



Raphael News 2020-2 (1st Quarter 2020)

Funding: We are proud and happy to share that we signed a new funding agreement with the **DG Murray Trust** of R 284,000 for one year! The funding is for 'Siya Sonke' which has become a Raphael Centre's only programme and was crucial to us. Thank you DGMT team for this wonderful opportunity to work with you again! **The Rotary Club of Grahamstown** donated R 7,000 towards the Siya Sonke Child and Youth Development (CYD activities). They gathered donations for local organisations at the end of 2019 as part of 'Carols by Candlelight'. Thank you so much, Rotarians and to everyone who donated! Furthermore, we received term donations from the English actor **Gavin Marshall** as well as **St Cuthbert's Church** – both mounting up to over 3,800 Rand. Also, we received monthly donations from Reverend **Denise Herbert** and **Mrs Clarke** of together 3,450 Rand in the first quarter of 2020. St Cuthbert's Church, Mr Marshall, Mrs Maggie Clarke and Revd. Denise Herbert have been our donors for many years and their kind and tireless support has been central to us.



Amended Strategy: In February, we revised Vision, Theory of Change, Mission, and organisational objectives of the Centre. They are only interim organisational tools for 2020 which shared with you in our first Newsletter-2020 in January (<https://raphaelcentre.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Raphael-News-2020-1.pdf>). We plan our proper re-branding work to happen towards the end of this year. We would like to workshop Vision, Mission, organizational objectives as well as Theory of Change together with Siya Sonke partners (representatives) and Board members.

Vision: People trusting in their abilities, working toward social and economic change in solidarity with others. **Mission:** To inspire social cohesion and the transformation of household livelihoods through people identifying and utilising their strengths.

Raphael Centre Set-Up 2020



Nomaxabiso Precious Fani
(BA Social Work):

Siya Sonke Programme Facilitation
& Training



Anne Loeffler
(MA Social Anthropology):

Management & Training

Siya Sonke Associates: Fundiwe and Fundiswa Mami (Catering Training and Events), Ncediwe Tana (Craft Work) and Andiswa Stofu (Craft Work and Motivational Speaker)
(pictures will follow soon!)

Student volunteers from Rhodes University: We are grateful for your assistance as tutors this year:



Akhanya Siyanda Fani
(BA Psychology, 2nd year)



Anathi Mgijima
(BA Law, 2nd year)



Sinazo Mbekela
(BA Psychology, 2nd year)



Usiphile Ndubula
(BA Pharmacy, 2nd year)



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COVID-19:

We shared our operational response to COVID-19 in a newsletter on Facebook and webpage, and we emailed it to our partners. The newsletter is available at <https://raphaelcentre.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Raphael-COVID-19-response.pdf>. In the same week when schools closed, the inter-personal activities of Child and Youth Development (CYD) temporarily stopped. At this point, it concerned the weekly tutoring and life-skills session at Makana pre-school.

Nomaxabiso and Anne kept working normal hours but from home. Nomaxabiso continued facilitating Siya Sonke family outreach (Child and youth development and family mentoring) via phone and WhatsApp. Weekly team meetings happened through phone and email.

Siya Sonke ('We are going together) Programme

Child and Youth Development (CYD):

Until mid-March the weekly tutoring and life skills sessions took place at Makhanda Preschool. The group of seven to eleven years old had a couple of refresher sessions on Rights and Responsibilities. The children created a 'Wall of Rights' and then facilitated role play. They were asked to think about common situations where their rights are called into question. Then, one of the group members took to the role of the mediator, one acted as the parent and one other as the child. This was for the children to practice accessing their rights.

The older group of 12 to 18 years old attended a weekly art workshop at Carinus Art School. The art classes were facilitated by Vuyokazi Yumata and Jeanine Kruger who are teachers at Carinus. During the first six weeks, the youth did monotype printing whereby they created beautiful self-portraits and depicted features from nature. They will continue for another two meetings as soon as lock-down restrictions allow children back to school. The President's Award (TPA): During the first term, our TPA youth was volunteering at Masivuke Day Care Centre in Joza. Masivuke accommodates elderly people and adults with special needs. The youth helped cleaning the Centre and has looked after the vegetable garden. They had plans to set seedlings but unfortunately, there was no water in Joza most of March. On Fridays, they had soccer training with the coach Sposethu Booi ('Attackers Team').

When COVID-19 happened: Nomaxabiso formed WhatsApp groups with Siya Sonke children, youth and student volunteers for remote tutoring. She already did so in the week when schools closed early because of COVID-19. After they identified important study subjects for the 2nd term both groups started with Mathematics. The children and youth who were not able to access a smartphone by a family member have been only a few. Nomaxabiso kept in contact with them over the phone.

Siya Sonke adults and parents:

Nomaxabiso started the year with Siya Sonke family check-in. She did family visits where she brought along copies of the asset-assessments (tracking sheet with baseline and follow-up 1) from last year and they developed family plans (carrier, income, household development) for this and next year. **Entrepreneurial groups:** Nomaxabiso managed to meet with the Siya Sonke Crafters before the lock-down commenced. This was to see how they are doing and to facilitate the baseline asset-assessment for the entire group.



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