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Epic: Leonie Yendall – from the Northern Cape to Grahamstown: Leonie Yendall is a professional cyclist and agreed to make her annual cycling trip a fundraiser for the Centre. Her epic journey took one month, and she cycled over 1 200 km from the Northern Cape to Grahamstown. Through this, we could raise over R9000 (Grocott's article, 12th October). This was only possible through the kind assistance by Cindy Deutschman who linked us with Leonie and prepared and managed the crowd-funding page on 'back a buddy' as well as advertised this event on local social media! Thank you so much, Leonie and Cindy!



Strategy and Leadership: From 27th until 30th July, we had our Strategic Planning weekend Mansfield. The weekend started with a programme review by whereby the teams reported against their annual targets and evaluated their impact. Ninnette Eliasov from Elamanzi facilitated the development of our 'Theory of Change' and Raphael Centre's LOG Frame for each programme. Elamanzi's facilitation was gifted by Ikhala Trust who joined us on the last day.



Media and Branding: Raphael Centre was present in our local press a couple of times during the last term. You will find the articles under: <http://raphaelcentre.co.za/reports-media/>). Besides, we are pleased to share that our web-page has been reformatted and updated and is available at: www.raphaelcentre.co.za.

Khanya Project

This outreach addresses the social drivers where HIV occurs among youth and adolescents. In particular, they are intergenerational and transactional intimate relationships but also hopelessness, socioeconomic distress at home and having little future perspectives. Our HTS team facilitated persona-doll workshops to make youth thinking about these issues, looking at consequences but also alternatives for health-threatening behaviour to respond to their needs (love, acceptance, guidance, economic stability, future plans). The ABCD team extended these discourses by sharing a basic introduction to types of resources, personal strengths and capacities to plant first thoughts about independence, leadership, responsibilities and the freedom to be the 'first creator' of own life plans. Our teams focused on learners from Grade 8 to Grade 10 classes from Mary Waters High School and N. Nyaluza Secondary School for 45min each and reached over 900 learners. (narrative report available at <http://raphaelcentre.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Interim-Report-Khanya-September-2018.pdf>).





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Health Testing Services (HTS) Programme:

HIV, TB & STIs and basic eye-care: Between 15th of January until 30th September our team tested for HIV and screened for TB as well as STIs 1621 people. 18 of the positive tested people entered our Follow-up counsellings which primarily serve to hear how newly diagnosed are feeling, coping with treatment and how disclosure to their close social environment went. Besides, our team has managed to reach many more couples during the last term. Couple's testing has become our strategy to reach men with HIV-services. Zodwa says: The reason why we encourage couples to come for testing is that we wish them to understand and accept their health-status and look after each other. Nomfundo continues: By testing both partners we would like to encourage openness about their HIV status, looking after each other and to keep loving each other. The team also provided basic eye-care to over 50 people from Joza township within the last three months. The retina photos were handed over to Dr Davies and his optometrist team for further investigation.



Asset-based Community-driven Development (ABCD) Programme:

Siya Sonke Entrepreneurs:

Nomaxabiso had a few meetings with the Siya Sonke entrepreneurial groups in the last term: She saw the Early Childhood Development partners (for constitution writing), and the farmers' group (for identification of proper land for a community garden, fencing of property, and for new gardening and farming skill). Besides, she called a gathering with all five business groups to meet the management of the Assumption Development Centre. This was for receiving advice on how to create business plans in compliance with the Department of Social Development or according to the Company's Act, and for further training in project administration. The group also brought up some challenges, such as the cooperation with government Departments and the competition with other businesses. The ADC has offered business training to the group early 2019.



Siya Sonke Children and Youth:

20 of our Siya Sonke children were invited by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) to join their annual Heritage Day safari-outing for underprivileged children. The society has been organising these trips for a few years now, and we have felt very grateful that our Siya Sonke children could participate in this fantastic opportunity this year again!



Also, during this term, the children and youth have been engaged with a range of activities each week. Nomaxabiso and a dedicated student team from Rhodes Psychology Clinic have put a lot of effort into engaging them with small workshops which emphasised a positive self-image and awareness about own personal strengths but also responsibilities. The capability of being responsible links closely to the healthy development of a sense of independence. We would like to express special thanks to Reabetswe Lee Molobela and Sabi Baninzi from Rhodes Psychology Clinic!

Siya Sonke Story of the term: Andiswa is a young mother who joined Siya Sonke in 2017. She started producing aloe-soaps and lip balms – using what she has available in her natural environment and at home. We are very pleased to share that Andiswa runs a small stall at a local shop in Grahamstown in the meantime. She extended her range of products with beautiful bead work and has become a local small trader of her products. The Ikhala Trust, who hosts an annual ABCD-Festival, intends to buy Andiswa's soaps to hand them out as small Festival gifts.

