



# EAGLES UPDATE AUTUMN 2020



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## COVID 19 ENDS THE EAGLES' SUMMER ABRUPTLY

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It was only a little over a month ago that life was totally normal at Erinvale and Eagles were enjoying packed fields of golfers having all the fun that goes with the club's prize giving of the week.

Then Covid-19 arrived, creating uncertainty, fear and for our Swallows, a rush to fly home. There are sure to be plenty of stories to tell when we meet up again once it is safe to travel and play golf again.

The sad thing for Eagles is that our peak fund raising season was brought to a prematurely abrupt halt and we will need to find ways to recoup the loss of income in order to carry on with our community support schemes in 2021.

It is most encouraging that some members have made voluntary deposits to the Eagles Club Account, but with so many other Club, HOA and sundry requests for help in the last few days, we may be forced to delay fund raising initiatives until life becomes more certain.

However, should you wish to add your personal support to any of the Hunger Relief efforts featured here, we have provided the banking details at the end of the newsletter.

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### LOCKDOWN BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES TO EMILY NDUMISO

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Emily Ndumiso attended a Helderberg Sunrise Rotary sponsored "Township Entrepreneurs Programme" in 2017 where Eagles played a mentorship role. Many Eagles already know Nelson, Emily's husband. He operates the Ezweni airport shuttle service that many support.

Impressed with her upbeat personality and commitment to the Ikhaya After School programme that Emily had established in her home in Lwandle, Eagles offered to support her growth plans.



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We assisted her to achieve her objective to move her class of 40 children from her home to a nearby rental house requiring funds for an upgrade and to purchase furniture and equipment.

Since then landlord problems resulted in her having to relocate to new premises. Eagles supported her with teaching materials, furniture supplies and a prefabricated structure that provided an additional classroom.



*Soon after completing the move, the lockdown was declared and teaching stopped. At the same time, sensing the emerging food crisis, Emily's close Rotarian friend, Lyn Brandon Podd suggested they use the Ikhaya School to set up a food distribution centre for Lwandle's needy. Typically, Emily jumped at the request and started managing Rotary's feeding programme. The unfortunate downside is that during lockdown the children have stopped paying fees and payment of rent is the new challenge facing Ikhaya.*

## HOPE AND LIGHT FUND RAISING THROUGH GOLF AT ERINVALLE

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As most of our readers know, several fellow Eagles, Erinvale residents and global sponsors are actively involved with Hope and Light project. The fund started by bringing support to the Sir Lowry's Pass Community and has been expanded to provide a multimillion Rand school campus located close to Vegelegen Plein Shopping Centre. The supporters give generously of their time and money.

We as the Eagles Charity have nominated Hope and Light as a worthy beneficiary. This is the second year that Erinvale has hosted one of their major fund-raising events, the Charity Golf Day.

***A message of thanks from the Golf Day Organisers.***

*"Dear Attendees and Sponsors of the 2nd Hope & Light Charity Golf Day on 6th March.*



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*We gratefully say THANK YOU to all of you for your great attendance and kind contribution. Special Thanks to our Title Sponsors: Erinvale Golf Club, who donated the Gary Player Auction R85000 plus the Eagles R15000, a total of R100000. Anton Smit who donated a sculpture for our auction and cash, total value of R70000. And of course, our heartfelt thanks goes also to all other sponsors and supporters! All together we've made this Charity day a great success and collected 340,000 Rand. A result that definitively brings more hope and light into the daily life of our children. We will keep you informed which additional children we will support and about further helping activities we are planning to with this money. Stay safe and healthy in these times. Margrith and Simone"*

## THE LOCKDOWN FOOD CRISIS

In a new initiative and in true community spirit, **"Hope and Light Cares"** came to the aid of Sir Lowry's Pass residents battling to feed their families during the lockdown.



### A message of thanks from the Organisers.

*"Hope and Light Cares are so grateful to the Helderberg community for their generous donations. We were able to provide 28 families with food parcels in the Sir Lowry's Pass community. This was only the beginning, next week we will be reaching even more families!! Thank you, thank you without your support it could not have been possible!!*





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## MASIKHULE'S SUPPORT FOR THE HUNGRY

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### **By Leanne Keet, Founder**

*Last week we coordinated and assisted with the delivery of 525kg of JAM porridge (each kilogram will feed a child a nutritious breakfast for a month), along with an additional 804 soaps (we are part of a group started by Dr May called Soaps 4 Safety - Together Against COVID). At this stage of the lockdown the 45 principals who regularly receive JAM porridge were not aware of the extent of the crisis, so only 15 opted to participate. We are liaising with JAM (Joint Aid Management) for a further drop-off (this time food packs as well) and are sure the requests will be far more extensive. We soon realised that the most immediate need was for financial relief for the principals, their staff and the families from their centres.*

*Our team is fielding daily calls of distress regarding women and children who are starving. Subsequently we put out a call for funding for store vouchers that can be SMSed and received R120 000 within days.*

*Our team collated information and we successfully SMSed 700 vouchers of R250 each, offering relief to an average of 3500 people.*

*This required dipping into our savings, but we hope to replenish these funds over time.*

*The vouchers can be redeemed at Shoprite, Checkers and USave for food, hygiene products and electricity. This drive is on-going. You can view it on our website. <http://masikhule.org>*

*Eagles will continue to support Masikhule who are well structured and managed and who play a key role in the Helderberg Community's Early Childhood Development.*





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## UPDATE ON OTHER EAGLES CHARITIES

### ROTARY SHELTERBAG PROJECT

Eagles were approached by Ton Houben of Helderberg Sunrise Rotary with the following motivation for Eagles' support.

*"You all might have heard of the Shelterbag Project that has been initiated by 4 members of the Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club. The Shelterbag Project Team is developing an idea brought to us by a young Dutch designer by the name of Bas Timmer. I would like to invite you to click first on the two links below to one local and one US publication on this fantastic project and then read on.*

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-02-19-sheltersuit-a-clever-design-for-homeless-people/>

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*The donation by founder /CEO Ravi Naidoo of Design Indaba to make 250 Shelterbags really got us going and we managed to meet our commitment to have those produced in time for Design Indaba's 25 Anniversary at the Artscape last week. The true stars to make this happen were the 7 production ladies: "The Magnificent Seven" successfully completing the job in 5 weeks.*

*We were invited to attend the Shelterbag Launch at Artscape through a presentation by Bas Timmer and showing the 250 Shelterbags on stage there in front of an audience of 1500 persons: the response was overwhelming by both businesses and private persons. The Shelterbag Team had an exhibition stand with the Shelterbag and videos at the event. They collected donations for 1350 Shelterbags through Design Indaba.*

*Distribution of the bags will take place through City Improvement Districts (CID's) and Street People's Centres.*

*in the Western Cape but also through similar NGO's in hot spots in the country as requested by large companies which have provided important donations.*

*We are passionate about this project and are fully behind Bas to support him in realising his dream.*

*We would also love to produce Shelterbags for the Helderberg Street People's Centre lead by Andy Loughton (former Rotary member) who you know and support through their SW Veggie Garden project.*

*For this reason, we would like to put in a request for sponsorship to the Eagles Trustees to make this happen.*

*For your information, the cost to make one Shelterbag is R 600.*

*We are looking forward to your favourable consideration.*

*With kindest regards*

*Ton Houben"*



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Eagles contributed R15000 to Rotary who will supply the Shelterbags to the Somerset West Street Peoples' Night Shelter.

## HEARTLANDS BABY SANCTUARY

When checking in with Heartlands recently, Nico received this positive message from **CEO, Monica Buitendag**.

*"Dear Nico,*

*I trust you are well and keeping safe from the virus.*

*Thank you so much for your e-mail and your generosity to assist us. At the moment we are fine, but have restricted any visitation and volunteers to our facility. We are currently accommodating our staff who are working shifts to limit their movement and contact with the outside world. We have changed the mother`s room, special needs room and isolation room into sleeping quarters for the staff. The admin, sustainability staff and housekeeping staff are still coming and going every day - I have set targets for them that they must reach in these weeks. To keep the staff`s spirit high we all get together in the morning talk about the pandemic, read out the bible and pray. Should it happen that we need assistance I will contact you immediately. You are most welcome to contact me either at Heartlands or on my cell phone.*

*Kind regards*

*Monica Buitendag"*



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## HEAVEN ON EARTH REMEDIAL SCHOOLS



One of Eagles' key areas of support is education. The HOEP project that has been expanded to reach 13 communities in the Helderberg, Boland and Overberg and gives young children the opportunity to obtain a sound grounding in the 3 R's.

**Report by Sunette Erasmus:** *"The new decade was kicked off with enthusiasm and gratefulness! 2020 is most certainly a promising year, including wonderfully blessed heights for HOEP!! As from term 2, 2107 learners from 57 different schools/crèches will be receiving support through our early remedial intervention program. We are extremely excited for having launched the third leg of HOEP during term 1. Apart from supporting the learners and assisting the educators, we now also empower the parents! Our own YouTube channel provides step-by-step guidance to parents, who play a very important and special role in the process towards school readiness."*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ZbXz25StIRCyclxZeC95A/videos>

## CREATIVE MATHS AND SCIENCE

Eagles took over the Echo Outreach Programme in 2019. The objective of the programme is to give selected Grade 11 and 12 students from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to receive intensive Maths and Science tuition with higher learning in mind.

The students pictured below did well in grade 11 with Ryno Davis excelling in both Maths and Science, Achieving results in the upper 90% bracket for both subjects.

Our joint objective for 2020 is to help the students get placed in tertiary institutions or in jobs where they will obtain on the job skills training.

The closure of schools created teaching challenges, motivating tutor, Xavier von Stein to put his workbooks on-line using both web and cell phone applications. We are working with CM to ensure that everyone can access the material while schools are closed.



### MATHS GROUP XMAS LUNCH AT FRED AND MAX

L to R: Yanga, Hayley, Khanya, Mbali, Ryno, Xavier, Nico, Leila. (Absent: Leonie)



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## REDDAM SUPPORT BURSARY: NICOLE CHITSUMBA



Last year we received a motivation to support Nicole Chitsumba, our Primrose's daughter. Nicole is a very bright, sporty girl and using her initiative, Primrose managed to secure a 5-year, 100% tuition bursary for Nicole at Reddam College. Eagles supports the additional costs such as uniforms, books, stationery and extra mural activities.

We are pleased to report that Nicole has settled in well and her school reports are excellent, both in the classroom, and on the sports field. During the school lockdown we are supporting her with her IT needs.

<< Nicole (Right)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Eagles' Income for the year ended 28th February 2020 was R210700, made up of R170000 from Eagles playing fees, R10504 from the final Echo wind up and R30196 in interest. The only costs were Bank Charges.

We made Donations of R279882 resulting in a reduction in the Current and Call Account balances of R69183. The income shortfall will be reduced in 2021 after completion of the Echo Outreach programme run in conjunction with Creative Maths. As the next step we are looking at options to support one or two of the top performers either at a university or a technical institution requiring a lower budget.

**In summary**, we supported 10 charities, donating a total R200k to Educational Projects and R80k to Community Services.

There is one unfortunate item we need to report. The likely outcome is that we will have to write off R15700 as victims of an online purchase scam. The fraudulent vendor had set up a very credible website that turned out to be a clone of the legitimate international group. It involved us purchasing a used shipping container for SW Veggie Garden who require additional secure storage. The actual cost was R20700. Other victims must have alerted FNB who froze the account the day after we made the first payment of R15000. They returned our second payment of R5700. We have a case number registered with them and the investigation is ongoing.

In closing, we must again highlight that as the lockdown progresses with no short-term prospect of club life returning to normal, there will be a severe impact on Eagles income in 2020. As a society we will need to come up with ideas for fund raising if we plan to sustain the current level of community support.

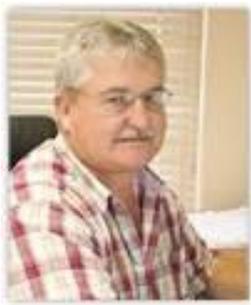


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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There are many people who offer their help and support to Eagles.

Firstly, we would like to thank Stanley Du Plessis of Privatactus Inc who acts as our Honorary Auditor. We approached him two years ago to review our accounting records to provide members with the comfort of knowing their contributions are professionally managed. We sincerely appreciate his ongoing advice and support.



The front-line Tuesday Team play a big role in making Eagles the fun it has been since inception. On behalf of all Eagles we offer a big thank you to Errol, Brad, Willem, Steve and their willing assistants who collect the cash, check scorecards and run our very enjoyable weekly prize giving. Thanks too to Kit Du Plessis who volunteered to project manage the new classroom installation at Ikhaya. A staff member who has provided us with accounting support for years and who we would also like to thank is Bea, Kathleen's helpful and capable number two. She manages our Club account, reconciling the weekly takings, making deposits and providing us regular updates on the ledger account. Thank you, Bea! Finally, Eagles must never forget that without our generous sponsors, prize giving would be a pretty ordinary event. In saying thanks, we should support our sponsors where possible.

With best wishes,

Chris, Nico and Niel





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## EAGLES SPONSORED BY:

**Harcourts**



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WEALTH MANAGEMENT



## BANKING DETAILS FOR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

### Ikhaya Soup Kitchen

EFT: Erinvale Eagles Charity

Nedbank Somerset West

Branch Code: 106012 (Universal code 198765)

Account No: 1147271186

Ref: Your name/Ikhaya

### Hope and Light

Investec Bank Limited Branch Code: 580105

Account No: 50013929103 (current)

Ref: Your name/H+L Cares

### Masikhule Childcare

FNB Branch Code: 200512

Account No: 62430665812

Ref: Your name/Eagles Food