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KEEP THE DREAM 196™
Annual Report 2015-16

"Building Tomorrow Today"



Dear Friends,

Well 2015 has really zoomed by, in fact I can't believe as I sit at winter camp that it is actually June 2016 and I am writing this report. It's been so busy that out of necessity I have to write this report and I can't leave it any longer. Normally I am organized and have it completed in March or April. Anyway you don't want to know that, you just want to know about what we have been *doing* and *achieving* so let's start:

In 2013 and 2014 I spoke about franchising and although we investigated many avenues to see this happen, all of the doors closed. Instead, we are now replicating our model with the support of other organizations we have partnered with. Through their support we are able to spread the Keep The Dream 196 footprint and also Scouts throughout Limpopo.

We are still focused on securing a farm so we can continue providing our services to the vulnerable children of Limpopo. We have identified a farm and continue to steadily work towards owning it outright. We have investigated going to the banks however due to the global financial crisis and the fiscal future for South Africa loaning to NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) who can't prove longevity to service a 20yr loan is difficult. However, we continue to trust God and earn our way and save for the future.

This year has been fraught with many demands and difficult situations for the children we serve. We have lost children and volunteers to vehicle accidents and illness. We have had a child raped that resulted in the birth of beautiful little girl who has been embraced by the scouting community and will be a cub from an early age. We have also experienced violent crime which has resulted in death, this has been devastating, however in God and for the children we continue.

On the upside we were identified by a past partner, Fetola, (who mentored us in 2013) to participate in a 22 minute DSTV video about Keep The Dream196! The program was aired internationally and we received a lot of recognition for the work done. Please go to the YOUTUBE icon at <http://www.KeepTheDream196.com> to view.

It is important to recognise those who have supported this organisation to reach our goal:

- ◆ Firstly, I want to thank the children who's support has enabled us to keep growing.
- ◆ I want to thank the staff and volunteers for their tireless contributions to the work that we do.
- ◆ I want to thank the Board, our donors both large International NGO's, national funders and those individuals who give us regular donations.
- ◆ Also I want to thank Scouts National particularly Andrew and Sheila Tanner, Milly Siebrits and Brendon Hausberger. We really appreciate your support especially during the various difficult times.

Financially, when nations are going bankrupt and the ripple effect can be quite concerning however we don't rely on anyone but our God. To that end I would like to thank Him for his support and provision, without Him none of this would have come together nor would our impact be as powerful.

I hope you enjoy reading this report and are inspired by the children who inspire us!

God bless you - Louise Batty Managing Director.

KEEP THE DREAM 196 VISION:

"To see all children enter adulthood with holistic skills and abilities necessary to contribute effectively to the development of South Africa."

KEEP THE DREAM 196 MISSION:

"Our mission is to assist children to overcome difficult life circumstances by building resilience, physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically, using a Rights based framework, so they are able to realize their full potential and contribute to the building of South Africa."

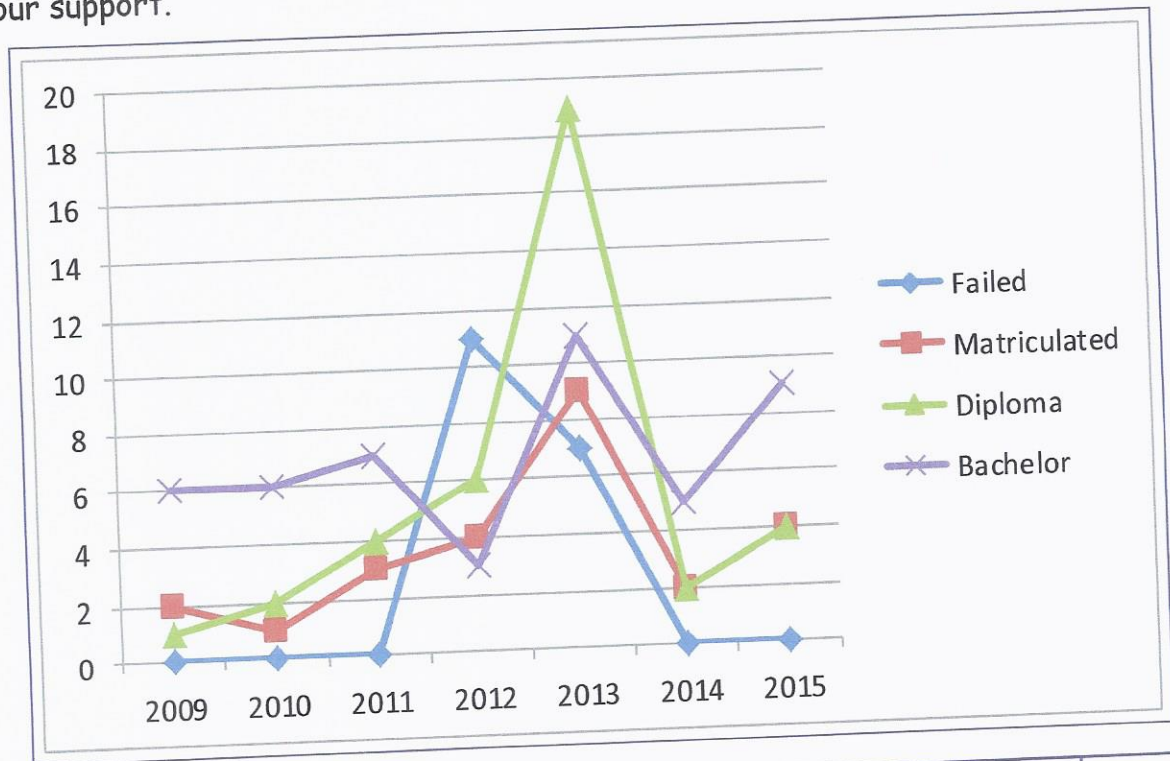
KEEP THE DREAM'S MAIN PROJECTS:

This project is not a quick fix answer to the needs of children; rather it is a long term investment in the future to build the child holistically and sustainably to overcome not just the current situations they find themselves confronting but all the challenges that life has to present in the future.

1. Training
2. Support
3. Advocacy and Awareness Raising Activities

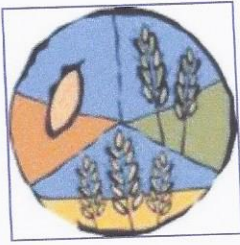
SUCCESSSES

We are very proud of the achievements of our Scouts at matriculation and Rovers at tertiary level of education, a majority of our children go on to some form of tertiary education after matric. Even those who have failed matriculation have either gone on to college or found work through our support.



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Failed	0	0	0	11	7	0	0
Matriculated	2	1	3	4	9	2	4
Diploma	1	2	4	6	19	2	4
Bachelor	6	6	7	3	11	5	9
Student Total	9	9	14	24	46	9	18
Students who passed	9	9	14	13	39	9	17

Adult Training:



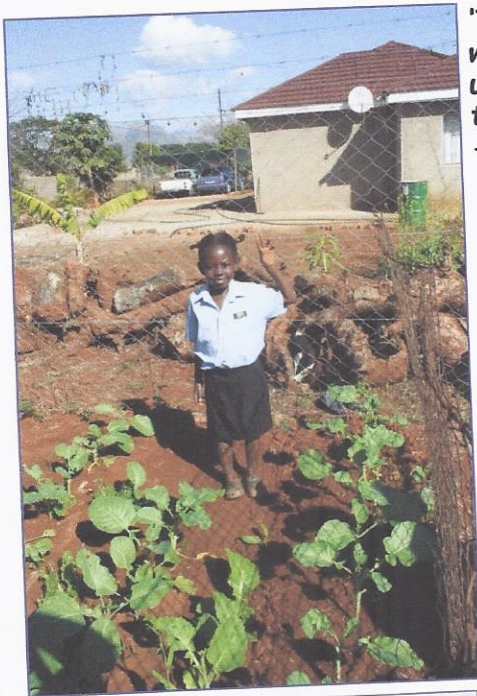
In 2010-12 National Development Agency (NDA) funded KTD196 to train 1,000 scouts and cubs in Food For Life, which is a permaculture program. This program was so successful that in 2014 we again partnered with NDA to roll out the Food For Life project with the 100 parents from our scout parent committees. This program was so successful around Mopani District that National Development Agency (NDA) requested KTD196 to roll the



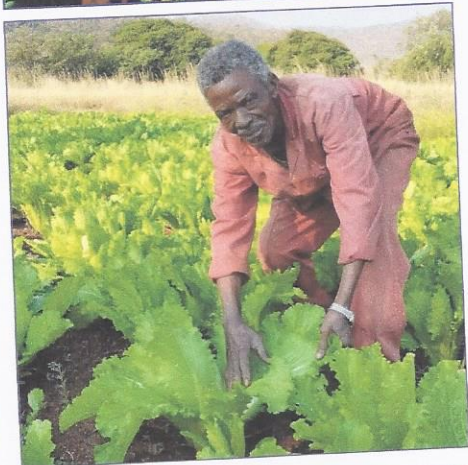
program out provincially in 2016 with 100 households in Limpopo, this project started in January 2016.

Its very important for children to learn gardening skills and so assist the family with food security. We had children as young as five years working on their gardening badges. The pride these youngsters experienced was immense. Some scout groups also started larger community gardens to provide for the vulnerable people in their communities such as those who were elderly, disabled, sick or mentally ill.

Through KTD196 involvement with the Parent Committee's a number of new co-operatives have been established. We also worked with AGES (a water linked NGO) which was able to resolve the water shortage experienced by one project in Nkambako for free. The parents of the scouts who participated in the project have been able to sell their excess harvest and better support their families. They also have been able to be more supportive of their children's activities.



'There is a difference in the way you farm with permaculture, we don't pay any money any more to farm. We keep seeds, we use kraal manure and mulching. We now only pay for the tractor to clear the land. Permaculture is the best.'
- Modjadji Mukari 76yrs of age.



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1. Children & Youth Training:

2015 has seen us moving beyond the boundaries of Mopani District and into Limpopo Province. As stated in the Introduction, through partnerships with other NGO's (Non Governmental Organizations) who are like minded where children are concerned, we have extended our borders into Mpumalanga Province, Waterberg, Capricorn and Sekhukhune and Vhembe Districts.

Ekurhuleni Center for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

Seeds of Light has been working with Keep the Dream196 since June 2015 at Ekurhuleni Center for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in rural Acornhoek. Through KTD196 a scout troop was established last year to offer the children a program that will develop character, self-esteem and self-confidence. Since the troop started, we have noticed improved self-esteem and leadership skills amongst the children that are attending the scouts. This is particularly important for these children who need to feel a sense of belonging.



Two children in particular stand out. One boy, a 16 year old, was attending Ekurhuleni less and less. The staff had noted that his attitude was becoming a challenging one to deal with. Since starting the scouting, he has shown a sense of belonging to the group. Scouting has allowed him to become a positive role model for the younger children.

We were also concerned about another young girl, 15 years of age, a very friendly and sweet girl who would so easily be taken advantage of and in danger of being a highly vulnerable child. Through her participation in the scouting program, she has become stronger and more independent of the suggestions of others whilst still participating fully and enjoying group activities.

We at Seeds of Light are looking forward to moving forward with the partnership with Keep the Dream196 to improve the lives and prospects for these vulnerable children.

Dr Wendy Blair, Director, Seeds Of Light



Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC) has been working in partnership with KTD 196 since May 2014. JVC has been giving support to Drop-In Centers (DIC) in the Vhembe District, Limpopo, since 2012, capacitating DIC volunteers with psychosocial skills, counseling skills and knowledge on HIV and other health issue affecting the children. While these skills-based trainings have helped the volunteers to give better care to individual children, we struggled to make the DICs attractive, fun, and relevant to the age group that we aim to serve, namely the teens.

By partnering with the KTD 196 and introducing Scouting activities, we experienced an increased number of teens, especially boys, who regularly attend DICs. In one community, we had a 13-year old girl who has been living alone in a house and was involved in gambling. She was on and off on at the DIC, but since she started Scouting, she stopped gambling at home and is now leading her group. KTD196's approach to Scouting supplements what is lacking in family and community life in rural areas – peer support system, self-imposed discipline, creative space, positive peer pressure, to name a few, and is impacting greatly to set a path for brighter future for our children.

Toko Tomita, Project Manager, JVC South Africa

2. Support:

The provision of services includes monthly support meetings with the individual cub pack and scout troops and their leaders. During this time staff provide in service training; monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the Life Skills program and problem solving as required. The monthly visits also help to encourage the volunteers to provide optimum support to the children we serve.

We also hold quarterly meetings (when finances allow) so we can all get together and share the highs and lows of implementing a challenging program which is constantly adjusting to the needs of the children but also the sometimes difficult physical and political environment in which we live. Service delivery strikes in the area over this year have created dangerous environments which have prohibited some training from being completed, support visits from happening and even learners having their schools burnt to the ground.

Through support from Scouts at National level we have held a Patrol Leaders Training Unit (PLTU) camp which is a 10day intensive leadership training course. This training was done in conjunction with Mpumalanga and Alison Griffiths the PLTU course director.

The new Cub Program is allowing our children to finally achieve badges and the pilot of the new Scout Program is also giving scouts opportunities for advancement which were not previously available.



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Voice of the Child:



My name is Charles Mkhabele and I am 16 years old and have been a scout and part of Keep The Dream196 for 5 years. Scouts has really changed my life as I come from a poor background many of the boys my age in the community are not great role models, so KTD196 and my family have helped me to see there is another way to live.

I live with my mother, father, older sister and my two brothers. I was born in Johannesburg but the family then moved to Shiluvane just before my little brothers were born. I really liked living in Shiluvane as I met most of my friends in that village. I attended Shiluvane primary school for 7 years and then began attending scouts in grade 8 of my high school, Khataza.

My family have now moved to Burgersdorp and I am now in grade 10 of high school. This was difficult for me as I had to leave my friends behind and because my new village is about 8km walk away but I'm thankful that I can still see

them in school and at scouts. There are around five people in my class that also attend scouts with me. Some of the people in our classes make fun of us for being in scouts and for choosing to live by the scout rules. Calling us fools for not playing around, having girlfriends and smoking with them on weekends. As scouts we have made the decision to lead a different life, living by the scout laws.

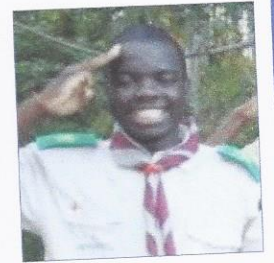
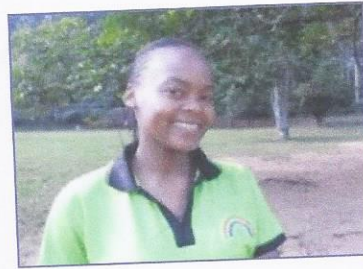
I personally think that it is a good thing that as a scout we are not allowed to smoke or do drugs because I know how harmful it is for our bodies. It is difficult though when others are drinking etc. because of the peer pressure. So many people in my school and community are doing these things, even taking drugs from the age of 12, it seems like these things are normal and good fun. I know that they affect people differently and can cause you to do wrong things or even commit crimes so I know its not something I want to do.

Scouts has given me a good direction that doing these sorts of things isn't right and that I can now be more focused on my future and my life after school. Scouts has also given me many different types of skills for example learning first aid. Meaning that even if I don't do that well in school I will still have skills that can help me if I wanted to become a paramedic. Scouts helped me to think more about my career, it would be my dream to come a pilot.

I really love attending the scout camps and I always have so much fun. At home I have many responsibilities and jobs to carry out, as I am a scout I respect my parents because they have supported me and encouraged me to join scouts. I want my younger brothers to also join scouts because I think it will also help them to learn these unique skills and have fun. At the moment in scouts we are attending a 'Boys2Men' program teaching us what it truly means to be a man, building on the principles of respect that scouts have taught. I already know that a man must respect not only other men but also women. Some boys from my community go through 'Engomni' a tradition in our culture where boys are taken to mountain school for a month and taught about what it means to be a man. When they come back they are very different people, they are not true men.

In KTD196 I am now a leader and a role model to the younger children. It makes me feel proud of who I am today.

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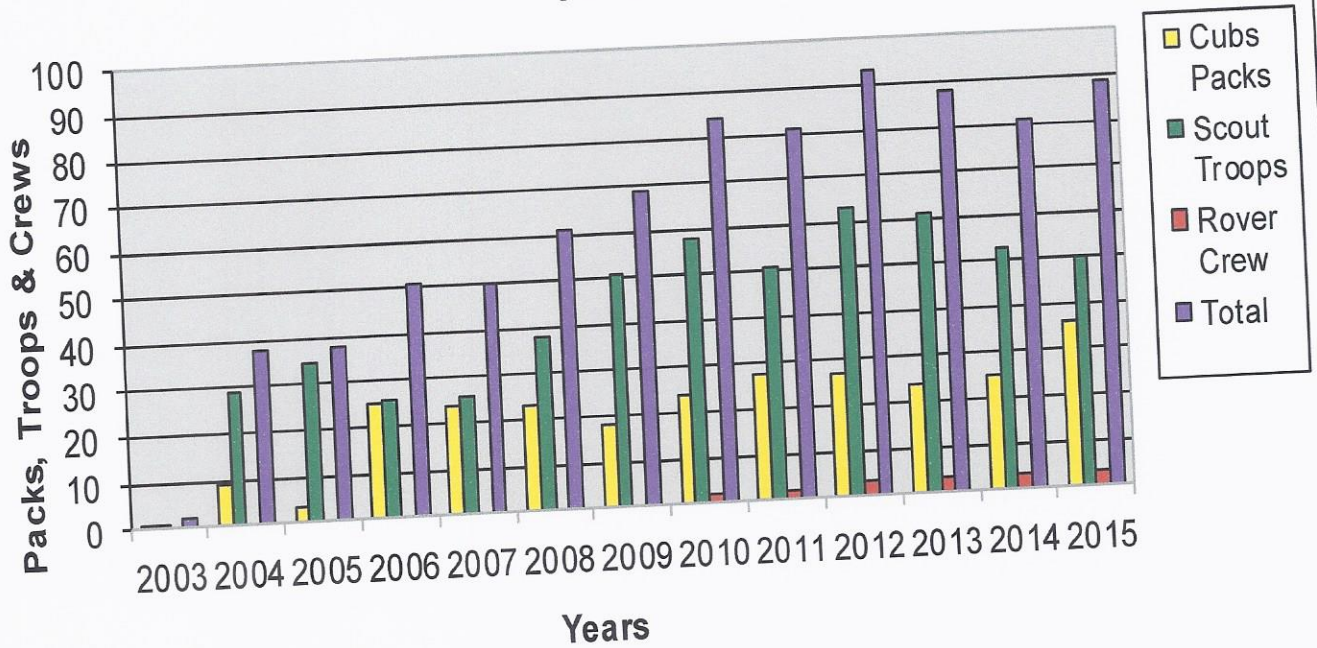
Keep The Dream Team:

The Dream Team:

Elizabeth Mabuza, Constance Mpuru & Nkulu Mabuza and Louise Batty ((Top Row)
Rosemary Nkwashu, Angy Malatji, Catherine Mushwana and Kheto Mongwe (Bottom Row).

Chronological Development of Children's Program

Cub Packs, Scout Troops & Rover Crews Chronological Development 2003-2015



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From the Chairman of the Board

I have had the pleasure of being the Chairperson of Keep The Dream196 since its inception and have seen it grow from strength-to-strength under the leadership of Louise. Through years of committed effort, Louise and her team have change lives immensely and they are not looking back. The growth in leadership, financial stability and continued commitment has opened the doors for even greater impact into the community but more specifically the lives of young men and women. There is no doubt in my mind that the organisation is on a sound footing and has moved forward in every respect. Special commendation must be given to Louise, Zabe, Nkulu and the support staff who have passionately stuck to the vision of Keep The Dream 196. There have been immense challenges, some of which are still there, but their tenacity and commitment has kept them dedicated to seeing many communities uplifted. It needs to be noted that the impact made into the lives of these young men and women on the camps and other training programmes, the food gardens, rights programmes and the scouting affect not only their lives but the families and communities from which these people come. There is no quantifying the absolute affect that Keep The Dream 196 is making in the lives of impoverished families.

Our partner groups and donors have been incredibly important to our success and we know that these organisations have placed huge trust in our organisation. We want to thank The National Development Agency and Kindernothilfe. We thank you all for your support for the past many years. May Keep The Dream continue to impact the lives of their target group and transform the lives of young people and communities. We also want to thank Westfalia for their continued willingness to allow us the use of their campsite. While this has given us a temporary bas our ultimate dream is to possess our own prop-erty from which Keep The Dream196 can run camps and programmes; a stable base from which to function. To host young people from this base will grow the organisation and inevitably impact many more lives and communities.

May the years ahead bring to fruition everything that we dream for. May many more donors find the passion to support this incredible vision.

Fred Hoffman
Chairperson

Our Partners

At a time when money is getting tighter people from all over the world have dug in their pockets to help us achieve our goals. I cannot tell you how it has inspired and encouraged us to keep going as a team that people out there care and are willing to show that care by putting their money into our hands for the future of our children. It is very humbling as I know it is financially tough out there so thank you. From the bottom of our hearts THANK YOU! The Dream Team.

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I also thank Sheila and Andrew Tanner for their continued support over the last 12years since we started implementing Scouts. Andrew was the provincial commissioner for Limpopo through this time which has meant our growth as individuals and as an organization continued through his guidance. Andrew handed over the Provincial Commissioners role to Louise Batty (Director of KTD196) in June 2015. Elizabeth Mabuza will be established as the Scout Program Co-ordinator and Nkululeko Mabuza as the Cub Program Co-ordinator.

Keep The Dream 196 Donors and Supporters

Name of Donor	Period of Support	Activities Funded
Kings Court Christian School—Duiwelskloof	March 2013-February 2014	Office infrastructure
Kindernothilfe	March 2014 - Feb 2015	Project Costs and Program Management
National Development Agency	December 2014-November 2015	Food Security for Parents Committee for Greater Tzaneen.
National Development Agency	January 2016 - December 2016	Food Security and Nutrition Program for Limpopo
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