



# NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2019

This has been an exciting year for SAEP with new partnerships and solid support from old friends. As we approach the end of 2019 we reflect on our achievements this year and plan for 2020. This newsletter is a brief account of 2019; our website has more detail. [www.saep.org](http://www.saep.org)

Thanks to our funders: Our wonderful, generous funders have supported us consistently and made our work possible for 25 years. This year, too, you have helped us serve the children and young people of Philippi and

other impoverished areas in Cape Town, educating for a brighter future. All of us at SAEP – board members, beneficiaries, staff - say “thank you” to all our funders, local and foreign:

## Siyanibulela, sithi Enkosi Kakhulu!!

**Twenty-fifth anniversary** – Celebration started at our AGM in May 2019 and will continue until the AGM in 2020.

SAEP US hosted our Director, Jane Keen, and Founder, Norton Tennille on a fundraising effort and raised more than ZAR 1,2 million in general funds this year, close to half our target for the anniversary. This is a huge contribution to our work and helps to keep us at work as we move into the next 25 years. We deeply appreciate this support and the value that so many people place on our work. Locally we ran an awareness campaign for our 25th anniversary, reaching out to people who have not yet supported us, through radio and events such as a Quiz Night in October. We are eagerly waiting for a Golf Day for our benefit organised by the JDI Foundation in late November. Among the players will be a student from our Bridging Year programme, Hilmi Mallick who is a competitive young golfer.

**Christmas Appeal** – Our appeal this year is for contributions to programme funds to give our beneficiaries the enriching experience of hikes and outings.

So many of the children and young people in our programmes will not otherwise have the chance to enjoy the wonderful natural environment and learn to value it. With your help we are building awareness in young people of the need to protect and conserve our natural heritage.



**See the appeal attached – Donate on behalf of your friends to our outings and hikes and we will send a Christmas certificate to them from you.**

Hope Scholars Programme went on an outing to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens:



The Tertiary Support Programme students at Silvermine in November:



On August 24th 2019, the Tertiary Support Programme celebrated 9 graduates who finished their tertiary studies at the end of 2018.

Seven graduates attended the graduation celebration at Rhodes Memorial restaurant, including one who graduated in 2017 but

was unable to join us that year. It was a lovely afternoon spent catching up with each other and sharing stories of study challenges and career successes. We're so proud of all of our graduates!



They are graduates of widely diverse disciplines including BSc. Environmental and Geographical Science, Nursing, Education, Social Work, and Law. Our students are graduates of the Universities of Cape Town, Western Cape, Stellenbosch and Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

### One of the graduates commented:

*"SAEP is a hope for the hopeless. After matriculating I could not get into varsity. I was hopeless, but SAEP welcomed me, they taught me all the skills I needed in varsity. Today, in 2019 I am a B.Nursing graduate and I am able to provide for my family."*

**Siyakhathala Primary Programme learners at the Giraffe House:**  
*Many of these children will not have seen such animals live before.*



**Bridging Year (BY) Graduation** – The 41 students who completed our Bridging Year were hosted by the Norval Foundation for a day of celebration.

One of the graduates said:

*"I want to ..thank you for welcoming us (to the Bridging Year programme) with your warm love, and for making it a safe and a happy space for all of us to be in. Thank you for seeing and for pushing each and every one of us to our full potential, for making us realise who we really are and what to stand for....making sure we see our futures from an intentional perspective. We have now become this huge family, made some strong friendships and, in one way or the other, became better humans, too. "*

This is the intention of the Bridging Year and the confidence that we hope our students will take with them into the world.

**Early Childhood Development (ECD)** – Our ECD programme has grown and expanded its scope this year.

**SMME Booster Fund** - We won a contract from the provincial government of the Western Cape Province to provide business development training to 12 ECD centres in our programmes. These funds will strengthen them so that they become sustain-

able small enterprises and provide high quality ECD services to children in Philippi and create internships in ECD Centres for young people, giving them work experience and skills.

Our proposal was selected as one of 20 successful applications from a pool of more than 100 and 1 of 2 ECD programmes selected. We are proud of this distinction and the chance to perform this important work.

**ECD Infrastructure** – Poor facilities and structural issues are a major factor preventing ECD centres from achieving compliance and registration with the provincial DSD.

We welcome partnerships with two organisations to refurbish centres and help them to become compliant and provide better, safer child care facilities. Prudential Investment Managers has entered into an agreement with

SAEP to refurbish 3 centres, the job specifications have been drawn up, contracts have been signed and the work is expected to start in December on the first two centres. We have signed a cooperation agreement with Rhiza-Babuyile to facilitate their refurbishment of 5 centres consecutively over the next year. Both of these partnerships respond to a very real need in Philippi and will bring benefit to the children.

Children at an ECD centre enjoying the books donated by Averda.



Thank you again for your support this year.  
We look forward to the holidays and the new year.