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WE LOOK BACK AT ANOTHER YEAR

in the Eastern Cape with a measure of accomplishment and a measure of sadness. At the end of 2020, a great soul was taken away from us, Lizwe Ngalo, the principal of Ekuphumleni High School.

A man that wholeheartedly committed himself to education and the success of any school he worked at and the students under his care. A mentor, father-figure and visionary with big dreams for Ekuphumleni High School and his students, we dedicate this annual report to his memory.

However despite this loss, and many others, and the challenges of this time, we also saw an expansion in our work for which we are very grateful. In times when there are a lot of

closed doors due to the pandemic, it is heartening to be able to say 'yes' when new Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres approach us for support.

Through this we have expanded the network of centres that we work with and look forward to continuing to grow the Samara family.

This was all made possible through new generous donations from individuals and companies and we would like to thank them

from the bottom of our hearts. For them to come on board at times like these, means a lot to us.

As ever, we are also very thankful for our long-term partners that continue to stand by us, giving us certain support in uncertain times.

Sinombulelo omkhulu!



Louisa Feiter
Managing Director



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Samara Foundation NPC works hand-in-hand with rural Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres in the Eastern Cape, and recently Western Cape, to give young children the environment they need to

grow into healthy, socially and emotionally well-adapted individuals that are ready for school and life.

Samara seeks to give children the chance to thrive through the creation of the following.





OUR

Safe, Healthy & Stimulating
Spaces For Children

Capable &
Engaged Teachers

APPROACH

Through infrastructure
investments into the sanitation
and safety of ECD centres

Through training of the
teachers to run a quality ECD
programme

Through the creation of playgrounds
and vegetable gardens

Through a focus on practical
skills

Through the provision of
educational resources

Through the mentoring and direct
support of teachers

OUR PROGRAMMES

BUILDING LONG-
TERM RELATIONSHIPS
THROUGH THREE
PHASES OF SUPPORT
AND EMPHASISING
ON-SITE, DIRECT
ASSISTANCE



1 OUTREACH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

8 ECD
Centres



Samara responds to and interacts with ECD centres that approach us, or are recommended through community partners, with an initial ECD resource kit. During this process an assessment is made of the centre and the further support it requires.

As the relationship develops, smaller and more immediate infrastructure interventions are addressed. Once a trusted relationship has developed, and as funds permit, we incorporate these centres into our main programme.



OUTREACH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Investments

5

ECD resource kits
distributed

2

Septic tanks for
toilets built

3

Materials for swings
sponsored

1

Jungle gym installed

1

Building materials
for completing a new
classroom



5 ECD
Centres

MAIN 2
SUPPORT
PROGRAMME

Samara supports centres to achieve the registration requirements from the Department of Social Development through bigger

infrastructure investments that improve sanitation, safety, outdoor playing spaces and furnishing of the centres.



MAIN SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Investments

2

Sets of tables and chairs provided

3

Centres equipped with toys, books & stationary

1

Toilet built

2

Water tanks installed

2

New ceilings installed

2

Fences around centres installed

1

Kitchen repaired

2

Fridges purchased

3 MAINTENANCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

6 ECD
Centres



Once a centre has become a safe and healthy space and achieved registration with the Department of Social Development, the

relationship is kept through maintenance upkeep and continued support of the teachers with mentoring and any additional workshops.



Investments

6

First aid kits restocked

6

Cleaning kits supplied

2

Toilets fixed

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

1

Swing repaired

1

Fence repaired

1

Roof repaired



CAPACITY BUILDING



We were happy to be able to resume our training of the teachers again in 2021, which throughout 2020 had not been possible due to the pandemic.

As the ECD centres had been closed for almost a full year, we began with a mentoring trip to all the centres. In this way we could assess how the teachers were picking up on their daily programmes, how they had adapted and where they needed further support.

We were heartened and humbled by the resilience shown – without any exceptions all teachers

were back in the classroom, creating a safe space for the children to return to, and did this with the same energy and dedication as before.

And this in spite of the fact that income for the centres continues to be sporadic and salaries severely curtailed. For this reason Samara continued supporting teachers with grocery vouchers as needed and stepped in for certain administrative costs that the centres simply could not cover.

COVID SUPPORT



Loss of income was the biggest challenge facing our ECD centres – both from government funding and parent fees. Samara therefore stepped in with additional support to make sure that both the centres and the teachers themselves could make it through.

The company Parceval (Pty) Ltd generously donated 700L of hand sanitiser throughout the year which was distributed between the ECD centres and the schools Ekuphumleni High and Gqumahashe Primary.



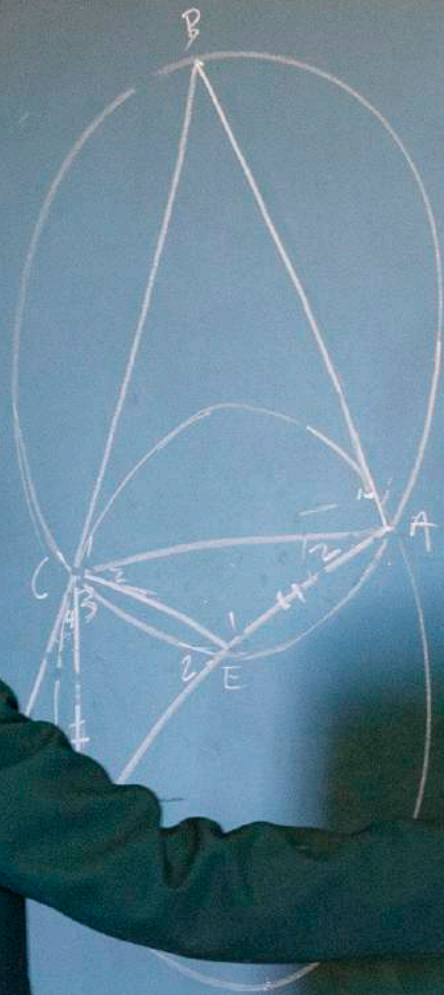
COVID SUPPORT



90 Grocery vouchers distributed

700L Hand sanitiser donated

6 Centres' admin fees supported



Two equal circles intersect at A and C. BC is a tangent to one circle and a chord of the other circle E is a point on the circumference of one circle and AE produced meets the other circle at D. Chord AE = Chord CD and AE and CD cut off equal segments of the circle.

Prove that:

$$\textcircled{a} \hat{C}_2 = \hat{C}_4$$

$$AD = AC$$

EKUPHUMLENI HIGH SCHOOL



It was not an easy year for Ekuphumleni High School, having to adjust to rotational learning and other Covid regulations as well as the loss of Lizwe Ngalo, their principal.

However the continued spirit and drive shown by the school and the team of teachers towards taking Ekuphumleni forward, has been a lesson in resilience and strength.

While we have not been able to move ahead with

the infrastructure plans of building additional classrooms from the Africa Run funds yet, Samara was able to put into action various smaller improvements. These included furnishing their Hospitality class with new stoves and cooking and baking equipment; stocking up on Chemistry supplies and new apparatus for their Physics classes to conduct experiments that they could previously only learn about in theory.



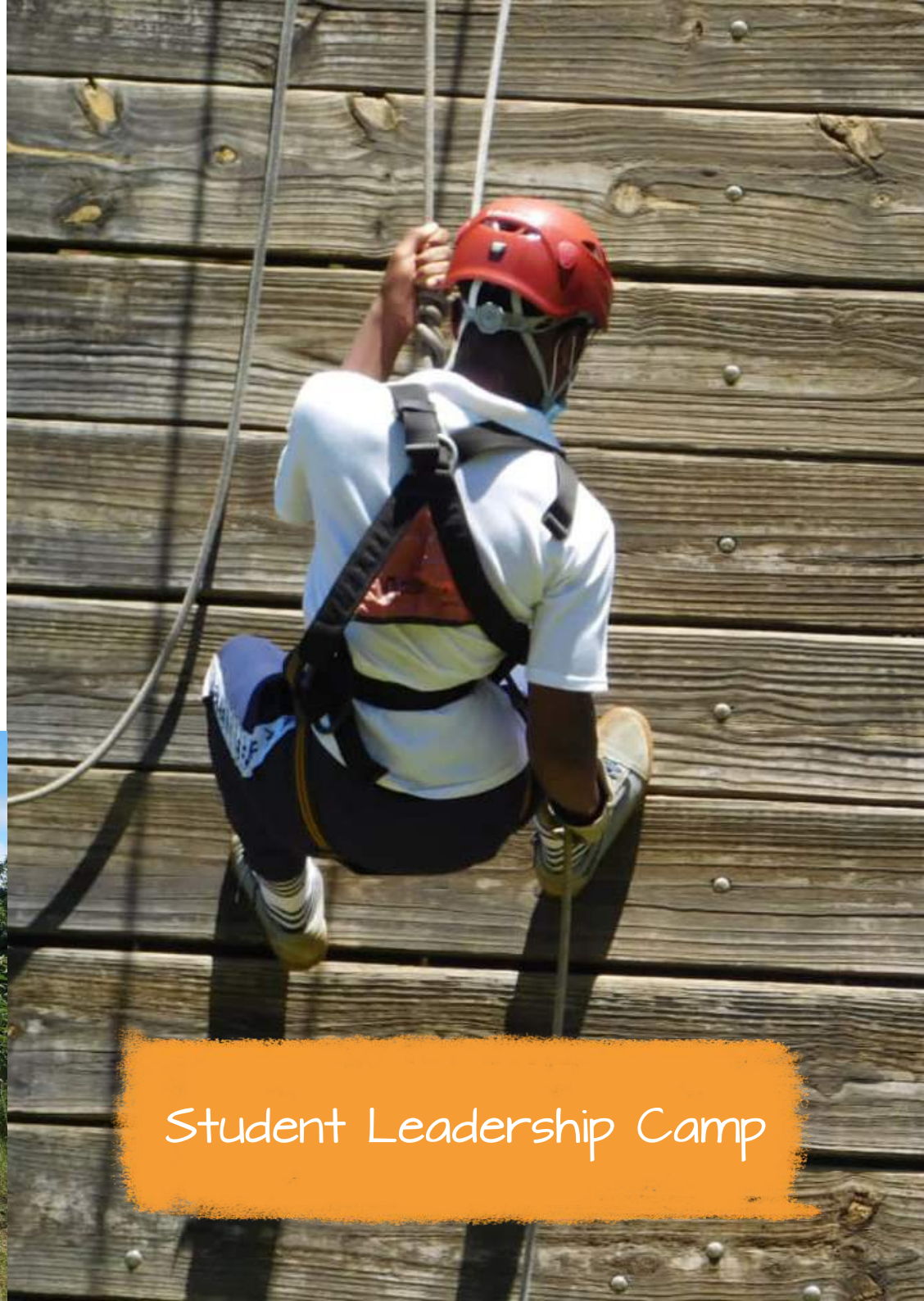
Chemicals & Apparatus
for Science Classes

A group of 13 learners were also able to go on a leadership camp at the beginning of 2021, where they pushed their limits through adventurous activities and learnt about themselves and others through teamwork and reflection.

We remain optimistic that the building of the

classrooms will start soon as we finalise the plans and get the required approvals in place.

To find out more about the school and what is happening there, visit the school's website: www.ekuphumleni-school.co.za



Student Leadership Camp

Stoves & Equipment for
Hospitality Classes





HE SHOWED US THE WAY

The alcove at the desk where Lizwe Ngalo used to sit remains empty. Instead Mzi Mdlangu, the vice-principal of Ekuphumleni, sits to the right of the alcove, busy with the many details of running Ekuphumleni High School.

In this way the absence, or silent presence, of Lizwe is still strong, but the sadness at his passing has transformed into a new energy that comes apparent as soon as one

sits down with the school management team (SMT). In the same sentence that everyone expresses the immense loss of a dedicated, energetic man, a role-model to all those around him, the commitment to uphold everything Lizwe stood for is not far behind. “We want to achieve even more now and dedicate our efforts to our principal, to make sure what he has left will continue and prosper,” says Linda Mbelekana from the SMT.

“He showed us the way,” says Thembi Mdlankomo, another member of the SMT, “Now we must be strong and united in upholding Ekuphumleni.”

The students have also not lost faith in the school, its management and teachers. Mzi Mdlangu says he was happily surprised at the high enrolment number, with 200 new grade 8 students and at least another 100 enrolments in grade 12, the most important year for many. This is in part due to the exceptional results of 2020. In what one could consider Lizwe’s parting gift to the school, the matric students achieved a 90% pass rate

– a resounding success in any ordinary year and even more so under the circumstances of 2020.

Lizwe had rallied his teachers and they had worked around the clock, ensuring that the curriculum was caught up after the big losses in time during lockdown. He encouraged and kept up the spirits of everyone around him, taking every challenge in his stride and making a plan.

It is also the trust and confidence that Lizwe always had and showed in Ekuphumleni’s staff, that one can see will be his lasting legacy. Everyone has rallied together and





Ekuphumleni goes forward with the same dedication towards education as seen during Lizwe's tenure.

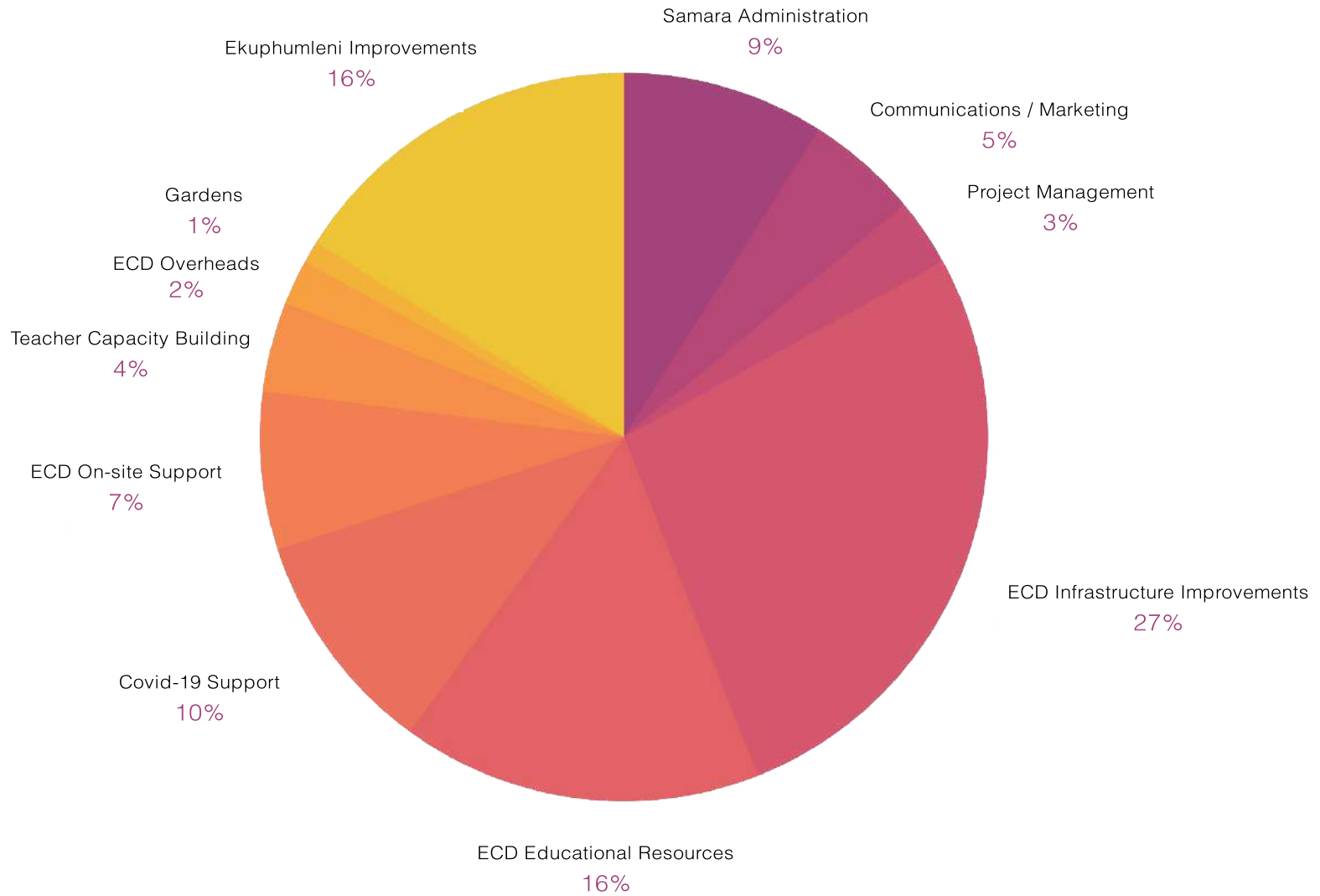
A giant tree may have fallen, but the forest remains and we look forward to continuing the journey with Ekuphumleni High School.



In loving
memory of
LizweNgalo



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