this, we were able to grow exponentially and support more communities and CBOs in Hanover Park and informal settlements. In December 2020, we were able to host a camp for 30 youth who all received toiletry and goodie bags. We are extremely appreciative of the support that Uthando SA has granted us. Thank you for making a difference in so many people's lives, your interest in our foundation and the work we do. Thank you Uthando for your continuous acts of kindness." - "Aunty" Avril Andrews, Founder*



*The Alcardo Andrews Foundation Team in front of their brand new kitchen (shipping container) Ikhaya Garden from the sky*



*Feeding vulnerable people in Hanover Park is an ongoing challenge*



*James Fernie delivering food prepared by the Kensington Place team deep inside the community of Hanover Park with "Aunty Avril" and Lesley from the Alcardo Andrews Foundation*



# PIONEERING INTO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES



A visit with Brave Rock Girl by Uthando and Maria Ross, making beanies with the girls

## Brave Rock Girl (Manenberg)

*“On behalf of the BRAVE board, I want to thank the extraordinary support you have provided to our young women and team over the last year. From the early days of lockdown, you were there for us, providing much needed financial support each week, engaging with our team, and boosting our spirits.”*

*Warm wishes, India Baird*

## Girls Matter (Hanover Park)

*“Girls Matter provides stability and a sense of belonging to adolescent mothers and girls who have dropped out of school and who live in poverty within gang areas.*

*Thank you for caring and supporting our girls with such passion, enthusiasm and love.” – Rosanne Turner*



Some of the Girls on an excursion around the Cape Peninsula provided by Uthando

## Philisa Abafazi Bethu GBV Programme (Lavender Hill)Matter (Hanover Park)

*Philisa Abafazi Bethu Family Centre wish to thank Uthando (Love) South Africa for their support during the 2020 COVID-19 hard lockdown time and continue to do so in 2021. The support and funding allowed Philisa Abafazi to purchase much needed sanitary supplies, food packages and distributed these to 400 women-headed households living in the Informal settlement and who had no income.*

*The funding also allowed them to provide one cooked meal per day that would feed adults and children. Uthando (Love) South Africa also made it possible that one of Uthando's partner contributed some funding to their stage 1 shelter, a 14-day emergency facility that accommodates a survive of GBV and after 14 days the client is transferred to a house shelter for longer stay. Philisa Abafazi Bethu Family Centre remains grateful for the support. – Lucinda Evans*



## Hanover Park Cricket Club (Hanover Park)

*“Uthando SA, has shown this love well before Covid19 hit our shores. As a club, we indebted when we came together in March 2020 and became a beneficiary of Uthando SA. The love and care displayed by the leadership has been immense and it has allowed us to work closely together with the leadership and other partners over the last 18 months. We have in turn used this inspiration to increase capacity in our own organization by including more members and youth as part of the broader leadership. This ties into our #breakingboundaries #Humanity slogans and programmes we have facilitated to help to become self-sustainable. Without fail, we have fed our members with either food hampers, soup and bread since the partnership began. – Ashraf Allie*



The “We Are Africa” team visit to the Philisa Abafazi Centre in Steenberg, with founder Lucinda Evans



**SUPPORTING PROJECTS WORKING AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV).**

South Africa is facing a myriad of very serious crises, it can sometimes be overwhelming, especially to very empathetic people. Thankfully there are incredible organisations that provide support to communities where it is needed most. Uthando is proud to have supported Philisa Abafazi Bethu and Nonceba Family Counselling Centre in their efforts to combat the scourge of GBV and provide holistic care support to the victims of GBV.

**Nonceba Family Counselling Centre (Khayelitsha)**

*“Our Centre has been blessed over the years with truly wonderful and caring people who have become an integral part of our existence and in their involvement, have allowed us to perform the amazing services we provide in and for the community of Khayelitsha.*

*One of the outstanding friends of the Centre is Uthando South Africa And so it is, because of dear James, that today we are the beneficiaries of a truly generous donation from yourselves. I notice that you are a travel company so I presume your experience over the last 6 months has been dire to say the least. So, receiving your donation has an even bigger impact on us. On behalf of all involved in our special Centre, we thank you most, most sincerely for choosing us.” We wish you well, Very sincerely, Jeffrey Kaimowitz*

The We Are Africa Team visiting the Nonceba Family Centre



**VULNERABLE ANIMALS ALSO NEED PROTECTION, CARE AND LOVE**

It is just as important to protect, care and nurture vulnerable animals as it is people. Uthando is extremely proud of the passionate and dedicated projects that are concerned with animal welfare and very grateful that we were able to support during this difficult crisis.

**Carthorse Protection Association**

*“The Cart Horse Protection Association has been helping working horses on the Cape Flats for 26 years. We have built strong relationships with horse owners and can proudly say that CHPA is the first call they make when they have a problem. As South Africans banded together to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19, animal welfare organisations faced all their usual problems and then some!*

*With the entire country in lockdown and all movement restricted, contingency plans were put in place so that owners could get medication for horses should they need it. Our Field staff stayed in touch 24/7 telephonically. Cart horse owners who live from hand to mouth were unable to earn an income, thus unable to stockpile food for themselves or feed for the horses. When owners cannot work, horses cannot be fed and we did not want to see an increase in under-condition horses on the road when allowed to go back to work. With the help of Uthando and their incredible donors, no horse went hungry during lockdown as our feed appeal helped us hand out feed to everyone.*

*Thank you Uthando, you do for sure spread the Love.”*



**Mdzananda Animal Clinic (Khayelitsha)**

*“Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the unconditional kindness, love and support shown by Uthando to our clinic, staff and all of the animals under our care, Uthando’s long standing support and love for the animals of Khayelitsha and surrounding areas is amazing.”*  
**Marcelle Du Plessis**

*Visit with donor Vents Brull to the clinic in Khayelitsha*





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### Ekhaya Ekasi "home in the hood" Centre

*"James/Xolani I would like to express my gratitude to UTHANDO on behalf of Ekhaya EKasi for your tremendous support ever since this Pandemic started in March 2020, UTHANDO impacted our organization and its community at large. The donation of the 3 burner stove and gas tank that allowed us to cook meals for more than 10.000 people up to this day.*

*Weekly grants that allowed us to cover other expenses of EKhaya Ekasi like getting vegetables, soup ingredients, pay for our alarm system to keep our centre safe at this high time of crime due to lack of unemployment.*

*We are truly grateful that our doors are still open to feed the most vulnerable in our community through your ongoing support...*

*We are at the most difficult time third wave of COVID-19 but at least we can still provide hand sanitizers that were also donated by UTHANDO to make sure our people are reducing the spread of the virus and that is very IMPORTANT..and it has impacted so much to so many peoples lives.*

*We may not see one another or communicate every day but I believe we all have the same vision of working hand in hand for a better South Africa our beautiful country we not giving up the change will come and life will be better again...*

**Ekasi Team :** Lulama Sihlabeni (director), Nomfundo Yaso (team leader and admin), Amanda Folomane, Phelisa Ndube, Nomqibelo Mvanana, Bulelwa Mxojeni, Odwa Xongo and Neliswa Kilani.



### Eziko Cooking School - Langa

*"A total of 52 student chefs benefitted from the funding received from Uthando during 2020 – 2021 academic year, with the funds received Eziko was able to purchase cooking ingredients for the provision of pastry and culinary training and provided financial support to 2 students to attend Young Stars Culinary Competition. The students gained practical cooking experience through job shadowing programs offered by hotels and businesses in the hospitality industry. Uthando's funds help provide transport allowances to the student to access these opportunities and helped with the grocery purchases for the Langa Cheshire Home for the Disabled where the once a week the students cooked nutritious and well balanced meals for 35 people in the centre, this served as an assessment of the students' performance and understanding of the culinary training."*

**Eziko Team :** Eric Bingo, Victor Mguqulwa, Anele Shumi, Eugene Roxo and Nokuthalo Ntsholo



**Greater Commission United (GCU) – Heidveld and surrounding areas**

*"When the country was hit with the full lockdown Uthando came along side GCU and provided funding to purchase over 400 food parcels. The food parcels were distributed amongst our members, safe house for children and the elderly within our community. Throughout the pandemic Uthando made weekly contributions to support or drive to provide over 40 000 hot meals a week to delivered to communities through our feeding program.*

*Uthando's consistency in giving assisted our organisation to continue our work and we are very grateful for your generosity."*

**GCU Team** Mario Van Niekerk, Michelle Van Niekerk, Anastacia Van Der Rheede, Athenkosi Mtati, Bianca Maans, Elena Claasen, Kaylee Dyszel, Melanie Le Roux, Natalie Abrahams, Roline Jacobs, Samantha Kewena, Sandile Mlonyeni, Wendy Arendse and Zeldi Jo-Anne Bosch.

**Mario Van Niekerk, founder of GCU working tirelessly to provide food to thousands of people**





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### Isibane Se Afrika “the Light of Africa” Choir

“Since the start of the nationwide lockdown last year March, Isibane have been helping and taking care of people through the provision of food parcels and daily feeding in our soup kitchens. WE operate in three different areas feeding about 300 people a day twice a week and distributed more than 200 food parcels in 2020 and around 50 in 2021. The financial support Uthando provided from April 2020 to now has enabled us to provide nutritious meals such as rice and stew, vegetable soup and bread and much needed essentials to thousands of people. We have to purchase ingredients & gas to cook; pay for utilities bills and transport costs to the different feeding sites. All of which wouldn't have been possible without Uthando's help and thank you to the donors for your generous support, your efforts are really appreciated. So far we grateful that the choir is still functional, operational and has also been able to run a very successful feeding scheme, all of this is only possible with the support from UTHANDO

Choir members : Andisiwe Mbunje-Gaqa (director and founder), Khayakazi Mabaso, Lelihle Nongomaze, Likho Dyantyi, Lindokuhle Lituja, Anelisa Lituka, Anelisa Khoba, Mandilakhe Duna, Sipheshile Duna, Aybonga Duna, Anathi Matika, Lulutho Nobanda, Alive Mbunje, Busisiwe Mbunje, Liyema Plati, Asenathi Gosani, Liyabona Tomile and Anele Holahoyi



The Isibane se Afrika “home” transformed into a soup kitchen

### Khayelitsha Art School and Rehabilitation Centre (KASI RC)

“KASI RC Fed close to 2000 every weekly from the 27th March - 24th September 2020 and Uthando was an integral part of the support for this.

KASI had the soup kitchen, a virtual series of performance and Uthando support helped us to purchase the equipment such as Camera, Sound recorder and speakers which we also lost during the robbery. We also had educational classes for the youth who couldn't attend school and especially those with no television at home and some money helped more the 300 houses with electricity vouchers. “ Mandisi and Liso Sindo, Founders KASI RC



### Ladles of Love

Each act of kindness is huge no matter how 'small' it is and having UTHANDO walk this journey with us on an ongoing basis is very, very important to us. To give you an idea, the money that Uthando has donated has sent out approximately 3 tonnes of bulk food supply and has provided over 20 000 meals or as I like to say over 20 000 acts of kindness or, better still, over 20 000 smiles. – Danny Diliberto, Founder, Ladles of Love



### Little C-Jays Educare Centre

The Little CJ daycare soup kitchen thanks everyone for helping their children and community of Malibu Village, Delft South and Happy Valley since 1 April 2020 and continuing to do so in 2021. The help received enabled us to feed the community everyday with warm prepared meals such as spaghetti and mince curry, soup with bread and rice with chicken stew and briyani, and providing food parcels and warm winter blankets. The impact of the support was felt and appreciated by many and through their smiles one could see hope of a better tomorrow. A BIG Thank YOU for everything UTHANDO SOUTH AFRICA. – Chantal Du Toit, Principal and Founder



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### Luleki Sizwe (LGBTQI community project)

"Since the beginning of Covid 19 things have been tough for my LGBTI and members of my communities. The number of Hate Crimes cases and GVB has increased. Some LGBTI community members experience evictions from their families because they lost their jobs. We approached Uthando for some help to rescue the situation that we were facing. Uthando has been great help to Luleki Sizwe for so many years. The help and support that we received during this difficult time is amazing. We have managed to buy essentials and food parcels. And we established soup kitchens from different informal settlements where members of our community live. We also received a donation of R10 from Uthando for one of the lesbians that was murdered in Khayelitsha for her dignified funeral. If it was not for Uthando we were not going to be able to have a dignified funeral for Phelokazi. We are still receiving weekly donations from Uthando for our soup kitchens and we are so grateful. We are praying to our Heavenly Father to bless James Fernie and Uthando and praying God to give James and Xolani and Uthando more wisdom and strength to continue to hold the lamp of hope for our communities. We pray for more Donors to help Uthando. May the Good Lord Bless and keep you Bhuti James and Uthando ♥  
Yours in support and solidarity.



Ndumie Funda, Ndumie Funda, Aluta Mthimkulu, Ncedisa Nuse, Masixole Montana, Nosithembiso Mkalipha, Lungi Sokani, Zama Khathala, Nokuzola Ntuse, Fezeka Welem and Lizo Ngxitho.

Ndumie Funda is a passionate campaigner for human rights in SA

### Masi Creative Hub - Masiphumelele

Masiphumelele Township in Fish Hoek has an estimated population of more than 50 000 people, some being foreign nationals from countries such as Zimbabwe and Malawi, with the unemployment rate estimated at 70%. It is difficult to find a way out of poverty and many lack the mind-set needed to do so. Masi-Creative Hub is part of the solution; we provide programs that seek to help, empower and integrate the community. With the funding received from Uthando, the Masi-Creative kitchen has been able to cook and distribute meals to more than 1000 people, mostly children, daily at their 7 feeding stations and bought 6 new big pots, bought art equipment and material for 30 students in their art program, garden tools, seedlings and manure acquired, and bought 4 sewing machines and an overlocker for the women's craft program. Masi-Creative Hub programs serve more than 1500 people directly and thousands more indirectly. – Mama Yandi, Founder



Masi Creative Hub Team : Yandiswa Mazwana (director and founder), Busaphi Ngcala (admin), Nomfumaneko Pahla (women's empowerment), Nosakele Nokinana (kitchen & feeding program), Siphokazi Mbamba (After-school art club), Zingisani Mayisela (driver) and Fezile Same (garden program).

The brand new kitchen at Masi Creative Hub.

### Makukhanye Art Room - Khayelitsha

"We would like to thank Uthando SA for their assistance and support in the 2020/21 financial year. Uthando has been a great help to our organization Makukhanye Art Room. We are so grateful for their consistent support that has helped us to continue providing meals on a daily basis to the community in need throughout the Covid 19 period. This support has really helped families to chase away hunger, that support also assisted in keeping or continuing our after-school programs.

We started the Feeding Scheme from April 2020-March 2021. We are feeding +-200 people per day, running the Feeding Scheme 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). So estimated +- 600 people a week and +-2400 a month +- 26000 since we started the Feeding Scheme in March 2020-April 2021."

Makukhanye Team : Thando Mpengesi, Siphosethu "Ringo" Runqu, Nomalady Mangena, Bongani Pontsana, Limise Runqu, Mfundo Shaun Hashe and Lundi Nikelo



### The Simphiwe Bird Foundation – Elsie's River

"Words cannot describe the gratitude that I feel in this present moment. You are the definition and the example of the saying 'finding ways to show love, give love, be love'. Your gracious support to The Simphiwe Bird Foundation is deeply and humbly felt by the communities we serve. There is an inspired hope within the people that your support has enabled and that is the essence of it all. We keep you in our prayers that you continue to shine the light you were blessed with by the higher power. Continue loving the way you do because it does make a difference in the world. We love you for life." Receive this with greetings of Love, Tamryn Oliver





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### Thokozani "Rejoice" Together Centre

*"From April 2020 to February 2021 Thokozani had been able to provide 83 200 meals through their soup kitchen, support received from Uthando SA enabled them to distribute 1600 food parcels that in turn fed about 8000 members of community young and old. The funds received also provided study packs to around 600 students supporting them with their home and online schooling."*

*"They are very thankful to all the donors and supporters of many years, particularly Uthando SA and Nigel Brocklehurst for their long term commitment to helping Thokozani and the communities they serve. As a result of the programs offered at Thokozani, all children in their afterschool program have progressed to the next grades and are doing very well in this academic year and with the donations received Thokozani have been able to continue paying stipends to their staff and for that they would like to express their sincere gratitude to all and everyone for making the year much better."*

**Thokozani Team:** Mhlangabezi Masizana, Lindelwa Masizana, Lulamile Makoma, Nontando Mphathi, Noluthando Mdunyelwa, Nombasa Zali and Nelly Nelisiwe.



### Zanecebo Foundation

*"I hope you are both well during these unprecedented times. We would be glad to share the impact Uthando has on our project. Additionally, we have attached the pictures below. The weekly donation assists us to provide warm meals for the needy and vulnerable in the community at large. This has a significant impact in supplying nutrition to those with chronic medical conditions such as HIV/AIDS and TB. This is particularly important during this pandemic with mass unemployment and increasing poverty. Uthando has shown much love to this community."*

**Zanecebo Team** Nomalinde Mvambi, Dikeledi Shikwambana, Thabisa Pitolo, Dineo Hlela, Cheryl Skeyi, Athenkosi Hlela and Lucas Sogoni.



## LOVING, NURTURING AND PROTECTING OUR BEAUTIFUL SENIORS

### Neighbourhood Old Age Homes (NOAH)

*"On behalf of NOAH elders and team, I would like to send my sincere thanks to Uthando with Love for ongoing support and care shown to our seniors in Khayelitsha. We are so grateful to Uthando for you keeping NOAH so close to your hearts and for the everlasting care and love for our elders. Enkosi kakhulu tata- Siyabonga! Regards, Ntsiki Dwangu"*

### Sinovuyo Seniors Centre

*"Uthando SA continued being there for the seniors even during one of the most difficult times in our recent human history. The seniors are the most at risk of getting infected and dying from COVID-19 complications due to their compromised immune system and co-morbidities and as a result the centre was closed and this was extremely devastating to the seniors as it meant they were not able to see each other and do all what they love, such as singing, dancing, exercises, working in their garden, playing table tennis, being in companion and welcoming visitors from abroad and sharing their stories through conversations."*

*"Funds provided by Uthando to Sinovuyo contributed to the well-being of all 32 members of the club and their families, they each received gift vouchers to supplement their social grants and from their garden they received fresh organic vegetables every week distributed to their homes, Uthando's donation contributed to the production, the maintenance and cultivation of the garden operated by Ludwe Qamata from Ghetto Gardeners and provided a weekly stipend to Ludwe. All of these measures are truly appreciated by the seniors at Sinovuyo and they are grateful for the unwavering support, care and love shown by Uthando and the donors."*

**Committee Members :** Mr Joel Mbokodi (chair), Mrs Christina Dlula (vice-chair), Mrs Patricia Ophila (secretary), Mrs Princess Majikijela (treasurer) and Mrs Sarah Yalwa (additional member)



The seniors working in the vegetable garden is very therapeutic brand new kitchen at Masi Creative Hub.



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*Siyathandwa Seniors Club*

*“To the donors and Uthando, thank you so much for not abandoning the seniors, your unwavering financial and emotional support has been invaluable and life saving. Uthando that means love, that you have shown to the seniors of Siyathandwa during this very difficult time is truly appreciated. ”*

**Committee members:** Tata Elford Diko, mama Tobeka Eslinah Vena, mama Nomsa Sylvia Twalo, tata Mkhusele Wilbass Mtati, Ncikazi Lydia Msekela and Nonzwakazi Elizabeth Malan



The seniors doing some exercises to stay healthy

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PIVOT INTO EMERGENCY MODE

*Dance for All – Western Cape*

*“Dance for All would like to take the opportunity to thank UTHANDO & its donors for once again recognising and supporting the valuable work of our organisation. We value the partnership and shared goals, of changing communities, with UTHANDO and continue to wish them more success the way forward” – Allison*

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PIVOT INTO EMERGENCY MODE

*Krondental Music Academy – Hout Bay*

*Uthando has a mandate to bring in foreign currency support and use tourism as a vehicle to build and develop infrastructure. COVID-19 put a stop to this, but yet Uthando carried on no matter what and despite complete shutdown of the organization's work, Uthando continued supporting the projects they had committed to. Kronental Music Academy (KMA) received double of what they would normally receive annually during 2020 - 2021 without Uthando engaging in any activities that bring in that funding. For 6 months KMA did not teach music lessons but provided humanitarian and socio-social services and support to their students, staff and community of Hout Bay by supplying and giving food parcels & essentials.*

*Uthando has done this through its well managed operations, very clean and transparent management and most importantly the unwavering belief the donors and supporters have, indeed Uthando has worked a miracle. Uthando is a classic example of how you turn a crisis into an opportunity, thank you Uthando South Africa! – Dwyn Griesel*



James Fernie with Dwyn Griesel delivering food hampers to very vulnerable families in the Hangberg community



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PIVOT INTO EMERGENCY MODE

## The Amy Foundation – Cape Town

*“Uthando SA, Thank you for your support and partnership during this unprecedented worldwide pandemic. The Amy Foundation cannot do what it needs to do to keep changing lives without partners like James and Xolani, thank you for your funding and collaboration during these very trying and unsure times.*

*A major contributor to South Africa's hunger crisis is the economic downturn and loss of income as a result of Covid-19, yet food prices continue to rise. South Africa's hunger crisis, fuelled by poverty and unemployment, has long existed, predating the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analysis report, from January to March 2021, 11.8 million people in South Africa were classified as being at IPC Phase 3, which means their level of hunger is at crisis level. The Amy Foundation was able to see that first-hand as the queues for food increased daily and at the height of winter snaked around the entire block, where men, women and children waited in the cold and wet for a hot meal to take home, for many the only hot meal that they would have for that day.*

*It is utterly heart-breaking. The feeding scheme started out with a target of 350 meals per day and grew rapidly to the point that we were feeding up to 900 people per site per day and we ran two feeding schemes in Gugulethu and Bonteheuwel where our after school programmes run. The community leaders and members could not thank us enough for all that we were trying to do. At times the situation felt hopeless with funding being reduced, but we could always count on Uthando to assist where they could and for that we will always be thankful! James and Xolani – you embody the meaning of Ubuntu! Thank you for being such a positive force when we needed you the most. “*

Kevin Chaplin, Michelle Bagley

The We Are Africa team assisting with the feeding scheme run by the Amy Foundation



## The Pebbles Project – (Cape Winelands)

*“The Pebbles Project is extremely thankful to Uthando who, despite the state of tourism in South Africa, still managed to support our project with financial contributions towards our ECD programme during 2020 – 2021. The funds were used to provide individual stationery boxes for our beneficiaries aged 3 – 5 years who attend our 26 ECD centres on farms in the Western Cape. These stationery boxes enabled learning to continue while reducing the risk of spreading the virus through the sharing of equipment. Uthando has been supporting Pebbles since 2009 and has contributed a total of R378,000 over the last 12 years, for which we are so appreciative. Thank you to Uthando and your truly incredible friends and donors.”*

SEPTEMBER 2021

THE PEBBLES PROJECT TRUST

**THANK YOU**

TO UTHANDO (LOVE) SOUTH AFRICA

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**YOUR DONATIONS**

Uthando has been supporting the children of the Pebbles Project since 2009 with annual donations towards the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programme, which provides quality education for 450 children aged 2.5 to 5 years in 29 ECD centres in the Western Cape. Over the last 12 years, Uthando has contributed R378,000 to the Pebbles Project.

**PEBBLES ECD PROGRAMME**

The Pebbles ECD programme provides the following services and initiatives to the children:

- training for ECD facilitators
- onsite support in the ECD centres
- learner support
- a complete academic curriculum
- support for learners with special educational needs
- educational materials, stationery, outdoor play equipment
- a mobile resource centre
- furniture and building renovations when required
- breakfast, cooked lunch and two snacks a day
- medical, dental and wellness support
- social worker support
- community support
- parental support

**Thank you so much for your amazing support**

www.pebblesproject.co.za

## Zama Dance School - Gugulethu

*“Being able to keep our doors open during these trying times has been nothing short of a miracle - and that miracle would have been unthinkable without support from Uthando. From being the main sponsor of our first choreographic competition this year, to assisting us with sanitizer and contributing towards our feeding scheme, Uthando is a valuable partner to Zama Dance School and our local community.*



# ENSURING THE SURVIVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (ECD'S)

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The Covid-19 crisis was devastating for many Early Childhood Development Centre. Uthando continued to support the ECD's with which we have long standing relationships. All the buildings constructed through Uthando continue to be insured and maintained by Uthando. In addition, where needed Uthando assisted the pre-schools with basic supplies, food etc.

### *Isiseko Educare (Mfuleni)*

*"Isiseko would like to thank Uthando SA and the donors for the contribution made to the educare during 2020 - 2021 period. The centre is extremely appreciative and grateful for the help and assistance received, you have made an amazing contribution and difference to the lives of the children, their families and township of Mfuleni."*

**Isiseko team:** Zoliswa Siko (principal), Welekazi Mangcotywa (teacher), Nontobeko Situlumane (teacher), Nozuko Mpaka (teacher), Vuyiseka Gundwana (teacher) and Liziwe Golotile (cook)



### *Khumbulani Centre (Khayelitsha)*

*"Khumbulani sends a note of thanks and expresses words of appreciation and gratitude to Uthando donors. Uthando's kind support and assistance has been extremely helpful during this COVID-19 crisis from April 2020 to March 2021, the support Khumbulani received managed to keep the feeding scheme program running and provided nutritious & well balanced meals to children & adults every day and food parcel groceries to the most needy families once a month."*

**Khumbulani team:** Mama Gloria Bebeza (principal), Nondumiso Xhintolo (admin), Bongisa Sithelo (admin), Anathi Katsikatsi (admin), Zizile Mesatywa (teacher), Kholiswa Dayimani (teacher), Nokwanda Boqwana (teacher), Nokhwezi Mkukhwana (teacher), Nokubonga Ndeleni (teacher), Ntombizanele Matisi (teacher), Kholisiwe Tshaka (teacher), Khayakazi Mdlungu (after-care), Lindelwa Ndlelana (cook), Nandipha Manqana (cook), Cecilia Esitanghabiso (cleaner), Joyce Siziba (cleaner), Thabiso Sefali (after-care), Mthandazo Sidinana (caretaker) and Ntuthuzelo Phungulwa (security)

### *Kiddies Educare (Phillipi)*

*"Thank you so much, your great generosity and support helps in furthering the dreams and aspirations of the children. Uthando South Africa has always been and continues to be our heroes and thank the donors for helping the nation's future leaders."*

**Staff :** Margaret Makhafola (principal), Zoliswa Siphondo and Balisa Moyo





# ENSURING THE SURVIVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (ECD'S)

## Masibulele Educare - Khayelitsha

*"Masibulele Educare would like to thank Uthando SA for such great help, it's not just help but a rescue. Uthando brings more than just support into the center and community but brings meaningful contributions that make life easy and worthwhile, thank you so very very much."*

**Staff :** Nwabisa Xaba (principal), Thandi Xaba (founder), Nokuthula Mncameni (teacher), Nomsa Zimemo (teacher), Zukiswa Leshage (teacher), Nontombi Maphekula (cook), Sandile Xaba (teacher & caretaker) and Nhlanhla Xaba (caretaker).



## Zizamele Educare – Site C, Khayelitsha

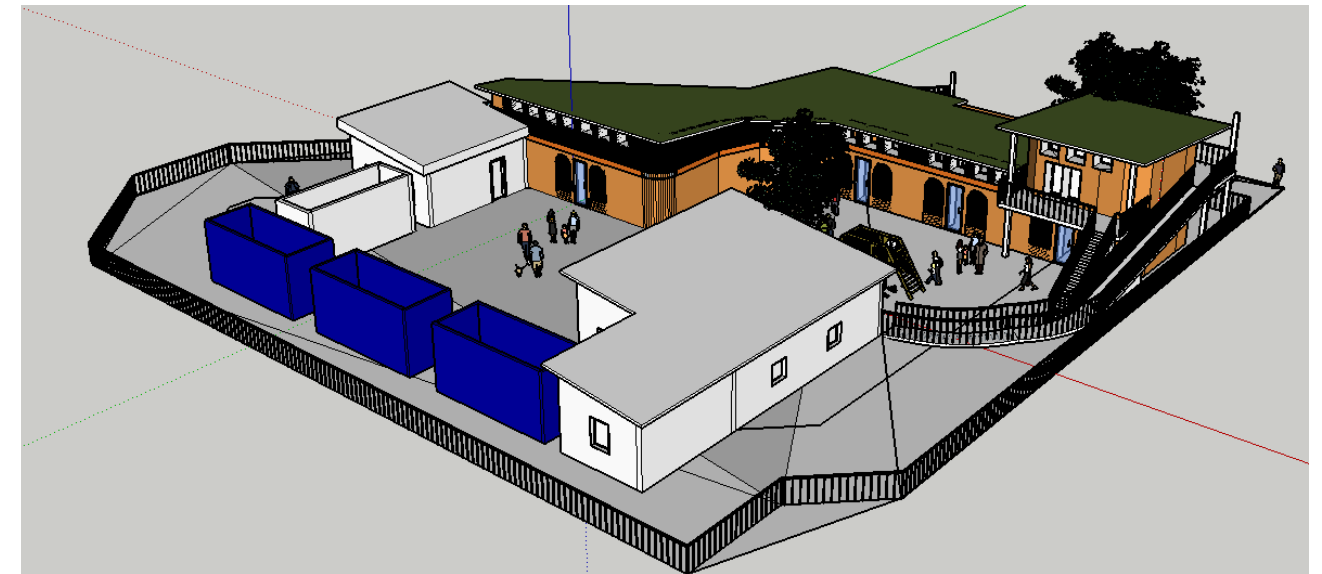
*"Zizamele Educare would like to thank all the wonderful donors of Uthando S.A. Without their support educare would not be where it is today and continuing to provide such high standards and quality of education to the children of Site C in Khayelitsha"*

**Staff:** Bukeka Mandlantse (Principal), Nosimphiwe Xego, Nosicelo Canca, Nokuthula Zindlovu, Nolubabalo Nondala and Zenande Dyakophu (volunteer)



## Ulwazi Educare

Construction of Ulwazi Educare located in the community of Delft was due to commence in April 2020. Planning for this project had actually kicked off in May 2019 but had taken time to get off the ground. With the onset of the Covid-19 crisis this project was delayed but we are excited that it will get underway in the 2020 / 2021 financial year.





# STANDING BY OUR LONG TERM COMMUNITY PARTNERS DURING CRISIS

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### Home from Home

*"Since 2005, Home from Home has successfully provided supported, family-style cluster foster care to orphaned, abused, neglected and vulnerable children. We have grown significantly over the years and now run 36 homes in the greater Western Cape region of South Africa. This translates into around 200 children receiving our care."*

*Uthando SA has been a loyal donor of Home from Home for many years. The amazing support from Uthando SA during the COVID-19 pandemic has not only enabled us to continue the important work in our foster homes, but also at our Lizo Nobanda ECD centre in Khayelitsha. The support has also assisted greatly in preparing our foster homes with the necessary PPE needed to keep our foster families safe during this time.*

*At the beginning of the hard lockdown, there was a big need for extra groceries in our foster homes and additional data costs to ensure we could stay connected, the generosity from Uthando SA once again contributed greatly towards this.*

*Thank you Uthando SA for providing assistance with*

- PPE for 36 foster homes
- ongoing support for the Lizo Nobanda ECD centre to educate 27 young children in Khayelitsha
- additional groceries and care packages for our foster homes
- covering data costs for internet connectivity"



### Hout Bay Music Project

*"A huge thank you to Uthando for the donation which allowed the HBMP to deliver 27 long life food parcels to 27 HBMP families yesterday impacting at least 162 people. Uthando has been incredibly supportive of feeding initiatives in this time of dire need during the pandemic. We are so grateful for the support of James Fernie and Uthando."*

*Yesterday, two of our older students, packed and delivered food parcels to HBMP families, many of whom are really struggling at month end. Many may not work or have lost jobs and hunger is rife. A huge thank you to Uthando for the donation to our feeding initiative. Everyone was so grateful for your help."* Founder, Leanne Dollman

### Learn to Earn – Western Cape

*"Funding contributions from our network of partners, including Uthando (Love) SA, continue to make Learn to Earn's work possible, giving our beneficiaries the skills to become economically active with a restored sense of dignity, self-worth and hope for their future. The prolonged COVID-19 pandemic has intensified South African unemployment and the weakening of the economy. Sustainable, innovative and entrepreneurial solutions are now more important than ever for the long-term recovery of the formal and informal sectors. Our work at LtE therefor continues to be a priority, especially within vulnerable communities."* – Barbara Lipp

### Macassar Pottery - Macassar

*"The only way forward during these difficult times are strong long term collaborations and friendships, Uthando South Africa has excelled at this and Macassar Pottery is grateful to be a friend to such a vibrant and dynamic organization that focuses on long term relationships that build strong communities."* – Johan de Meyer, Founder

**Macassar Pottery Team:** Johan de Meyer (founder), Avril Edwards, Abraham Mashiane, John Ross (JR) Denton Pieterse Lendor, McKay Bailey, Gerhard Roberts and Mamosa Maile.





## HOMELESSNESS EXPLODES IN CAPE TOWN

Like many cities around the world, the massive economic contraction resulting from the covid 19 crisis has precipitated an enormous influx of homeless people onto the streets of Cape Town. This is a complex issue and one which demands a compassionate but firm approach. Uthando is proud to support the innovative programme of U-Turn, an organisation which has a proven and proud track record developed over 21 years transforming the lives of homeless people through an innovative skills based programme designed with long term results for rehabilitation and reintegration of homeless people into society.

### U-Turn

*"Thank you on behalf of U-turn for the ongoing support. Uthando's support goes well beyond financial assistance, we are deeply grateful for your voice of support in the extended community, for the creative ways you get involved in our programme and most thankful for the shared values we hold for dignity and a fulfilling life for all. We are honored to partner with Uthando. – Rowen Ravera, Strategic Partnership Development Manager*



James Fernie standing in front of the Life Changing Graduation Wall

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

*"Uthando's continued support allows us to have a big focus on our vegetable garden and thus continue producing abundantly, making our community impact meaningful. We are so appreciative to you."*  
Nicole van Heerden, SEED Operations

The Uthando Vehicle was transformed from carrying guests to community projects into a work horse delivering food, groceries and other essentials on a daily basis. It was a surreal experience being out on the roads which were largely devoid of traffic and people.



The Hanover Park Cricket Club guys packing the Uthando vehicle with the groceries.



# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

## Kensington Place rallies to provide emergency food to the community of Hanover Park

Thank you to Chris Weir for reaching out to Uthando as a partner in this awesome and worthy project.

This story is far more than just about food, it is about community and nation building, bringing together several tourism companies and community partners to alleviate hunger in Hanover Park - a mixed race community in Cape Town ravaged by gangsterism, drugs and poverty. It is also an amazing example of tourism companies collaborating with common purpose for good. Since the middle of May, the Kensington Place Hotel team and friends led by Chris Weir and Richard Butt, together with the Black Sheep Restaurant Team, cooked more than 55 000 hot, delicious and nutritious meals. These meals are then transported daily from the city bowl by Rory Goldhill (Global Elite Touring) Stephen Stockdale & Leroy Glam from the YMCA Cape Town to Hanover Park which is then graciously handed out to residents in need by Uthando's two community partners on the ground, The Alcardo Andrews Foundation team led by Aunty Avril Andrews and the Hanover Park Cricket Club guys led by Peter Roberts and Wesley Seconds.

Chris Weir sent the following message to Uthando :

*"It was during the hard and inconceivable lockdown that I realized there were so many who are less fortunate and had nothing to eat. Reflecting on our privilege, I decided to take the Kensington Place kitchen and rope some of my friends in to starting a food initiative; where we provide healthy, nutritious food the less fortunate. We partnered with Uthando to assist us with distributing the food – James was able to locate a community who are desperate and in need, and with that we raised generous donations from wonderful clients, tour operators and friends for the ingredients and varying costs. We are now sitting at 25 000 meals provided to Hanover Park community within the last 10 weeks. We hope we can continue for a few more months until this plight is over."*

## The "Empty Bellies" team from Kensington Place visit to Hanover Park



## SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

### THANK YOU Johann Van Zyl (Far Country Collection) and Brooke Berlin (Karoo Consulting) USA

A very big thank you to Johann Van Zyl and Brooke Berlin for the crowdfunding campaign that they undertook to raise funds for the emergency feeding schemes, and urban micro farming operations, that were being supported by Uthando in Cape Town.

Johann's crowdfunding proposal read as follows :

*"10 cents/mile = \$54! "By solo-biking the 540-mile Colorado Trail, I'm raising money for Uthando - a heartwarming & effective travel related community upliftment program in South Africa. They do amazing work in Cape Town's neediest communities. Being born in RSA myself, and working in the tourism industry, I have seen firsthand how much need there is without income from international tourists. If you can, please donate and let's see if we can beat my target. Optimism is everything these days!"*

Johann created a very interesting 47 minute video on the Colorado Trail Bikepacking which can be watched here <https://youtu.be/nObdpijrw8U>



THANK YOU to every single person who contributed so generously to the GivenGain fundraiser. The initial target set by Johann and Brooke was an optimistic \$2000.00. However, thanks to the remarkable kindness and generosity of so many people, an almighty \$5204.00 was raised. The money will enable Uthando to continue supporting the myriad of reliable and impactful community projects, across the Cape Town metro, that have all provided immeasurable support to their respective communities, during the covid-19 crisis. On behalf of the Uthando Family, THANK YOU.





# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

## “UBUNTU BEANIES” Project by Maria Ross

Maria Ross (Team leader of Leisure Travel, from Terra Nova Tours in Cape Town), contacted Uthando in June 2020 with a beautiful and inspiring initiative. Knitting began as a hobby for Maria, in 2019, as she taught herself to knit beanies. People soon wanted to purchase the beanies, and so with an incentive to support at-risk communities, UBUNTU BEANIES was established. Instead of giving the knitted beanies away as gifts for free, Maria would ask each recipient to remember our exchange in life, and pay for the beanie by making a donation to Brave Rock Girl, through Uthando.



Maria selected the word “Ubuntu” because of its meaning - “I am because we are, or humanity towards others”. Maria had the idea that every little bit of support helps, and the purpose of the beanie project is to live the meaning of Ubuntu. UBUNTU BEANIES are not specifically priced (aside from the sponsored beanies), as Maria would prefer each person to decide for themselves, as to how much they are able to afford and donate.

You can follow UBUNTU BEANIES on instagram and facebook, under the handle @ubuntu.beanies

When approaching Uthando with her concept, Maria wrote the following:

*“Howzit! My name is Maria Ross, I live in Cape Town and I started the ubuntu.beanies project in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic in April 2020.*

*What is this all about? I knit beanies for a good cause. Each beanie is unique and individually tailored to your needs. You decide the price you want to pay for your handknitted beanie (plus courier fees). With the proceeds I not only finance the production of beanies, I also support a soup kitchen and a socially sustainable girls' project in the townships of Cape Town.*

*With the Sponsor-a-beanie initiative, you pay a fixed price that supports the above projects and donate your self-designed beanie to a senior club in Khayelitsha.*

*The projects: Uthando (means “Love”) is a non-profit organization that collects donations for community development projects in Cape Town’s townships. In addition to supporting the Sinovuyo Seniors Club to which the beanies of the Sponsor-a-beanie campaign go, proceeds also go through Uthando to a project called Brave Rock Girls, a girl-led project in Khayelitsha that provides girls at risk with access to education, health care and safety. Soup-a-heroes by Drifter Brewery is the third project supported by ubuntu.beanies. After the alcohol ban in South Africa due to the pandemic from March 2020 onwards, restaurants and local micro-breweries had to rethink and started using their huge brew kettles for other purposes. Since then, Drifter has been heavily involved in the production of soups, which are delivered to NGOs in Cape Town's townships. The Drifter Brewing Company has fed more than 250,000 people in ten different communities in Cape Town and continues to use parts of the brewery for these purposes even after the ban on alcohol came to an end.*

*How can you help? Feel free to order a beanie from me for yourself or your loved ones or take part in the sponsor-a-beanie campaign if you cannot find a personal use for a beanie.*

*Contact information: Follow me on Instagram or Facebook via ubuntu.beanies. To order a beanie, just follow the link on Instagram in my bio or click on “contact us” on Facebook.*

*THANK YOU for making the world a better place together with me by supporting this project.*

*Lots of love from Cape Town”*

## Maria Ross from Ubuntu Beanies visited Brave Rock Girl in Manenberg

It is always gratifying taking donors to visit community projects that they are supporting. On the 17th of February Uthando spent the afternoon visiting The Brave Rock Girls in the gang ridden community of Manenberg. Maria founded the “Ubuntu Beanies” initiative during lockdown with the aim of raising funds for charitable causes, including Brave Rock Girl. During the drive around Manenberg Maria learnt firsthand about the enourmous challenges that young girls face in communities like Manenberg which are plagued by gangsterism and violence. The afternoon ended with Maria teaching the group of Brave Girls to make poms poms which were then sown onto the beanies.

## Fantastic fundraising campaign by Caroline and Katie Martineau (USA)

The Martineau family from Austin Texas (USA) visited South Africa in the summer of 2018, and experienced a tour with Uthando, as part of their Cape Town holiday. Sisters, Caroline and Katie, launched a crowd funding campaign on the Uthando GivenGain page on the 31st of July. Their incentive was to raise \$2000.00, that would go towards supporting the Uthando emergency feeding scheme fund. They managed to raise a truly fantastic amount of \$2025.00, thus exceeding their goal.

Caroline and Katie sent the following email to Uthando at the conclusion of the fundraising campaign; Katie and Caroline during their Uthando visit engaging with children at Masibulele Educare Centre

*“Our Uthando tour was definitely a highlight of our trip and one we will never forget! The most beautiful people who welcomed us with open arms and the love they have for their community is so inspiring! Such a wonderful and special experience to share as a family! We can’t wait to come back!”*

*It’s such a crazy time in the world right now. This was one of the reasons Caroline and Katie wanted to help Uthando and your partner organizations. Anyway I’m so glad you received the girls fundraising donations. We hope to come back again to visit y’all! Thank you and stay safe!”*

*Ali, Caroline and Katie Martineau*

Katie and Caroline during their Uthando visit engaging with children at Masibulele Educare Centre





# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

## Thank you to “We are Africa” and “The Tribe” for the truly remarkable support

On the 22nd of September Ryan Wallace from We Are Africa handed over a cheque to Xolani Maseko who represented Uthando at the One & Only Hotel in Cape Town. Huge gratitude to We are Africa for the five years of support and The Tribe members for their truly remarkable generosity and kindness in getting behind the fundraising efforts of We Are Africa. The investment from We Are Africa into a myriad of community development programmes in South Africa through Uthando since 2016 has produced direct and extremely tangible results.

## “We Are Africa” Team visit beneficiary community development projects

THANK YOU to the “We Are Africa” Tribe for the truly remarkable donation in 2020. The money from the We Are Africa donation supported several highly impactful community projects which are providing life saving assistance in the areas of emergency food relief, Gender Based Violence and sustainable organic food production.

The Amy Foundation (formerly Amy Biehl Foundation). Funding provided to support their feeding schemes in Gugulethu and Bonteheuwel, feeding 700 people twice a week for 8 months.

The Nonceba Family Counselling Centre (for abused women and children) in Khayelitsha. Funding provided to run the after school programme for 120 school children and the “Boys to Men” programme which aims to educate young boys about Gender Based Violence and good male behaviour towards women and girls.

Schools Environmental Education and Development (SEED) based at Rocklands Primary School in Mitchells Plain. Supporting food security in Mitchells Plain for 5 months through SEED’s garden and feeding scheme programme. The garden and bread oven managed by SEED is feeding 657 through 7371 meals per month.

Philisa Abafazi Bethu “Heal our Women” Family Centre (providing frontline services for victims and their children of Gender Based Violence / Abuse. Philisa Abafazi Bethu recently moved into their brand new Family Centre in Retreat, providing a broad range of services to victims of violent abuse. The We Are Africa donation is contributing to 5 months of covering costs for the new and innovative safe house. The new Family Centre is pioneering in that it is also providing a special accommodation for men who are abused by other men.

Masi Creative Hub in the township of Masiphumelele. Funds from We Are Africa sponsored the installation of a brand new kitchen facility in which the mothers of Masiphumelele township will be cooking more than 1000 meals per day to supply 8 feeding stations right across this very impoverished township located deep in the south peninsula of the city.



## Festive launch of the Uthando Table Tennis in Hanover Park

The Uthando table tennis table which was installed at Blomvlei Primary School in Hanover Park was officially launched at the school on the 18th of November. The launch was attended by the sponsors of the table, the “We Are Africa” team of Ryan Wallace, Paul Nel and Dianne Bussell.

Zara Begg, a learner at Blomvlei Primary School read out a lovely message in front of the school at the ceremony;

*“On behalf of Blomvlei we would like to take this moment to thank each sponsor who we feel simply have not been thanked enough. While we understand the financial constraints and difficulties that COVID19 has placed on so many where jobs were lost and businesses shut down, we are even more grateful for your support during this uncertain time, for your thoughtfulness, your generosity and selfless hearts. Many of our fellow students face difficult situations and to receive your help gives each and everyone of us a glimmer of hope to realise that there are such amazing and wonderful people out there that are willing to exceed lengths to help the next person. Your commitment to our community especially our school is recognized and greatly appreciated.*

*Finally Uthando means “Love” and that is what you have shown to us. From the bottom of our hearts... Thank you very much, Baie dankie, Enkosi Kakhulu!*



## Uthando Table Tennis Table for Lavender Hill / Retreat Area

The table tennis tables are not only for sport, they are indeed functional art installations and symbols of hope and inspiration. Yet another community is enjoying the benefit of a cement table tennis thanks to the generous donation from We Are Africa. The table was installed at the brand new Philisa Abafazi Bethu Family Centre in Retreat. The artwork reflects the important work of the project and the Khoisan history of South Africa, which is very often forgotten and overlooked.





# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

## Thank you to African Portfolio (USA)

Thank you to the African Portfolio team for raising a remarkable amount of R74 764.00 on the Uthando crowd funding platform GivenGain during 5 August to 24 of September. In addition, thank you to each and every person that contributed to the successful campaign. The money from these campaigns provided life saving support to feeding schemes, urban micro farmers and a myriad of vital community development initiatives that are providing emergency relief to thousands of people right across the City of Cape Town.

Sales Manager for African Portfolio, Anouk Zijlma sent the following note :

*"Three years ago, I had the opportunity to visit a handful of Uthando's community projects in a few of the townships surrounding Cape Town. It was an impactful day to say the very least, and became the impetus for African Portfolio's decision to donate money to Uthando on behalf of every client traveling to southern Africa from then on. We've also topped up the "Uthando pot" for every one of our past clients celebrating a birthday. And we continue to recommend that clients participate in a Uthando tour when visiting Cape Town. The tours are designed in such a way as to educate, inform and inspire, while also respecting the dignity and privacy of the people concerned.*

*Fast forward to 2020, and here we all are in less fortunate circumstances. The need for help has increased, just as money that would normally be flowing to Uthando's projects, has decreased. African Portfolio had been following the daily updates from James and his team, as they've done their best to support community projects that feed the little ones; help families recover from devastating fires and floods; support struggling musicians and artists who rely on tourism for jobs; collect masks, clothes and shoes for the seniors. It is incredibly uplifting to see what the communities are doing to raise themselves out of poverty, despite these challenging times, and we were just happy to help".*

The We Are Africa Team with the Lucinda Evans and her team from Philisa Abafazi Bethu



## Launch of the Masi Creative Hub kitchen in the township of Masiphumele

Thanks to the generous donation from the "We Are Africa" Tribe the brand new kitchen was launched on the 26th of November 2020. The launch was attended by the "We Are Africa" team, Ingram Casey from Escape+Explore and several other friends of Masi Creative Hub who contributed to the establishment of the new facility. The team of women led by 'Mama' Yandiswa Mazwana literally fed many thousands of people during 2020 lockdown, but the school from which they were operating was closing the kitchen. It was imperative to establish the new kitchen going into the new year. Uthando wishes Mama Yandi and her team all the best as they continue to provide nutritious food to the most destitute people in the Masiphumele community.





# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

## Micro farmers and community leaders of Khayelitsha visit Babylonstoren

Providing inspiration to local community development leaders and entrepreneurs.

At Uthando, we are passionate about exposing people from “township” communities to the beauty and splendour of Cape Town that many tourists and foreigners get to enjoy. Thank you to Babylonstoren for hosting 3 groups of urban micro farmers and community leaders from Khayelitsha on their informative garden tours. Babylonstoren is one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, set at the foot of Simonberg in the Franschhoek wine valley. It has a fruit and vegetable garden of beauty and diversity, unique accommodation, fine food and wine, and evokes a sense of wellbeing. In addition, the farm is an authentic and shining example of sustainability and connection to the earth.



## Philisa Abafazi Bethu (PAB) “heal our women” visits urban micro farms with Uthando

Community collaboration is key.

Uthando had the privilege of hosting the entire Philisa Abafazi Bethu team on a tour to show them the inspiring urban micro farms located in the townships of Cape Town. Uthando is committed to assisting PAB develop a beautiful urban micro farm at the brand new Family Centre located in Retreat and serving as a centre for healing, love and support to people who suffer abuse and violence.

*“Today my team and I were tourists with compliments of Uthando who took us visiting Community Gardens. James Fernie and Xolani Maseko how do we ever thank you, For giving us seeds of inspiration. My Women Leaders hearts exploded when we arrived @moyoWekhaya garden and met mamma Christina Kaba.*

*I was blown away how this 74yr old Matriach spoke to my own soul and she said, “we need to stop blaming apartheid” lets look at our spaces clean it up and for our children and families.*

*She looked at me right into my Khoi soul and said I am looking for strong Women who is not afraid to work hard and produce food, not afraid to ask for help, to help your community.*

*She looked at my t-shirt and smiled her granny Matriach smile, and I knew where I wanna take the concept,*

*#RaisingGardens*

*#RaisingResistance*

*#FoodForHerByHer*

*#FoodSecurity*

*#UntilTheViolenceEnds*

*She took my hand and in that touch of her hard worked hands in mine, I just knew I have a made a partner for the Sullivan Centre.*

*Dankie Uthando Love*

*Thank you to my team”*





## SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST GANGSTERISM, VIOLENCE, CRIME AND POVERTY

Many of the community projects that Uthando is supporting are located in areas that are being ravaged by gangsterism, crime, violence, hunger, poverty and hopelessness. Every week, news is coming from these communities of children being shot, injured and killed in the horrific gang violence gripping the Cape Flats on the eastern side of Cape Town. On the 24th of March, CEO of Uthando, James Fernie marched with the "Moms Move for Justice Movement" led by "Aunty" Avril Andrews and her team in the forgotten community of Hanover Park. The protest march took place through the streets of Hanover Park and ended at the local police station where a petition was handed to the station commander demanding better and more efficient policing and prosecution of crime in the area.



James Fernie, Avril Andrews, Lesley Wyngaard, Liesl Hermanus, Ashraf Allie

## Our Africa, Atmosphere Marketing and Big Ambitions support Mdzananda Animal Clinic

THANK YOU to Allie Hunt, Storm Napier and Natalia Rosa for their kind and generous support for the Mdzananda Animal Clinic located in Khayelitsha. Allie and Storm accompanied the Uthando Team of James and Xolani to visit the clinic on the 17th of March to see firsthand the important work being done by the clinic to protect and nurture the pets in Khayelitsha, but also to educate the people living there on the importance of caring for and loving their pets.

Natalia Rosa sent the following note with their donation;

*Giving back through tourism ! What a privilege it is to be part of such a resilient and giving community. You have my deep admiration for everything that you do."*

## A happy easter in Hanover Park thanks to Wide Africa and Travel Beyond (Sweden)

THANK YOU to Brigitte Walsh (Wide Africa) and Helena Andren (Travel Beyond Sweden) for raising the funds and purchasing around 5000 easter eggs which were handed to the Alcardo Andrews Foundation in Hanover Park and distributed to the children throughout that community over the easter weekend. For most children on the Cape Flats receiving even 1 easter egg is a luxury so this kind gesture really did go along way to making many children happy over easter. Travel Beyond (Sweden) has been a truly wonderful supporter for the kitchen run by the Alcardo Andrews Foundation, and it was so gratifying to take Helena to visit the project on her recent trip to Cape Town.



Brigitte Walsh, Helena Andren and "Aunty" Avril Andrews in Hanover Park



**Brand new Uthando website, marketing video, Covid-19 and monthly newsletter template**

A client from the USA who came on an Uthando in 2019 made a significant donation through Charities Aid Foundation (CAF America) which was specifically earmarked for the purpose of a new website and marketing materials. This was truly an enormous blessing as it enabled Uthando convey its message and activities clearly and with a renewed sense of vigour and purpose, during a particularly critical time.

The website was launched in July 2020 [www.uthandosa.org](http://www.uthandosa.org)  
Thank you to Pierre Toich and his team from Surge Digital for putting together an awesome new website.  
Thank you to Amy Knight-Dawson from Scribe Consulting for the articulate and professional copywriting.  
Thank you to Mike van Eck from Digital Khaki for advising on the social media elements to ensure effective messaging to be accompanied together with the new website.  
Thank you to Wolfgang Muller for the production of the new Uthando marketing video and Covid-19 thank you video which were filmed in November 2020 and released in early 2021.  
New Main Marketing Video :  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRXPSDGNG1I&t=27s>

Covid-19 Thank you Video :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tguW2xS785g>

**Wolfgang Muller filming at Zama Dance School**



**UTHANDO PHILANTHROPIC CULTURAL VISITS & ENGAGEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

*"We get the money from Uthando, we buy gas and cook for people. They helped us to buy big spoons and big pots. The mother's from the community cook for the people as they would cook in their homes. In the morning it is porridge and in the afternoons we cook rice and veggies soup, pap & pilchard and samp and beans." Ringo Runqu, Makukhanye Art Room, Khayelitsha*

**Uthando (Love) South Africa is committed to the principles and philosophy of Fair Trade Tourism and at all times ensures that Responsible Tourism best practices are applied and integrated into our business and tours. Our tours bring significant benefit to local communities by providing income and other forms of assistance, while cultural exchanges are conducted in a sensitive, respectful and mutually beneficial manner.**

**With the collapse of the global tourism industry in March 2020 came an enormous shock, the cancellation of all tours with no certainty as to when they would be resumed.**

**Uthando hosted Giltedge Travel Educational**

After 7 months of no tours at all, Uthando hosted an educational tour for the staff at Giltedge Travel. Giltedge is one of Uthando's core donors and benefactors having supported Jikeleza Dance Project and the Uthando Tour since inception in 2008. Besides visiting several community development projects the Giltedge Team assisted Mama Nomalinde and her team at the Zanebebo Foundation feeding scheme.  
Charlotte Smith from Giltedge wrote the following note;

*"Inspiring & uplifting morning in the townships with Uthando & our lovely guide Xolani. Their first tour in 7 months! We were met with great excitement & joy. Despite challenging times during COVID-19 these communities continue to be positive and embrace life!"*





# UTHANDO PHILANTHROPIC CULTURAL VISITS & ENGAGEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

After a period of period of 9 months without any tours, the first tour on 8 January 2021 was absolutely fantastic

On the 8th of January 2021 Uthando hosted its first tour since March 2020. Thank you to Jordi Casinos from Enkosi Africa for booking the Grassi Family from Andora on the Uthando tour. It was absolutely fantastic to be back on tour with clients showcasing the best of South Africa's community development projects and social entrepreneurs. It was a new experience for Team Uthando and the community partners, with having to adhere to strict Covid-19 protocols.

After the tour Sacha Grassi sent the following feedback

*"I truly admire your unstoppable devotion, commitment and strength you are putting every day to give each citizen of South Africa the chance to have social justice and a future. No words can describe this fight and commitment despite all the obstacles on the road not only from the history but also from the today's inefficient politics. Honestly, I can't figure out a trip to South Africa without including Uthando in it – it's not only about the township it's all the history of your country combined with human interactions. It's poverty but it's also hope and passion." – Sacha and Khaoua Grassi*

The Grassi Family at the Zizamele Educare Centre



Uthando wins Trip Advisor 2020 Traveler's Choice Award

Team Uthando is super proud of receiving the Trip Advisor 2020 Traveler's Choice Award on Friday 21st August. Congratulations Uthando Tours on being a Travelers' Choice Winner. Each year, we comb through reviews, ratings, and saves from travelers everywhere, and use that info to award the very best. You're part of an exclusive group, and we want to help you celebrate (and promote) this major accomplishment."

The Uthando Tour is now in the top 10% of attractions worldwide.



Trip Advisor Reviews for Uthando can be found on :

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g312659-d2194811-Reviews-Uthando\\_Private\\_Tours-Cape\\_Town\\_Western\\_Cape.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g312659-d2194811-Reviews-Uthando_Private_Tours-Cape_Town_Western_Cape.html)



## TEAM UTHANDO

*"Thank you so much for always surprising and being consistently in our corner. You do amazing work and we are honoured to be in your sphere of transformation. Adri Marais – CEO, Christel House School"*



James Fernie and Xolani Maseko continue to make a small but dynamic team.

The Uthando Team had no lockdown at all, and in fact worked even harder than before and often under considerable stress. The whole experience of working and travelling during level 5 lockdown will forever remain a surreal memory, empty streets devoid of cars and people, long lines of people at shops waiting to obtain basics. Working during this time was extremely frustrating as people were working at home or companies, banks, institutions closed. Everything took much much longer to complete or finalise.

For example. The SA government offered financial relief to people in various industries including tourism, unemployment benefits or TERS. It was an administrative nightmare trying to obtain these payments for the Uthando staff, in fact it took months of jumping through many admin hoops to finally obtain this funding from the government. This was in addition to running Uthando and delivering on how promises to community projects and donors.

Thank you Mhindi White and Margaret Smith for assisting Uthando to finally obtain all of the TERS payments due to James and Xolani.

During lockdown both James and Xolani had permits to move around the city, visiting community projects, collecting and delivering food, groceries and other necessities, supporting the community projects including volunteering at the various feeding schemes.

James worked from the Uthando office and focused on community projects in the southern suburbs of Cape Town, whilst Xolani worked from home in Khayelitsha and focused on the community projects within the eastern suburbs or townships of Cape Town.

Both James and Xolani meticulously documented the work being done on a daily basis, sharing the stories on social media, monthly newsletters and reports to donors.

Questio Spieringshoek joined the Uthando Team as a volunteer in April 2020 to assist with the social media marketing. Later on during 2020 Uthando employed the services of Quiesto on a contract to manage this important aspect of conveying the Uthando message and activities to the world. Thank you Quiesto for your enthusiasm, passion and professionalism, your contribution is highly valued and appreciated.

## RECOGNITION

*"With donors like you, no horse has gone hungry, no horse has gone to work without shoes and all their welfare issues have been taken care of with what we do, taking extra special care of the hard working cart horses on the Cape Flats. Thank you so very much, your support means the world to our Organisation. From our family to yours, please keep safe and well."* Karin Paschen, Cart Horse Protection Association

**Uthando recognized with a HIGHLY COMMENDED Award at the 2020 WTM World Responsible Tourism Awards**

Uthando was one of 21 organisation recognized with a HIGHLY COMMENDED Award by the 2020 WTM Responsible Tourism Awards in the United Kingdom. The 2020 Awards recognize the efforts of businesses, destinations and organisations that addressed the challenges posed by covid 19 crisis. There were 250 nominations from around the world with 21 recipients being recognized with Highly Commended award and 39 with Commended awards.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMcXg-cyys&feature=youtu.be>



### Uthando's Awards to date :

- 2020 WTM World Responsible Tourism Awards. Highly Commended
- 2020 Trip Advisor Travelers Choice Award
- 2020 Winner : Africa Responsible Tourism Awards, Caterogy : Benefitting Local People
- 2019 Certificate of Excellence – Trip Advisor
- 2018 Award Winner : Cape Town Tourism Future Forward Thinking for Community Benefit
- 2018 Certificate of Excellence – Trip Advisor
- 2017 An Ashley Award :Recognizes,celebrates,creates & guides people to perform deeds to help communities
- 2017 Certificate of Excellence – Trip Advisor
- 2017 We Are Africa Innovation Awards – Joint Winner in category Engage Africa
- 2017 African Responsible Tourism Awards - Winner Best Tour Operator for Impact in Urban Areas
- 2016 National Winner, Lilizela Tourism Awards, Best Cultural Tour Guide in South Africa
- 2016 Western Cape Winner, Lilizela Tourism Awards, Best Cultural Tour Guide
- 2016 Certificate of Excellence – Trip Advisor
- 2015 Certificate of Excellence – Trip Advisor
- 2015 Best Charitable Organisation in Africa – The Good Safari Guide 2015
- 2014 Best Charitable Organisation in Africa – The Good Safari Guide 2014
- 2014 Certificate of Excellence – Trip Advisor
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*Love, Rob, Abalimi Bezekhaya*



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

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I was invited to speak at the launch of the brand new kitchen for the Alcardo Andrews Foundation on 3 December 2020 in Hanover Park. It was a profound honour for me to be present in Hanover Park with a group of amazing people. As a conclusion to this report, I would like to share my speech, which I feel is relevant to the months and years ahead which we will face together, collectively, as a human race.



Before I start today, I would like to ask for a minutes silence for all of the women, children, members of the LGBTQ community and all people who have died or suffered as a result of gang violence, Gender Based Violence, discrimination and bigotry, in Hanover Park, the Cape Flats and South Africa.

Aunty Avril, Kadar and Clayton (The Andrews Family), thank you for welcoming us into your home and the official base for the Alcardo Andrews Foundation today.

To the whole team of "Moms Move For Justice" and the Alcardo Andrews Foundation, Aunty Avril, Lesley and all of the MOMS, thank you for hosting us today on this very special occasion.

I don't normally write down my speeches and prefer to speak from the heart and off the cuff. However, I wish to share this speech with the many people who are not able to attend this function today, as I wish to extend heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to them, and for them to read my message to the people of Hanover Park.

It is an honour and a privilege to be present with you today, at the launch of this beautiful space and the brand new kitchen in Hanover Park. Infact, for me personally it also a dream turned into a beautiful reality.

I have been Chairperson of the Harfield Village Association (HVA) for almost 10 years. For several years I have implored our committee to reach out and extend a hand of friendship to our neighbours in Hanover Park with a view to breaking down barriers and mutual co-operation. I have said it many times, but Hanover Park is a mere 10 minutes geographically from Harfield Village but might as well be on a different planet in terms of the living conditions for the residents in their respective communities. Here we are today with our beautiful friends in Hanover Park, building bridges, bringing people together and celebrating all that is good about the humanity, forging the kind of society that could be so achievable in South Africa if we all worked together with common purpose and a shared vision for real justice and equality.

*There is a saying that every cloud has a silver lining which in reality means that we should always look for the opportunity in adversity. When I look at the people of the Cape Flats I am strike by their tenacity, their resilience, their kindness and generosity, their warmth and welcoming spirit and of course their graciousness.*

*I am acutely aware this saying is infact a way of life for YOU, finding the goodness and opportunity inspite of the absolutely enormous challenges and adversity which you face almost on a daily basis, the type of challenges and adversity that people in areas like Harfield Village and suburban Cape Town simply cannot begin to comprehend.*

*Avril, Kadar and Clayton, of course I never met your son and brother, Alcardo, who was shot multiple times right here on this corner on the 28th of October 2015 and succumbed to his injuries. Honestly I cannot begin to imagine the kind of trauma that you as a family have had to endure since that fateful date. Lesley and Jeremy, the same applies to you with the senseless murder of your son Rory. Infact for all the MOMS, DADS and FAMILIES here today whose children have been murdered through gang violence or violence in general, you have my deepest and most sincere respect and admiration for turning tragedy into triumph and opportunity. Opportunity to be part of the solution, opportunity to heal your own wounds but also heal the deep wounds of a deeply scarred community. Scarred through no fault of your own making, but through hundreds of years of oppression, discrimination, forced removals and an evil consciousness perpetrated upon you that that said you were the "lesser people" in the country of your birth.*

*Through my work with Uthando over the last years 12 years, I have had the privilege of meeting so many truly outstanding and remarkable individuals, people that have turned terrible tragedy into triumph of the human spirit, and through their courage have honoured the legacy of their lost family member, helping thousands of people and provided a bright light of hope and inspiration.*

*Linda and Peter Biehl lost their only daughter Amy Biehl who was killed by a violent politically motivated mob in Gugulethu on the 25th of August 1993 and went on to form the Amy Biehl Foundation. Over the course of more than 20 years the foundation has provided an opportunity for literally many thousands of children to attend after-school programmes and obtain skills to equip them for transformation and development in their lives.*

*The Kaimowitz Family lost their 20 year old daughter, Ashley who was killed instantly by a drunk driver in March 2005. After meeting Mama Nocawe Mankayi in her tiny little home in Khayelitsha which also functioned as a place of safety for women and children, and after actually bearing witness to a little child being brought into her home after being raped, young Ashley produced a short documentary on the horrors of sexual and violent abuse of women and children in Khayelitsha. Before she died, Ashley used that video to raise awareness and funds to build a decent centre for abused women and children in Khayelitsha. After Ashley's death, the Kaimowitz Family and especially her father Jeffrey, took up where Ashley left off to fulfill her vision of supporting the true angel of mercy Mama Nocawe in establishing a decent centre for absued women and children. Today, Mama Nocawe and Jeffrey are part of a passionate team of people managing the world class Nonceba (meaning "Concern") Family Counselling Centre in Khayelitsha which was opened in November 2008.*

*To the Andrews and Wyngaard Families, and all of the "Moms Move for Justice", today we honour your stories, your journeys, and we commit to supporting and helping your initiatives wherever and however we can.*

*2020 has been an unforgettable year. For as long as I live I will not forget the intensity of the experience that we all shared together during the covid 19 lockdown. Our first meeting at Rosmead Central Primary School where we stood in a huge circle, breaking the ice with introductions, getting to know each other and giving our input and ideas for the programme of action for the uncertain times ahead...the HVA "helping angels team", the Alcardo Andrews team and the Hanover Park Cricket Club team.*



# CONCLUSION

Our constant communication, sorting lists of groceries, driving on apocalyptic deserted roads with a vehicle packed with groceries and other basic necessities, and of course driving into Hanover Park for the first time overcoming the fear of gangs and violence. Driving into this space out of fear that starving and desperate people would attack the vehicle like in other communities around Cape Town. The five "Saturday Sandwiches Drives" which turned into quite festive affairs but with more than 15 000 sandwiches lovingly made and delivered to the resident of Hanover Park. There was no lockdown because there was important work to be done! to Aunty Avril for surviving several weeks in hospital and the very tragic passing of our dear friend and comrade Peter Roberts due to Covid 19.

THANK YOU Aunty Avril, Lesley, all of the MOMS for JUSTICE and your families for your love, kindness, courage, tenacity and your programme of action in Hanover Park.

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THANK YOU to the dedicated team who then distributed the food every evening throughout Hanover Park during the cold, wet and dark winter months. This is going to sound like a typical white South African thing to say, but on the odd occasion that I accompanied Aunty Avril and the team with food distribution, I had to pinch myself that I was deep in Hanover Park. These communities are so demonized in the press with high levels of gangsterism and violence, it is difficult not to be extremely fearful of coming into Hanover Park.

THANK YOU to Maggie Palthe for conceptualizing the beautiful initiative to generate funds for Hanover Park, the bags and tea towels "My Name is Hope, My Name is Peace and My Name is Happiness" and The Rosmead Super Spar for funding the initiative and paying over the profits in advance.

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Young Ashley Kaimowitz's words are so beautiful and an appropriate way to end of this talk ,  
"One can change the world if you have a heart without fear, a mind without walls and a dream big enough to share.  
All the best Aunty Avril and your amazing team, we stand ready to support you.

I thank you.

**James Fernie**  
3 December 2020



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