

Appendix 2

Buyani House Report 2022

Administration:

- Buyani House mourned the passing of Fr Doug Cutter in February. He had been a very supportive chairman and mentor and his loss was keenly felt. Don King agreed to take over the responsibilities of chairman and the signatories to the account were changed to three members of the committee in the absence of a priest in charge.
- NPOs are required to submit their annual reports and financial statements to the Department of Social Development. Compliance in this regard is required for the updating of the registration as an NPO. Despite Buyani House meeting all the requirements, the DSD did not update the registration. This matter is to be followed up in 2023.
- Similarly, SARS has not yet granted Buyani House PBO registration, again despite all procedures being followed. Registration will be sought in 2023.
- Gill Harrower resigned as an active member of Buyani House in May. Her input and huge contribution in a variety of ways over the years was greatly appreciated. Gill will continue to distribute donated goods on behalf of Buyani House.
- It was with great sadness that the committee learned of the passing of Brian Ancient late in May. He was one of the founding members of Buyani House and he helped shape the organisation over many years. Brian was the link to the Benoni community, notably to Rotary van Ryn and to the Salvation Army and his absence was felt immediately.
- In July, Pat Anthony resigned from Buyani House as she re-located to Knysna. Pat was also a founding member and in representing *Siyalalela* contributed greatly to all the Buyani House activities. The committee welcomed Isabella Pretorius to represent *Siyalalela* in Pat's place.
- A successful 'Thank You' party was held to thank all donors, workers who had assisted any way during the year and all who had contributed in any way.

Financial report:

- The All Souls Parish Council resolved to fulfil its tithing obligations to Buyani House as the social outreach arm of the Church and began doing so towards the end of 2022. In addition, 10% of the funds raised at the recent bowls and golf day events were paid to Buyani House and made an enormous difference to the outreach programme.
- Fundraising during 2022 included two hamper raffles and participation in the All Souls Craft market.
- Donations were received included clothing, food for the soup kitchen and cash for the groceries to go the children at Katlego.
- As promised by the Parish Council, Buyani House has received 10% of fundraising activities: Golf Day R20 000; Bowls day: R4 000 while a third of the proceeds of the Fair, R5 000, was also given to Buyani House. Total: R29 000.

During 2022, Buyani House continued with the following projects:

1. Itutelo ti ro:

- Don continued to work with Immaculatos, an emerging farmer in Etwatwa. Immaculatos made excellent progress throughout the year and by the end of the year was farming independently at a profit.
 - Glory Masiza, who Lorraine was mentoring had been transferred to another mentor as Lorraine did not have the time to do justice to the work involved.

- Nthembu Meyile, had not met her obligations to Buyani House and did not repay her loan. She did not conduct her business as she had undertaken.

2. Distribution of donated goods:

- Bags of good quality clothing were distributed to “Gogo’s group’ as well as Nozi’s feeding scheme. Teddy bears donated by Rosemary Johnson and Pat Fourie were distributed to CHOC.

3. Orphans and Vulnerable children (OVC)

- Apart from working with Buyani House, *Sekusile Ekhaya Labantwana* works with Food Forward, the 100% Foundation and Kids Haven. The staff received a stipend for five months during 2022.
- They keep a register of all needy children and their families and follow up on cases of abuse. The families cared for numbered 80 in 2022. The staff ran a holiday programme for the children.
- Buyani House contributed stationery at the beginning of the year and delivered groceries for 40 families every month during 2022. Sweets were contributed for the Christmas party in November and the number of parcels was doubled at Christmas time.

4. Siyalalela::

- The *Siyalalela* counsellors met regularly during the year and the Journey with Joy group resumed its work. The counsellors work with Hospice and support their activities.
- Counselling or ‘creative conversations’ are continuing as people need help.
- All nine counsellors at All Souls and St Johns underwent a trauma counselling course and have renewed their licenses for another two years. They need to apply for a clearance certificate from the Dept of Health

5. Soup kitchen and food parcels:

- At the beginning of the year the numbers attending the soup kitchen were low but gradually increased. The teams working on the different days managed well.
- In response to a request from Gibbs Hlabongane, the sandwiches on Tuesday were delivered to the Benoni Plaza. HABS was approached to assist but refused. The Central Methodist church was more accommodating and the sandwiches have been distributed from there each Tuesday evening together with their meals.
- Woolworths has joined Foodshare which is associated with Food Forward. In March 2022, they decided to introduce a digital system of recording the weight of the different categories of food collected and required the Beneficiary Organisations to record all food parcel contents for which recipients must sign. The system worked well once everyone understood it.
- Students from various schools worked in the soup kitchen to do their community hours. Community Service certificates were issued.

6. ASSA:

- An outing to the Bunny Park has been planned for the children.
 - Buyani House contributed food to Nozi’s Christmas party and would continue to do so on request.
-

Appendix 3

Martha and Mary Circle