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Star Kids

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Chairman's Report

Dr. Bertus Olivier

Elkana Childcare Centre is an established, well known landmark in Malmesbury, Western Cape. It is not only known to the locals, but also to friends in adjacent areas, nationally as well as overseas. These friends are visiting us on a regular basis and support us more than just financially.

Elkana Childcare is a Section 21 Company (Non Profit Organisation), who's core business is to rehabilitate disadvantaged children living in the streets of our town and neighbouring villages. These children are easily influenced by 'pimps' and drug pushers and consequently end up committing related crimes. The rehabilitation and life skills programmes that we have developed over the last number of years to shift the paradigms of these children were also adjusted and extended to satisfy the needs of others in our disadvantaged society. These include unemployed and uneducated adults as well. Further, due to the fact that in many house holds both parents have to work at farms and other distant venues, there has been a need to supervise their school-going children in the afternoons with proper after school care programmes. (Read more about these programmes elsewhere in this report.) Currently we have facilities to accommodate 100 children in the after school care programme with a waiting list of another 20. As a registered shelter we can accommodate 24 children in our statutory residential programmes. As for our Isibindi project (child headed households) we are in arrears due to a shortage of staff and finances. We are in a planning process to address these challenges by means of extending our infrastructure facilities. (Please refer to Col. J. Pinckaers inputs in this report.)

During this financial year statistics indicated that 73 of the youth who participated in our life skills programmes 51 (70%) succeeded, and of these 35 (69%) found suitable jobs in the formal business sector. This is really something that we are pleased about, because they are also life long ambassadors for Elkana and underline our slogan: "Where a street kid can become a star kid."

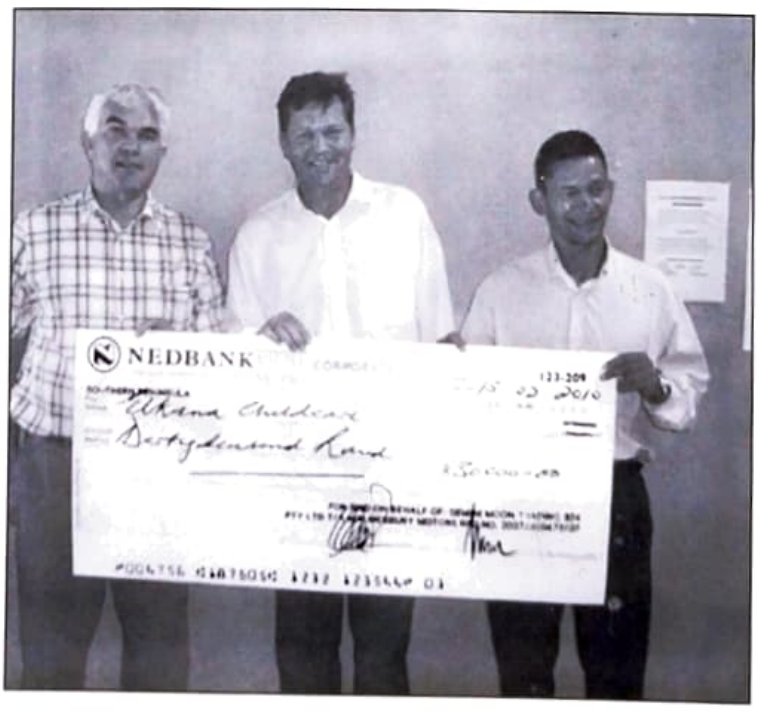
With the promulgation of the new Children's Act (April 2010) it is clear that Government wants the community to become a more important partner in the process of taking care of disadvantaged children and mentorship in order to take them up into stronger households. At Elkana we can easily align and adjust our current programmes to be a trustworthy partner with Government to reach these objectives.

It is with regret that my predecessor, Mr. Alexander S. America, was not available for another term on the Board of Elkana, but understandably his call to join another institution, (Jo Dolphin Tehuis), for severy handicapped children is applauded.

Also Mr. Frans van der Merwe (Director) resigned and moved to Ceres for a new assignment in their family's business. He was instrumental in the gardening project for which we thank him sincerely. Further, our Executive Director, Theresa van Vreden as well as her assistant, Alicia Cloete had to resign because both their husbands were transferred. To these ladies we are very grateful for the significant contribution they have made to the growth of Elkana. Unfortunately the successor of Theresa, Donovan Wright, was with us for only three months before he resigned due to severe health problems. Our thanks to Donovan for streamlining our administration and communication processes in such a short period. We are very happy to welcome Veronica Mehl as our new Executive Director as of the 1st of June 2010. She will bring with her a vast amount of experience in the social upliftment of disadvantaged children.

Many thanks to the Board and Staff members for all the support and inputs to make Elkana (God has created) an institution to inspire people to help and take care of the underprivileged and disadvantaged people in our society. A special word of thanks to my colleague, Col. Joop Pinckaers, who has been with us from the very beginning of Elkana and whose enthusiasm and dedication inspired me throughout all these years. I am very proud to announce that her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands has honoured him with Knighthood in the Order of Oranje Nassau as per 30 April 2010 for all his wonderful work done for Elkana Childcare.

Dr. Bertus Olivier
(Chairman)



Dr Bertus Olivier (Chairman Elkana),
Jack de Clercq (Malmesbury Motors) en
Donovan Wright (ex-Executive Director Elkana)



Elkana Childcare, a fairytale with extreme challenges

Col. Joop Pinckaers

Where are we and where do we want to go

Reflecting on the last ten years of existence of Elkana Childcare one must come to the conclusion that Elkana found its ground in the Swartland community delivering on the programs for (street) children with considerable success.
This non-governmental welfare organisation has established itself as a safe haven of great value for many children from disadvantaged families and communities. An organisation recognised by many governmental departments and non-governmental organisations who, in great confidence, donated huge amounts of money into the programs of Elkana Childcare.

over the last ten years we developed **programs** (see elsewhere in this Annual Report) for street children, drop-in children, children attending formal schools and unemployed youth, evolving Elkana Childcare to a multi-disciplinary centre as we are now:

Shelter for street children





Safe environment and programs for drop-in children



Safe environment and homework assistance for young learners



Life Skill Centre for unemployed youth

We feel very privileged that Swartland Municipality allowed Elkana Childcare to have our Centre built in Jasmyn Street, very close to schools, sport and community facilities. We were even more privileged when the same Municipality granted us the opportunity to use the plot next to the Centre for agricultural programs for the children.

All the hard work of staff and directors of Elkana resulted in a healthy financial position thanks to the generous funding by the Department of Social Development in the Western Cape, Swartland Municipality and Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.
Together with incidental funding and donations from business and private people locally and overseas we were able to:

1. implement all programs
2. to appoint the necessary components of staff
3. to extend the centre to accommodate up to 150 children on a daily basis and
4. to create a sustainable financial environment

A stable and sustainable financial environment for a welfare organisation as Elkana Childcare is without doubt a necessary precondition for:

1. the commitment of staff,
2. the achievement of maximum results out of the organisation,
3. the impact on the lives and the future of the vulnerable children and youth in our community,
4. the contribution towards a safer environment in our community and
5. finally for the development of more relevant programs to enable Elkana to enhance their positive influence on children and youth from the disadvantaged community.

Let alone our thoughts in the direction of establishing a Hospice for Aids patients.
To enable Elkana to extend these programs for drop-in children into the afternoon and to add parent-, art- and music classes to our programs we need to extend our accommodation with 4 more classrooms. A request for such an extension has been sent to the National Lottery. In the meantime talks with the Headmaster of St Thomas Primary have started to accommodate our homework assistance for children in his school. A decision will have to be made by the School Board.
Anton Nyboer, our ambassador in the Netherlands, is building a website for Elkana to enhance our profile to the "world".

So far it sounds as a real fairy tale when reflecting on the development of Elkana Childcare since the establishment of our organisation, although we had our financial and staff hick ups too during the past ten years.

Current financial support system

The financial needs of Elkana Childcare offering a professional system of programs by a professional team of staff in an adequate environment amounts to approximately R 110 000 per month (R1 320 000 per annum).

Till to day our finances are coming from (amounts are per annum):

Department of Social Development Western Cape	R 420 000
Municipality Swartland	R 40 000
Nelson Mandela Children's Fund	R 590 000
Other sponsors locally and overseas	R 270 000



Example of private sponsorship

The sustainability of our organisation depends mainly on financing from Government and Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, because this type of financing is granted on the bases of extensive requests for the financing of our programs in line with existing laws and regulations. Incidental funding as a supplement to the continuous funding is very important for Elkana, but can unfortunately not be regarded as a contribution to future sustainability of the organisation.

The request for financial support were till now always done on prescribed formats by the donors and were program related. Since the new Children's Act came into effect (1 April 2010) the Department of Social Development is still in stringent decision processes with respect to funding allocations for the 2010-2011 financial year and these processes will only be concluded towards the end of May 2010. Fortunately the Department has taken the decision that the current service delivery must not be disrupted and that the current funding agreements have been extended till the end of May 2010.

So far, so good

Nelson Mandela Children's Fund is in a process of a total policy shift with regard to the funding of projects based on the new Children's Act. Our contract with NMCF has come to an end on 31 March 2010. In our communication with NMCF we have learned that future funding requests need to be based on issues with regard to vulnerable children in the region where we are operating. NMCF is intending to hold road shows in all provinces where presentations can be done by welfare organisations like Elkana Childcare. This process has not yet started and we really fear that the final decision of NMCF based on all funding requests will only be concluded further through this new financial year.

For Elkana Childcare this scenario looks like a nightmare, because NMCF does not have the policy of extending current contracts till the final decisions on the change of policy and the funding requests received, have been made.
Although the Board of Elkana Childcare whole-heartedly believes that we will achieve another five year partnership with NMCF we will with the remaining and available funding only be able to run Elkana till August 2010.
For this reason we will have to find an open other avenues to generate funding to avoid a huge scaling down of our programs or as a last resort to close our doors.

Future partnership funding and challenges

For the short term we have taken the following initiatives:

1. Sending a request to National Lottery for an amount that will see us through one year without other funding (no response till to day);
2. Sending a funding request to Sandra Reemer Foundation in the Netherlands to have our Life Skill Centre funded for one year (they have taken up the challenge to generate R100 000).

A proposal will be discussed in the Board of Directors to enhance the sustainability of Elkana Childcare through a system of a yearly voluntary contribution by business and families in the Swartland municipal area. A check whether such a system will be feasible needs to be discussed with representative stakeholders from the business and family community of our region as a matter of urgency.

For the long term we will have to implement a system of governmental and private partnership in the Swartland municipal area to ensure the sustainability of Elkana Childcare as an organisation necessary to assist vulnerable children and youth to find their own sustainable ground in our society.

Comments and suggestions on the programs of Elkana and the funding thereof will be very welcome (elkanamal@telkomsa.net; jpinck@wcaccess.co.za)

Col Joop Pinckaers
Director Elkana Childcare





Thanks to the National Lottery and Malmesbury Motors, Elkana Childcare was able to purchase 1 16-seater bus to enable Elkana to collect as many drop-in children as possible on a daily basis in the Swartland region

Executive Director's Report

Another year has passed – and what year it has been!

We have made new friends and have welcomed new colleagues. We have overcome obstacles and in the process found new strength. We have seen successes that gave us hope but most importantly:

we have changed lives.

The dedication and compassion of our staff has touched the lives of kids in ways that they will remember long after they have left us.

Our sponsors and friends have made it possible for us to once again continue to provide our much needed service in our community and for this we will be forever grateful – we salute you.

In the last year we have had to say a fond and sad farewell to staff members leaving us. Mrs. Theresa van Vreden had to relocate to Gauteng and is now happy to be an "almost" full time grandmother! Donovan Wright has left due to failing health and we wish him a speedy and full recovery. Alicia Cloete has relocated to Caledon where her husband has accepted another opportunity. We wish her and her family well. And sadly I will be leaving shortly to pursue other opportunities. My time al Elkana will always remain a fond memory.

After lengthy parliamentary debates and discussions the new Children's Act [38/2005] has come into effect from 1st of April 2010. Elkana Childcare has already aligned policies to conform with the new legislation.

The main objectives of the Act are:

- Make provision for structures, services and means for promoting and monitoring the sound physical, psychological, intellectual, emotional and social development of children;
- Strengthen and develop community structures which can assist in providing care and protection for children; protect children from discrimination, exploitation and any other physical, emotional or moral harm or hazards;
- Provide care and protection for children who are in need of care and protection;
- Recognise the special needs that children with disabilities may have;
- Promote the protection, development and well-being of children;
- Promote the preservation and strengthening of families;
- Give effect to certain constitutional rights of children;

I will leave you with this quote from Frederick Buechner:

The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt.

May God bless and keep us
Lezaan Strauss
Acting Executive Director

Programs

Residential Care (Shelter)



"In this life we cannot do great things.
We can only do small things with great love"
'Mother Teresa'



And so we strive at Elkana to make a difference in only one child's life, but we have the assurance that this small achievement will have a great impact in our community. On a daily basis we can see growth in our organisation. Since our registration last year (April 2009) as a shelter Elkana has become a home to many children. We have taken in 16 children in our residential care for in this financial year (2009/2010). Children placed in the Shelter program may stay Elkana for a period of three (3) to six (6) months. Elkana is therefore only a temporary place of care for these children. Most of these children will, after their stay with us, be placed in foster care or children's homes as most of their parents need more time to improve their circumstances at home. It would be very ideal if more children could be reunified with their parents, but the reality is that it does not happen, and we must look into the best interest of our children. Nine (9) of the sixteen (16) children have been placed out of our Shelter, either to Youth Care Centres, Foster Care or Children's Homes.

Children residing in the shelter are placed into formal schools in the surrounding areas. We are proud to say that they improve academically on a daily basis. Our After School facility assists the children with their school tasks and projects. There are some cases where the child would need extra classes, and the schools are assisting us in this manner.

A lot of children placed in the Shelter have severe behavioural problems, and struggle to adhere to the rules of the Shelter. This causes them to come into conflict with other children regularly. Through counselling this negative behaviour has been addressed.









Drop In Children

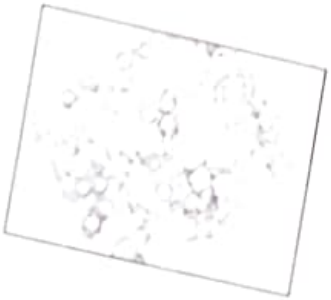
Our Drop In Programs are as challenging and rewarding as ever! Our numbers have grown tremendously over the last year. The average drop in numbers are between 30 and 40 per day. Sometimes as many as 60 kids per day. We have successfully integrated some of our drop ins into social development programs presented by support organisations. The support of local businesses and community members have enabled us to extend our programs and we are in the process of initiating a technical skills development program. We have also recently initiated a Hospitality Program presented by a German student. Our Life Orientation program focuses mainly on creating awareness of social, health and relationship issues as well crime and gang activities. We encourage our Drop In Children to be creative by presenting Craft Skills Sessions and our outdoor activities include soccer and Aikido presented by Dr. Zöllner. A recent donation of a table tennis table has resulted in lots of filled entertainment! During the past year we visited Table Mountain, camped at Dwarskersbos and one of our junior soccer players, Nkosinati Solani, was voted sportsman of the year by Amandla Khulutsa! Planning is in progress to extend our hours to accommodate these children in a full day program.





Life Centre

At Elkana we are dedicated to empower and uplift the youth in our community between the ages of 16 and 23 by providing opportunities and platforms for skills development, training and to prepare them for an independent and successful position in the community. Our Computer Literacy Training, Social Development Program and Craft Skills Development programs have proven to be immensely successful and there is an ever increasing demand for these programs. On average we have 51 successful graduates (70%) per year. we have recently joined and initiative of the Department of Social Development where young graduates are afforded the opportunity to be employed for a period of time while gaining valuable experience.





Supervision

Our Youth Workers are being supervised by the Social Worker as the Youth Workers are mainly responsible for the Drop Ins programs and the execution of these program. The Social Worker assists them with the writing of programs for this group of children and seeing that they present it on the level that the children will understand. Individual sessions with the Drop In Children are also done according to the needs of the child.

The Child Care Workers are an essential part of the Shelter. This group of women are taking the role of a mother and carer to the residential children. They have to build very good relationships with the children and assure that the child is happy, loved, cared for and comfortable in his/her environment. These Child Care Workers are supervised by our Social Worker as well.

The New Childcare Act (38/2005) was promulgated on the 1st of April 2010. The need for this Act is because the old Child Care Act (74/83) was not inline with the National Constitution and therefore a social service was neglected. This Children's Act is aimed at filing the gap and providing clarity on what services need to be delivered by whom and to whom. Elkana has made some changes to get inline with what is expected of us through the new Act (38/2005). We have started with the training of our staff to meet the requirements of the Act. All residential facilities will have two years to put in place certain services that are required for that specific facility. We hope that the new Act (38/2005) will help us to further improve the word we are currently doing, and uplifting the lives of our children.

Students/Volunteers

Every year we welcome new students from colleges. We had eight (8) students for this year. Five (5) Community Development students from Huguenot College and three (3) Social Work students from Huguenot College. They do their practical at Elkana and learn a lot from the staff and children.

We also have two German volunteers annually. This year Benjamin Huberty did his volunteer work from April 2009 and he left us on 23rd of April 2010. He had a good experience in South Africa and learned a lot about our diversity in cultures. Miriam Bollman joined us from August 2009 and will leave in August 2010. She enjoys playing with the children and learns them to make arm bracelets with wool. We are thankful for those volunteers who have come to assist us with the children and wish them to have a wonderful experience in our country.

Ncumisa Mlotywa a Life Centre graduate and community worker in Ilinge Lethu had the privilege to go to Canada during September 2009. Elkana liaised with The Volunteer Centre and nominated Ncumisa to participate in a volunteer exchange program. She came back in February 2010.

With this volunteer program we hope to add to the experience of young people of our community and to give them an opportunity to do extraordinary things, improving their lives and preparing themselves for future challenges.

Garden Project

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Department of Agriculture that enabled us to purchase a hydroponics tunnel, more vegetables and herbs and to generally improve the condition of our garden. Additional tunnels will be constructed in the near future. We are confident that our winter crop will prove to be very successful and will result in lots of delicious home made vegetable soups! Our herb garden has also been upgraded and we will soon have some organically produced herbs for our kitchen. We have planted some lemon and olive trees that also will provide us with some income. In addition we have acquired a container that will be converted into a informal shop where fresh and processed produce will be sold as part of our Entrepreneurial Skills Program. The garden project is also one of the main Skills Development programs for our drop ins.

Our buildings and yard have also received some attention. We have planted some grass and trees to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for the kids to play in.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and all donations that we have received as well as the enthusiastic participation of our local community.







After School

Elkana After School is registered with the Department of Social Development to accommodate 100 children. At the beginning of 2010 this number was greatly exceeded and a process of selection was initiated to enable us to adhere to this amount. Approximately 20 children were placed on a waiting list. Lack of sufficient space to accommodate more children in our After School Program has resulted in discussions with the Principal of St. Thomas Primary to accommodate this program on their premises. The children were divided into 4 groups from ages 6 to 18 years and attended the aftercare from 13h00 to 16h30 where they received a meal and supervised homework and recreation activities. Some of these recreational activities included our annual Carols by Candlelight and Christmas pageant, Girls and Boys Choir, Future Champs Athletics and educational excursions. Our first Grade 12's graduated last year with phenomenal results. Some of these graduates have now been included in our Life Skills Program. The parents of our After School Children have peace of mind knowing that their children are safe and looked after by our dedicated staff.









Board of Directors

Dr. B. Olivier	Chairman
Mnr. A. Witbooi	Director and Vice Chairman
Col. J. Pinckaers	Director (Strategic Planning/Sponsorships/Communication
Mrs. L. Mostert	Director (Treasurer)
Mrs. M. Goliath	Director (Communication with Local Government)
Me. M. Holtzhausen	Advisor to the Board
Me. A. Bester	Advisor to the Board

Elkana Childcare Staff

Theresa Van Vreden	Executive Director (2008 till 1/12/2009)
Donovan Wright	Executive Director (from 1/12/2009 till 1/3/2010)
Lezaan Strauss	Social Worker
Valeria Brown	Educator
Mary Otto	Youth Worker
George Faroa	Youth Worker
Anet De Beer	Youth Worker
Wilmien West	Homework assistant
Martha Adonis	Homework assistant
Bernetta Howburg	Care giver
Janine Willemse	Care giver
Glenda Conrad	Care giver
Gina Whitlow	Care giver (contract)
Vivian Dirks	Care giver (contract)
Johanna White	Care giver (contract)
Jaqueline van Rooyen	Cook
Xola Tsholoba	Gardener
Johan Esterhuizen	Driver/Handyman

Summary financial report 2009/2010

Income:	
NMCF	R 590 000
Department of Social Development	R 438 500
Gardening Project	R 72 000
Other dontations	R 315 000
Interest received	R 21 500
Total	R1 437 000
Expenses:	
Salaries	R 634 034
Transport costs	R 86 000
Training	R 58 718
Maintenance	R 17 440
Food and groceries	R 99 720
Other expenses	R 180 454
Total	R1 076 366

Anestra Warries (13 jaar) naskool gr. 8: Elkana beteken vir my baie. Die nasorg is baie lekker hier. Ons kry alles wat ons wil hê. Elkana gee vir ons kos, water as ons monde brand, koeldrank, brood. Party kinders kry klere hierso bv. skoene, klere, skoolklere ens. Elkana is soos 'n huis vir die kinders. Die mense ondersteun vir Elkana. Hulle koop vrugte en groente. Die onderwysers help vir ons met ons huiswerk. Hulle gee vir ons inligting wat ons nodig het. Hulle praat met ons as ons ongehoorsaam is. As ons nie wil luister nie gee hulle vir ons briewe. Die tannies is vir ons soos ouers hier by Elkana. As dit vakansie is dan gaan ons op uitstappies en ons gaan ook op kamer. Dankie aan Elkana se personeel wat vir ons help.

Jason Timotheurs (14 jaar) naskool gr. 9: Elkana beteken baie vir my en al die kinders by Elkana. Vir my is dit wonderlike om by Elkana aan te sluit nie net vir die aktiwiteite nie maar ook vir die belangstelling en al die ander dinge. Ons word voorsien met 'n middagete en daarna kry ons kans om ons huiswerk en skool take klaar te maak met die nodige hulp van Elkana personeel. Ons word waardevolle en belangrike goed geleer wat vir ons in die toekoms kan help. Daarom wil ek dankie sê vir die personeel vir wat hulle insit om vir ons 'n beter toekoms te voorsien.

Jermaine Lukas (18 jaar) Drop In: Dit is lekker om by Elkana te wees. Ons kry soveel goeie geleenthede wat ons nog nie voorheen gekry het nie. Die mense hier by Elkana behandel ons goed en is baie vriendelik met ons, dit is goed om hier te wees. Ons gaan op kursusse hier by Elkana en ons ontmoet ook baie vriende hier. Om hier te wees voel amper soos ons eie huis.

Jason Adonis (18 jaar) Drop In: Ek kom elke dag Elkana toe omdat ek baie leer hier. Dit bied baie geleenthede vir my om 'n breë toekoms te hê met 'n goeie werk. Ek het ook baie goeie maniere geleer vandat ek by Elkana gekom het. Ek hou nou daarvan om met kinders en groot mense te kommunikeer, dit laat my goed voel. Ek het die programme sover geniet en sien baie uit om nog meer te leer en ek voel tuis hier. Vandag ken ek myself en weet wie ek is en weet wat ek in die toekoms wil hê en bereik. Ek wil ook dankie sê vir Elkana vir die kursusse wat ek kan bygewoon het en wat ek daar geleer het. Baie dankie aan alle personeel en die mense wat Elkana bestuur en ondersteun en borg. Elkana Rocks! Want almal is baie vriendelik en gee ons al die liefde wat ons nodig het.

Fatuma (14 jaar) Residensieël: Liewe Elkana, die dag toe ek hier gekom het was ek so hartseer. Ek het gedink ek sal vir so lank as wat ek hier gaan ek hartseer wees maar ek was verkeerd. Ek was so gelukkig want ek het vriende en familie hier wat vir my omgee en lief is vir my. Ek wil vir Elkana dankie sê vir alles wat hulle vir my doen en vir alles wat hulle vir my gegee het. Ek wil baie dankie sê, ek is lief vir Elkana.

Networking with Government, Institutions and Donor Partners

Nelson Mandela Children's Fund
Our programs were partly funded by the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund based on a three year contract that expired on 31 March 2010. A new contract is still in the balance. The contribution of the NMCF will be indispensable for the benefit of the children and youth of the Swartland and we are extremely thankful for all contributions made.

Department of Social Development
Networking with the Department of Social Development does take place on a regular basis. Monitoring visits were conducted and we adhered to all their suggestions made to improve our service. Due to the implementation of the new Children's Act the contributions from Department are under revision. We are very thankful for their financial support.

Stichting Elkana Childcare Maastricht
Continuous communication in terms of generating financial support overseas.

Swartland Municipality
Communication with Swartland Municipality is of vital importance to Elkana Childcare. Contributions range from practical assistance, donations and professional advice.

National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers
Elkana staff members attended various training courses. Valuable bonds were formed with other organisations with regular networking with them as result.

National Lottery Distribution Fund
A new application for the extension of the Centre and for a one year operational budget was submitted. No response till 1 May 2010.

ACVV and Badisa
Communication and networking in all fields of child- and youth care work, as well as external mentoring of our Social Worker.

Western Cape Street Children's Forum
Our ties with this organisation are very important. Staff attended monthly meetings.

Department of Agriculture
Continuous support for our vegetable garden project was received.

Sandra Reemer Foundation in the Netherlands
An application for financial assistance was approved by this Foundation. They are now in process to generate euro 10.000 for our Life Skill Centre project.

Anton and Ineke Nyboer in the Netherlands
Continuous networking and communication in finding the necessary sponsorships for our programs. Anton is currently building a new website for Elkana.

St John's Ambulance
Staff member attended several training courses.

Local organisations, business and individual partners
Ongoing communication and networking with individual partners, local business, organisations like the (Municipal) Police, Correctional Services, Rotary, Churches, Lions, local newspapers, etc. are part of our programs. Partnership with the local community is a necessary pre-condition for Elkana Childcare to be able to perform their programs.

- Electrification of gates
- General Security
- Computers
- Non-breakable crockery
- Children's clothes, socks and shoes
- Mattresses
- Cupboards for clothes
- Book shelves
- Rugs / loose carpets
- Television
- Paving / gravel for pathways
- Balls and other sport equipment
- Equipment for technical skills training (welding tools, building tools, cement, bricks, etc)

Thank you

The Board of Directors, Staff and Children of Elkana wish to express their huge gratitude and appreciation to all persons, business, foundations and organisations whom/which have supported and assisted Elkana Childcare the last financial year. Without your support we would not have been able to fulfill our obligations towards the children and youth in the Swartland area.

Nelson Mandela Children's Fund	Dr Frits Zöllner
Department of Social Development of the Western Cape	St John's Ambulance
Stichting Elkana Childcare Maastricht	Frances and Han Leushuis
Swartland Municipality	Joke and Joop Pinckaers
Department of Agriculture	Jacques Verduin
Prima Bande	Birgit and Mark Louwrier-Pinckaers
Ineke and Anton Nyboer	Medal Paint
Kentucky	Malmesbury Motors
Price Club	Korrektiewe Dienste
Pick and Pay	Department of Labour
Local Churches	Kekkel en Kraai

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