



THE NEWSLETTER

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Trustee - Meeting

After three years of working remotely, we were excited to have our first face-to-face trustee and NGO meeting on 28 September - 2 October 2022, hosted at the Nokuphila School in Thembisa, South Africa.

Here, we had the opportunity to welcome our new trustees, Andrew Barker (Australia) and Manitia Moultrie (US), and for our NGOs to share their past two years during the pandemic.

We had a long agenda and many discussions, plans and projects to get through to ensure the future of the GTO and the support we give to our NGOs. And in true GTO fashion, this meeting also included a bit of fun with the kids through a scavenger hunt with a Grade 6 class.

All in all, a fantastic experience and lots of new and exciting projects to look forward to!



Projects completed during 2022:

- Bulembu Baby Home support (Swaziland)
- Building ACET Secondary School (Zimbabwe)
- Completion of ECD School (Senegal)
- Borehole for ACET School (Zimbabwe)
- Philangethemba ECD Classroom (South Africa)
- Bulembu Solar Power (Swaziland)

Projects to be completed by the end of 2022

- Plastic Recycling Plant for Philangathemba (South Africa)
- Income generation
- New boy's dormitory for Lewa Children's Home (Kenya)
- ACET Secondary School phase 2 (Zimbabwe)
- Solar Project for Bulembu Home (Swaziland)

Scavenger Hunt

All work and no play? Not on our watch

The North America Scavenger Hunt fundraiser which you will read about below was held at the same time as the event in Nokuphila and the kids here loved the idea that other kids in North America were doing the same activities as them - all the way across the world.

We had teams of 7 kids + 2 Trustees/NGOs and 12 tasks to complete in one hour. The tasks were things like doing a clean up of litter; collecting different coloured leaves; showing off the best dance moves; and building a human pyramid. See some photos below of the results!

For our 20th anniversary in 2023 we are planning a global scavenger hunt to raise funds so stay tuned for information on how to register!



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Nokuphila School (Thembisa, South Africa)

We were afforded the opportunity to take a tour of the school and were struck by how happy and joyful every child, teacher, and staff member is. Nokuphila truly is a very special school, filled with life and laughter at every turn.



School In A Box

This year, School In A Box was extended to Grade 5 learners who'll share the available tablets with the Grade 4s.

The expansion of the programme came as a result of its success in helping with the improvement of Math and English marks.

Learners were introduced to the use of tablets as a hybrid tool to enhance teaching and learning, especially in these subjects.

The learners have become more technologically savvy over the short period of using these devices showing huge improvements in academic growth.



Psycho-Social Support

An onsite social worker oversees the enrolment and emotional and psychological well-being of our learners.

- Many learners have been subject to abuse, neglect, gender-based violence, and crime.
- Pre-school baseline tests confirm a lack of proper stimulation from birth to 4 years of age.
- Remedial and occupational therapy interventions and support are provided to close gaps.
- A noted increase in the need for psycho-social support with more learners.



Food Programme

At Nokuphila School, each learner is provided with two meals and two snacks every day.

- We ensure that the meals are regularly evaluated for nutritional value and portion size.
- In addition to the daily meals provided at school, 42 families who live in exceptionally desperate circumstances receive a weekly vegetable parcel and a monthly food parcel.

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Scavenger Hunt - Vancouver

The GTO Scavenger Hunt, North America, organised by Laura Hampson (Vancouver office) took place during the first weekend of October! There were 50 fun tasks to complete, suitable for all ages. We had six teams of people participating from the following offices: Vancouver, Montreal,



WSP US has kindly sponsored this North America-wide fundraising event for the GTO, which means that 100% of your donation goes to the GTO.

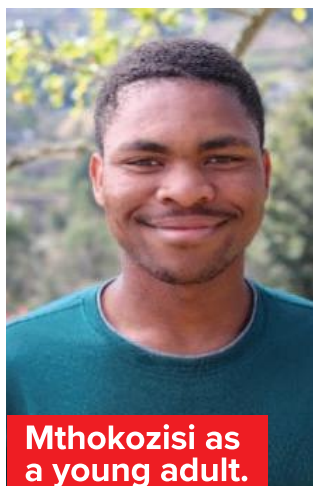
Congratulations (and bragging rights!) go to Les Poutines and their Team Captain Mohammad, with a winning score of 1569.

On 13 September, Ross Norton (Philangethemba- South Africa) took the time to give an outstanding presentation about the work they do within the local community with support from the GTO (amongst others). Thank you to those who attended; over \$100 in donations was raised!

Success Story Bulembu



**Mthokozisi
as a child.**



**Mthokozisi as
a young adult.**

Meet Mthokozisi; he arrived in Bulembu 14 years ago and is now an intern in the Bulembu IT department. He'd love to study Computer Science and pursue a career as a network technician.

GTO has partnered with Bulembu for over 12 years and contributed to multiple income-generating projects. We sponsored the building of the Technology Centre at the Bulembu High School a few years ago, and Golder (at the time) donated laptops and other IT equipment.

Niclas Funemark from the Nordics also delivered old mobile phones collected at the Stockholm and Gothenburg offices to help the kids at Bulembu learn about technology. Mthokozisi is a direct output of that programme!

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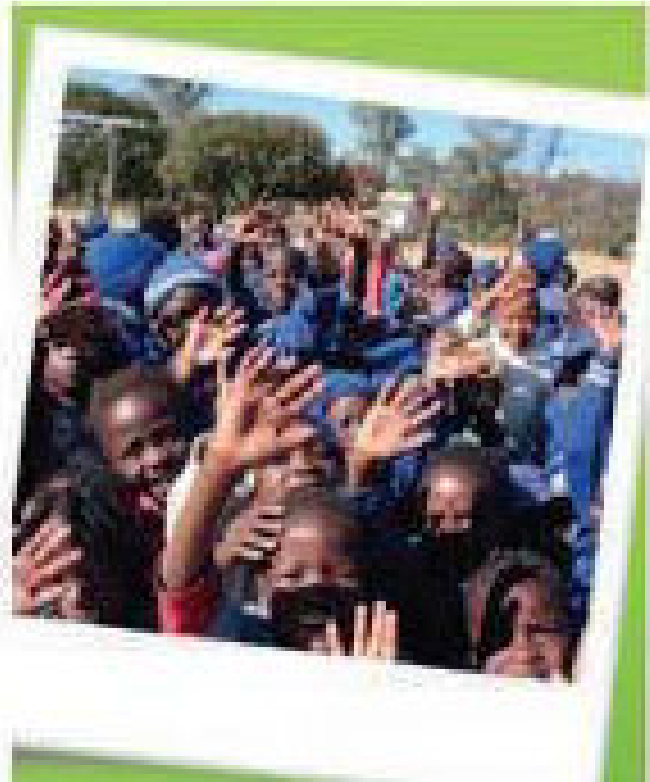
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Karlene Horsfield - The Ice Cream Fundraiser

The GTO would like to thank Karlene Horsfield from the Toronto Office in Canada for organising The Ice cream Fundraiser at their Staff Appreciation Lunch and get-together in August, where \$141 was raised!

Feel free to grab yourself one as the fundraiser continues in the freezers in the Etobicoke and Mississauga offices. We Thank and appreciate you for all your hard work!



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