

# Integrated Community Development Programme Trust



## LEBONE CENTRE



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

BECAUSE CHILDREN MATTER



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## LEBONE CENTRE STAFF

**Centre Manager:**  
Anneliese Maritz

**Programme Staff:**

Literacy Co-ordinator – Cathy Gush

Office Manager – Natalie Cannon

Early Childhood Development Co-ordinator – Cherise Sickle (Until August 2020)

Little Red Dragon ECD Practitioners – Ziyanda Mkalipi and Anneline Sauls

ACE Programme Housemother – Jennifer Botha ( Until May 2020)

Project Read Site Coordinators - Adré de Jongh and Chanelle Wolff

Receptionist/Office Administrator – Bronwyn Oerson

Cleaner/General Assistant – Anne Oerson (Until May 2020)

Cleaner/General Assistant - Lucretia Wessels (From July 2020)



# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



**DR BARBARA MATTHEWS**  
Chairman : ICDP Trust

What will we tell our grandchildren and great-grandchildren about 2020? What stories will be told of these strange dislocated times? What lessons will be learned 100 years hence about a whole world in crisis? None of us could have prepared for the pandemic. Even had we known it was coming, something like this only becomes real when it's in your house, it's your child who is sick, your father who has lost his job, your sister who is stuck in a country across the world.

## What will we tell our grandchildren and great-grandchildren about 2020?

The Lebone Centre, like everything, and our staff, like everyone, had a tough 2020. Covid 19 has been consequential for us all, no one is unaffected. There is grace hidden in there. The grace that reminds us we are all human beings, we are all responsible as much for each other as we are for ourselves. The pandemic brought a new clarity about the importance of the

work the Centre does in our community, even in the dark days when we worried that all was lost and we might have to close our doors. It has reminded us how people are always more important than any of the other many and complex distractions we face.

I feel a profound gratitude to still be here writing this report in 2021 - that the Centre is still here, that our work continues. The Centre staff have been brave and strong and supported the Trustees in some very difficult decisions. Kingswood College stood by us in the true way of a loving neighbour. Our community rallied and hung in with us. Maybe we have learned things that would have been impossible in any other way.

I am reminded of the poem, "Paul Robeson" by Gwendoline Brookes.

**"We are each other's  
harvest:  
we are each other's  
business:  
we are each other's  
magnitude and bond."**

My deep thanks to my fellow Trustees, to the Centre Director Anneliese Maritz who laboured through the crisis with a singular devotion to keeping this ship afloat and moving forward, to the Centre staff who supported us so bravely, and the community around us who continue to inspire us. And we collectively offer prayers to the families who have lost loved ones during the crisis, including some of our own.

**DR BARBARA MATTHEWS**

# CENTRE MANAGER'S OVERVIEW

Our "20 Books for 200 Families in 2020" Campaign will most certainly always remind us of the year the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world.

The Campaign was launched, the pandemic broke out and the world changed, but the Lebone Centre staff and our Multilingual Storytellers were motivated to see our dream come true despite all the restrictions. We are humbled that collectively we were able to fulfil this dream and 4 000 brand new books were delivered to 200 homes in three communities – and we even made the national press with our efforts!

Staff faced many personal and professional challenges and, like everyone else, we were catapulted into a world of re-imagined programme delivery. This involved delivering educational materials, activity packs and food parcels in the community – at times a scary venture – but knowing that we were making a difference kept us going. Please see page 11 of this report for what we were able to achieve, even under the difficult conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Adapting to this new world that was far more technologically driven than face to face – which is our preferred modus operandi at the Lebone Centre – was also no easy feat, but we conquered it and had our first virtual AGM on 29 June, as well as participating in numerous online Zoom meetings, training and webinars.

It was heartbreaking saying 'goodbye' to Aunty Jen Botha, as she has been lovingly known at the Centre, and to Anne Oerson, both long-serving members of the Lebone staff who retired at the end of May 2020. Aunty Jen started her journey with the

**ANNELIESE MARITZ**

**Lebone Centre  
Manager**



**AUNTY JEN  
BOTH**



**ANNE OERSON**

**...we were catapulted into a world of re-imagined programme delivery.**



Centre in January 2007 and Anne in April 2008. Words are unable to capture the value that Aunty Jen contributed towards the Centre's work and especially the children. "Aunty Anne's pap" remains the best. We wish our two stalwarts a meaningful retirement.

We also said goodbye to Cherise Sickle in August, when she left to take up a teaching post in Gauteng, and we thank her for her contributions since February 2015, especially for her creativeness in developing the Multilingual Storytelling project. Thank you also to Chanelle Wolff, who served for a number of years as our Project Read site co-ordinator at Good Shepherd Primary School, and who left at the end of the year to take up a full-time post as Art Teacher at St Andrews/DSG.

A special note of heartfelt thanks to our Trustees, under the leadership of the Chairman, Dr Barbara Matthews, who led the organisation through the year. Sincere gratitude towards each and every staff member for their perseverance and commitment, and to God for His guiding wisdom and bringing us safely through 2020.

**ANNELIESE MARITZ**



**CHERISE SICKLE**



**CHANELLE WOLFF**





# PROGRAMME REPORTS

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

### #Every Baby Matters

Information sessions were held at the local clinic for 243 pregnant mothers and those with young babies (First 1000 days) regarding the importance of early stimulation and the dangers of using alcohol during pregnancy.

Follow-up home visits commenced with 22 mothers, who were visited on a regular basis to further support them in the stimulation and development of their babies. The design of the Baby Treasure Box was finalised and the first batch manufactured. Resources that were handed out included blankets, books, rattles and balls.



**BABY  
TREASURE  
BOX**

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### Multilingual Storytellers

The multilingual storytellers fulfilled and adapted to various roles during the pandemic. They were our ears, voices and feet in the community. These were the multiple additional roles our storytellers fulfilled:

- Identified beneficiaries who needed food parcels, their names and addresses
- Assisted with packing food parcels and then delivering them
- Assisted in starting soup kitchens
- Delivering 4000 books for the 2020 Book Campaign
- Forwarded stories and activities via WhatsApp and Facebook messages
- Telling stories to small groups of children of all ages

Without the multilingual storytellers, we would not have been able to deliver our re-imagined projects in the community during an extremely stressful and difficult time and therefore they need special recognition.

### Little Red Dragon Preschool

Our multi-lingual preschool (Afrikaans, English, isiXhosa) was fully operational for the first term of 2020, with 28





children aged 4 – 5 years (pre-Grade R). The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in children not physically attending preschool until the 1st of October, whereafter they attended on alternate days so as to keep the numbers down and make social distancing possible. All protocols were observed and no children or family members were adversely affected. However, a number of families elected not to send their children back to school, due to economic and health concerns.

For the period May – September, the following arrangements were made to provide for ongoing stimulation and support at home:

- Activity Packs were delivered to the homes of all the LRD children on 5 occasions
- WhatsApp messages with stories and recommended activities were sent to parents on a weekly basis
- Food parcels were delivered to the homes of our Preschool bursary children
- Back-to-School Packs were issued to the 15 children who completed the year at the LRD.

## Staff training

- 4 staff members were trained as Book-Sharing Facilitators by the Mikhulu Trust from Cape Town
- 2 ECD Practitioners and the Lebone Centre Manager had online training sessions with De Volgende Stap from the Netherlands regarding Learning Through Play.



# THE LEBONE CENTRE PIPELINE PROGRAMME:

1.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME (ECD)**  
0-5 years old

**# Every  
Baby  
Matters  
(0-2 years)**  
Off-site

**Multilingual  
Storytellers  
(2 - 5 years)**  
Off-site

**Little Red  
Dragon  
Multilingual  
Preschool  
(3-5 years)**  
On-site

**Mikhulu  
Book-sharing  
(0-5 years)**

3.

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT  
PROGRAMME :**  
Wordless Picture Books  
(WPB), iStoep Talk, Home  
Schooling Parenting  
Programme

**COVID-19 RESPONSE -**  
Grocotts Special  
Editions, Activity/  
Educational Packs,  
Food Relief and  
Vegetable seed packs





- A pathway of projects that parents and children can access

2.

**FOUNDATION  
PHASE  
PROGRAMME  
6-9 years old**

**Classroom  
libraries  
Off-site**

**Provision  
of books  
and literacy  
resources-  
"Project 2020"**

**After Care and  
Enrichment  
On-site**

**Project Read  
and Nal'ibali  
Off-site**



**Strategic focus :**

- 1. Parents**
- 2. Access to educational resources**
- 3. Educational Support**

# PROGRAMME REPORTS

## ● FOUNDATION PHASE SUPPORT

### Project Read

- 100 Foundation Phase learners at two local primary schools received literacy support from volunteer tutors on a weekly basis, utilising the Ready, Steady, Read&Write programme from Wordworks. Although the programme was severely interrupted by the pandemic, sessions resumed in small groups from September – November.
- Despite the disruptions, the majority of learners returned improved results at the end of 2020 (compared to baseline scores from the beginning of the year).
- All the Project Read participants received Gift Packs of books, stationery and sweets at the end of the year.

### Classroom Libraries

- In the absence of training workshops, an online training course for Classroom Libraries was developed for participating teachers.

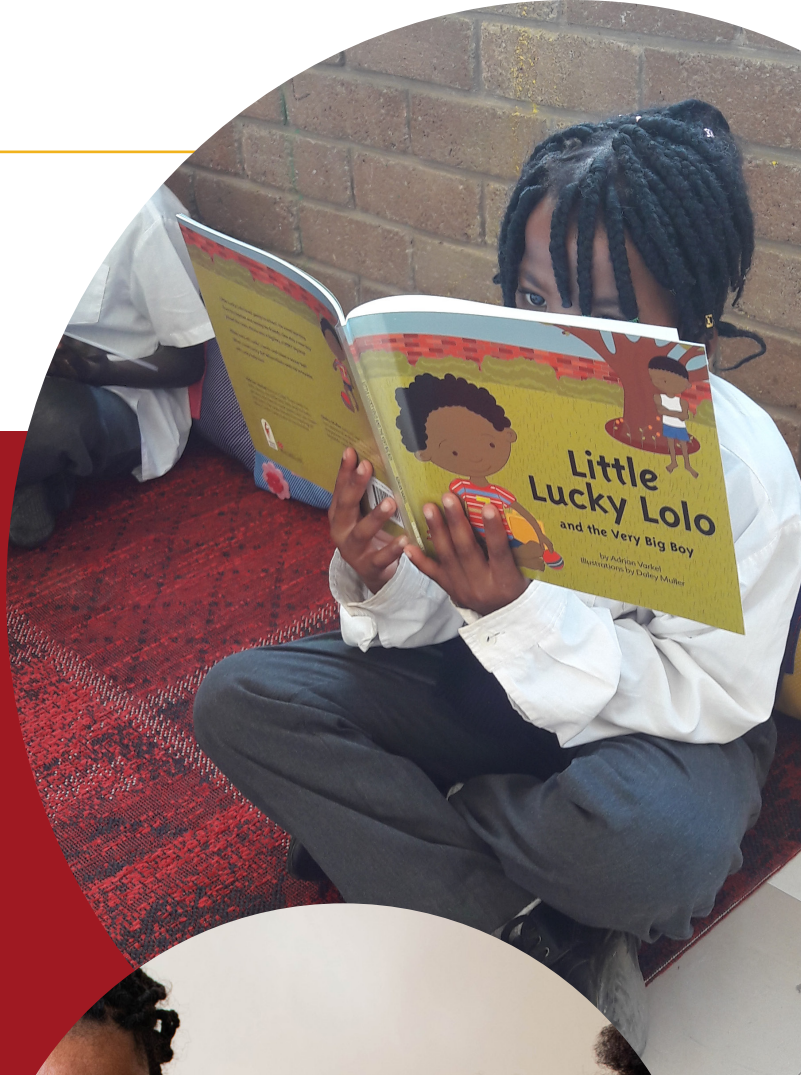




- Five Foundation Phase classrooms were equipped with classroom libraries consisting of books (R6 000), shelving, carpets and cushions, as well as book bags for the learners to be able to take books home.
- This marked the completion of classroom libraries for all the Foundation Phase classrooms in 5 schools.

## Aftercare and Enrichment Programme

- We started 2020 with 20 vulnerable children (Grade 1 – 3) fully participating in our ACE programme, but this programme was badly affected by the pandemic and its interruptions. Not many children from this group returned to school in the latter part of the year, and small numbers returned to the programme.
- We were however able to support our ACE children with birthday gifts, vegetable seed packets, food parcels and literacy packs.





# PROGRAMME REPORTS

## FAMILY SUPPORT

### Food security

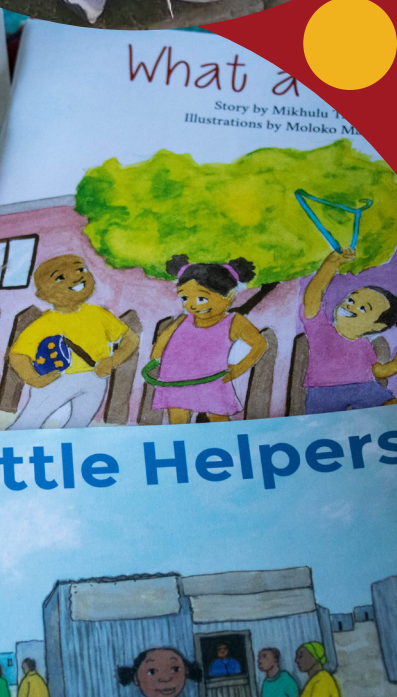
- The Centre collaborated with and coordinated a number of nutritional support programmes during the lockdown period of COVID-19
- A total of 2 786 food parcels were delivered to 1 868 families.

### 2020 campaign

- A very successful campaign was run to provide books to families in a concentrated area, i.e. Sun City, Ghost Town, Scott's Farm and Vergenoeg, based on the research that shows 20 books in homes as a kind of "tipping point" for supporting reading at home.
- Our "20 books in 200 homes in 2020" campaign was a major focal point for the year, and attracted a considerable amount of media interest, with an article in the Daily Maverick newspaper, and a radio interview on Cape Talk.
- The Centre collaborated in the production of 3 special printed editions of the Grocott's Mail, contributing 4 pages of Literacy content for each edition. These newspapers were distributed to approximately 8 000 households around Makhanda.











## WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2020

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED**  
**3688**

1868 families supported with food relief packs (2786 delivered)

1820 Beneficiaries reached through educational support

**RESOURCES SUPPORT PROVIDED**  
**10 731**

800 Life skills Activity books

115 Activity Packs which included stationery

644 Literacy packs:  
232 x 2 = 464 &  
1 x 180 = 644

1050 Grocott's Special Edition Supplements: 350 x 3

1750 Nal'ibali Supplements: 350 x 5 editions

Other distributions:  
•Vegetable seed packets: 27  
•Back to school packs:15  
•End of Year Gift packs (books, stationery, treats):100  
•Birthday gifts to our children from vulnerable families: 20

6210 Story Books Book campaign to 200 families = 4000 + 2210 to additional learners

WhatsApp messages: From April to October daily messages (Mon to Fri) to 20 preschool parents





**THANK YOU FOR  
2020**



**FUNDERS**

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**Special mention must be made of the funders who contributed additional funds that enabled the Centre to deliver re-imagined programmes to our beneficiaries in the face of the pandemic:**

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## **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Brandt Stoltz & Co Grahamstown are our appointed auditors. Audited Financial Statement for 2020 is available on request.

The Trust can issue Tax exemption certificates (18 A) to donors.

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Founded 2005  
Serving the community  
for 15 years

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