

Annual Report

The year 2023 flew by, as they all seem to do, but we accomplished a lot and equipped ourselves with valuable tools to help us in our mission. Here are some highlights:

RELATIV - Monitoring and Evaluation

We saw significant growth in our ability to track statistics, set goals, and report on our activities. Our three-year relationship with RELATIV concluded in the first half of 2023 with final meetings and workshops. They left us with templates, statistical measurement tools, and a strong sense of ownership and commitment to our work. We are grateful to Comic Relief for funding this collaboration, which enabled us to engage with such a professional and dedicated team. Their expertise and passion for the work we do, has truly strengthened our operations.

Childsafe Project – A Cambodian Trip

Thobe and Henry, who are directly involved in the Childsafe project, had the opportunity to travel to Cambodia on a learning mission with The Childhood Foundation. They visited two Childsafe organizations. In Phnom Penh, they met Mith Samlanh, an organization similar to iCare that runs comparable programs for street children. In Sihanoukville, they learned about volunteer Safe Agents—taxi drivers, stallholders, teachers, and others—who are trained to protect children at risk of exploitation, especially by tourists. Inspired by this model, we have begun engaging Safe Agents along the Durban and Amanzimtoti beaches to assist our outreach to vulnerable children. We hope to continue and expand this program for years to come, enhancing our efforts in both outreach and protection.

Thobe and Henry returned with valuable insights into the potential growth of our project. They realized the enormity of the task and the importance of engaging volunteers who share our passion and are willing to commit.

Losing our Marbles - Braving Trust

Our management team development session with Masivuselele was a fun and innovative experience. We used marbles to give accolades or appreciation to each other, a practice we continue during our staff meetings. This simple yet effective method has helped foster a positive and supportive team environment.

Staff

Star moved from our CYCC to our Hope Centre as admin and database controller. Star, being a qualified Social Worker, is also invaluable at the Hope Centre with the boys.

Elton came on board and ably assisted Ms Chili in the rehab programme and took over the care of Joseph House.

Fanele – a newly qualified Social Worker has assisted in our CYCC's with homework and relief parenting. He has made an enormous difference by assisting the boys with their school work.

Impact Management Measure Results for 2023

Our statistics from the Impact Management Measure show significant achievements:

- 4 job placements
- 8 individuals trained via various training centres
- 11 young men seeking non-financial support at iCare
- 98 young people helped in obtaining ID documents
- 148 young men housed safely during the year
- 115 youth worked with from the streets
- 36 young men reunified with their families
- 20 in senior high school
- 38 impacted in our rehab centres
- 6100 people reached through our awareness talks and campaigns
- 191 Food Parcels delivered to families on our Aftercare
- Our U11 team were placed 1st in the South Coast Soccer league

These accomplishments reflect our ongoing commitment to making a difference in the lives of vulnerable youth. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to expanding our reach and improving our programs to create a brighter future for the children and families we serve.

Donors and stakeholders

Your committed relationships and the confidence in our work with the Street Youth of Durban, is hugely appreciated.

Our audit report revealed the following results:

<i>Income from Donations</i>	<i>Project Expenditure</i>	<i>A shortfall of</i>
R5 429 382	R5 031 027	<i>R398 355 (new projects undertaken with funds received in the previous Year.)</i>

Team Thank you

Again this year it is easy for me to say how grateful I am to work in a team such as ours. As we strive in our spiritual growth together so do we honour each other by our commitment, love and respect we that we share. ***Thank you Team iCare***

Trustees

An enormous thank you, and certainly a few marbles, should be given to each of our Trustees – Taki, Mark, Joy, Yvonne, Thoko and Michelle. You are always there to give your time, expertise and compassion to the organisation and the staff. Thank you for seeing us through 2023, we appreciate you more than you know.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!" - Psalm 107:1