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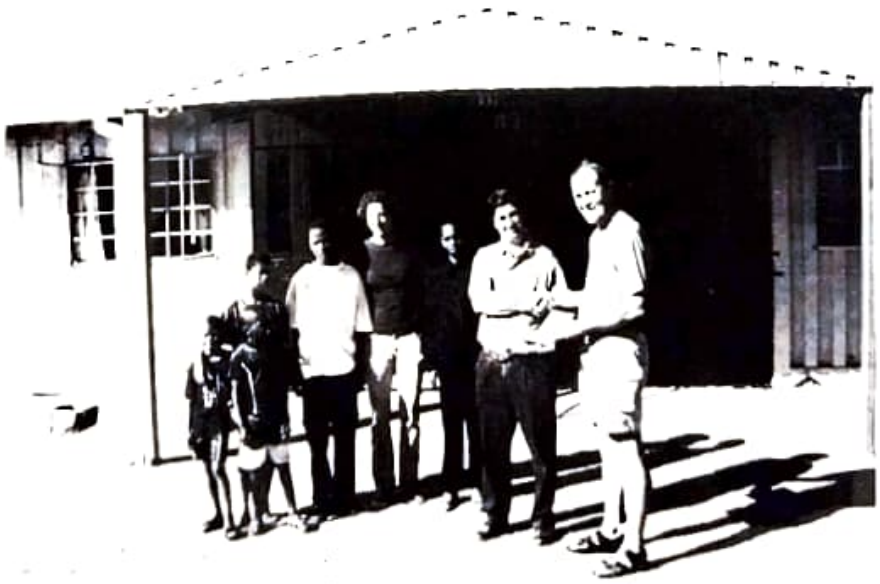
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'n Houtkapper het eenmaal in 'n woud ingeloop en die bome gevra om vir hom hout te voorsien om 'n steel vir sy byl te maak. Die bome het die saak bespreek en die hout van die swakke esdoringboompie aangebied. Die es was magteloos en die houtkapper het hom afgekap en 'n steel vir sy byl uit die hout gekerf. Toe begin die houtkapper dadelik om die hoogmoedige boomreuse af te kap. Die ou eikeboom het weemoedig gesug: Ons wou onsself spaar deur ons broertjie te offer. In plaas daarvan het ons ons eie ondergang bewerk toe ons nagelaat het om die swakste onder ons te beskerm.

The Bible also shares this perspective that we can only be a just society insofar we take care of and be responsible for the least and the most significant amongst our members. James 1:27 reads as follows: *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."*



The name Elkana means "God has created" – we as directors and staff of Elkana Childcare view every child in our centre as a distinctly unique human being with a unique contribution to make towards the good of the community. At Elkana we want to help the street children to unlock and value this God given potential within each of them.

The street children of Malmesbury did for the most part not have a background of parental guidance or parental care, a place to call home. The streets were their home and here they came under the influence of pimps – adults or older kids who control them by means of violence (which also includes sexual abuse) and by providing them with drugs and alcohol and sometimes shelter. Under the influence of pimps they are sold for sex, used to push drugs and to commit various crimes to the benefit of their street capos. The influence of the pimps have in the past withheld these street children from formal schooling and left them in a constant spiral of survival of the fittest, of disease and aggression. The street is the hardest home of all.

Already in 2001 various role players from the Malmesbury community assembled who felt themselves compelled to do something about the plight of the street children in and around Malmesbury. Elkana Childcare was registered as an Article 21 company and it was meant to be a community project from the start. Some of the directors and contributors were always visionary people - they dreamt of a better life for the street children, others had the skills, the business acumen and the drive to make the dream a reality. From its very inception it was realized that a project like this can only have sustainability if it is a partnership between business, religious communities (and other volunteer organizations), the local municipality and government, the community of Malmesbury and other contributors in South Africa and abroad. We found great partners in the Netherlands.

The four basic needs for the children identified from the start were –

- food;
- shelter;
- clothing, and
- education and skills training.

How did we try to meet these particular needs?

1. **Food**

   Regarding food we are relying mostly on subsidies from the provincial government and on donations from the public. We have some businesses and ladies church groups providing lunches on a weekly basis.

2. **Shelter**

   You will read in our current and previous Annual Report about the building activities we have undertaken to provide the street children with shelter and a secure environment. We are also planning on additions to our current facility.

3. **Clothing**

   For the clothing needs of the children we rely greatly on the donations and goodwill of local and international communities.

4. **Education and skills training**

   We have started our education and rehabilitation program for the children around June 2004. Joni Ledgerwood as our educator and centre coordinator is in charge of these programs and was assisted by volunteers like Nicky Hudson and Marieta Owies in the past year. Our main aim with our education and rehabilitation program is to introduce children to formal schooling or give them tailor made skills training whenever possible. We do not teach a curriculum only, we want to equip children for the university of life. What a wonderful feeling having the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund as a partner on our side.

Finally, it is easy to become discouraged with some of the realities of South Africa - an increasing number of aids orphans, of parents dying of aids and other diseases leaving behind children to raise children of broken families, child abuse, crime and violence and poverty.

The story is told of an elderly man working the beach after an enormous oil spill left by a sunken oil tanker. Hundreds of sea gulls were struggling in the thick crude oil. He took the gulls one by one, cleaned them and set them free. Someone scoffed at the old man's efforts - what difference does it make to save a few gulls when thousands are polluted? He pointed towards the flying gull he had just cleaned and answered the scoffer "To him it made a difference."

Elkana is like the old man on the beach. We see the pollution, we have the experience of children whose lives were smothered by misery and abuse. But we see something more. We see that by the grace of God and with the various contributions of caring people children can rise above the pollution of the street outside and the street inside. We see children who can fly. And we know love always makes a difference.

As I am leaving Elkana as chairman at the end of April, I will still continue as a member of the board. The board is currently working on a reconstruction program where the board of directors will be transformed into a strategic/supervision body and a Core Committee of a maximum of five people (including the Secretary/Treasurer and Centre Coordinator) who will manage the centre on a daily basis. In this reconstruction the to be appointed chairman and the other members of the Core Committee will be able to deal with all the forthcoming matter promptly.

I want to thank our dedicated staff and directors for their support and excellent cooperation. It was a great privilege working with them. John Gardner once said: "The future is not influenced by people who don't really believe in the future." You made me believe in the future.

Ds Jan Steyn
Chairman

CONSTRUCTION OF ELKANA CHILDCARE CENTRE

We always think that street children only live in cities like Cape Town. We all know institutions like the Homestead and others who have been there for years and are known for their unbelievable efforts to improve the lives of the street children in these cities.

We never thought that circumstances like these would arise in rural areas like Malmesbury in the Swartland. We never thought we would need a caring umbrella to enable the community to improve the lives of these children in our community, let alone having the skills and capacity to treat and influence these children with love, dignity and respect in order to change their lifestyle through a process of rehabilitation and education and assisting them by reuniting them with their family, by finding foster parents or supporting them into an independent life.

There are about 30 to 34 street children in and around Malmesbury. These children have neither shelter nor parents who are looking after or supporting them. These children are often forced to use drugs by older children, which leaves them with no other option but to go around begging and stealing to survive.

As mentioned in our previous Annual Report, Elkana Childcare, an Article 21 organization, decided to improve these circumstances. The main objective was to build a place where the children would find shelter, shower and toilet facilities, food from a fitted kitchen, recreation, counselling, supervision and education facilities. The sooner we would have such a facility the sooner we could start with the education, rehabilitation and counseling program.

But where to start!

You just can't start a program for the children without proper facilities. But to find donors to assist you with the building program you need to have a program in place that will satisfy possible donors to invest in the building costs.

So we had to work very hard on two fronts:

(1) to convince possible donors to enable us to contract staff and to implement the rehabilitation and education program (see Support Nelson Mandela Children's Fund), and

(2) to convince possible donors to enable us to build the shelter as needed.

Here we were happy to find great partners in the person of the Consul General of the Netherlands and Maersk Logistics who wanted to assist us and who did believe in the need of such a centre.

We were limited in our building activities in terms of building regulations only allowing us to construct a temporary building.

In the mean time in 2003 we had several meetings with representatives of the municipality:

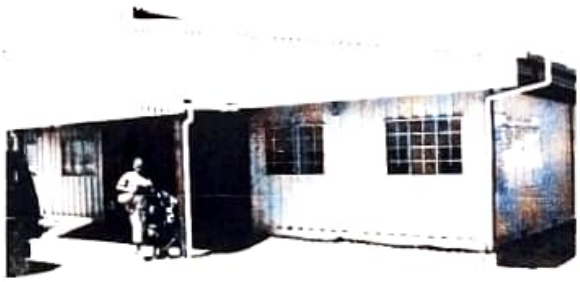
- on the availability of a useful piece of ground where we could build a temporary construction, according to the regulations, for a shelter and drop-in where the children could stay and play;
- on the conditions of lease of the site, and
- the conditions of construction.



After a public hearing in the Commur[illegible] received the support from the commu[illegible] the beautiful piece of ground where the centre has bee[illegible] a lease for a minimum amount. This piece of ground gave us the opportunity to construct the centre with ample ground left for an agricultural project in close co-operation with Goedgedacht Trust, for a playground and for possible future extension. The site of the centre is also very close to schools, a clinic and shops.

Now we could start with the conversion of the containers into a decent shelter for the children. We have to admit, this was not an easy task. Not only money wise, but also time wise.

It was still a hell of a job to raise the funds for this conversion of the containers because the final costs involved were far higher than initially anticipated. In addition we had to provide for insulation of all the walls, upgrading toilet and shower facilities, all the plumbing and electricity, fencing, water provision, sewerage and finally the interior decoration in terms of kitchen, dormitory, dining annex, recreation and education room, office, house parent quarters, furniture, linoleum tiled floors, curtains, lights, beds, tables, etc.



We also decided to have a roof constructed because it would create an extra open room that could be used for classes and recreation and keep the winter rains as well as the heat out.

We wish to thank three sponsors and/or organizations who assisted us with additional funds to enable us to finalize the construction of the building in 2004 and to have the roof constructed on top of the centre in the same year: **Prima Bande Head Office in Malmesbury, Maersk Logistics in Cape Town and the Maltezer Ridder Orde Scheveningen (The Netherlands).**

Finally we could accommodate the first children in April 2004 and on 29 October 2004 the centre was officially opened.

At this very moment we are able to accommodate 12 to 14 children on a permanent basis and the same number or even more children as drop-in's on a daily basis. We hope to increase the number of internal children as soon as we will be able to raise enough funds for the necessary extension of the centre. We also need more space for study- and training facilities after school for the internal children and the drop-in's. Here we are looking into the possibility of a more permanent steel skeleton structure that can be constructed locally and will be cheaper than this semi-permanent structure. Here we really hope and expect that the local municipality will join us in a partnership to support us financially and procedure wise to enable us to reach out to the street children who wish to join us.

Without the assistance of all the international donors, the amazing number of local sponsors and a number of volunteers with the heart in the right place we would never have been able to open the centre in 2004.

Thank you very much for your tremendous support.

Joop Pinckaers
Director

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

2.1 BACKGROUND

The Rehabilitation and Education Program for the street children in Malmesbury has received a grant of R160 000.00 for the running expenses from the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund as a joined project from the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund in the Netherlands and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund in South Africa for the period ending 31 March 2005.

In our previous proposal dated 6 October 2003 and in our interim progress report based on the contract with NMCF reference number 2857/1 dated 27 October 2004, we have reported that there are currently 30 to 34 street children, mainly boys, in and around Malmesbury, of which 12 to 14 children on a permanent basis and 12 to 14 children as drop-in's on a daily basis. A total of 24 to 26 children on a daily basis. During weekends and holidays this number easily increases to 40.

For the moment we are well on our way to improve the lives of the street children in our community. We are gladly and proudly working on the improvement of the skills and lifestyles of these children by treating and influencing them with love, dignity and respect in order to change their lives through a process of rehabilitation and education and assisting them by reuniting them with their family, by finding foster parents or supporting them into a independent life. From January 2005 twelve internal children are attending school (grade 1 to 7) and 14 drop-in children have continued classes.



Mrs & Mr Bas Kardol, chairperson of the Dutch branch of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, at the centre.

2.2 IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS ON REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Elkana Childcare's rehabilitation and education program is the basic document for the proposal we sent to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund on 6 October 2003 and will also be the proposal for the next financial period starting on 1 April 2005. The contract with the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund is the other basic document for the running expenses of our rehabilitation and education program and professional staffing.

2.2.1 Staff component

The Board of Directors of Elkana Childcare has taken the decision that only a minimum of qualified staff will be appointed to ensure that our financial position will not be exhausted before the contract expires.

The volunteers will be recruited based on the skills needed and added value towards the education and rehabilitation program.

Appointed staff:

Name	Position	Appointed
Mrs Joni Ledgerwood	Centre Manager and Educator	01/07/2004
Mrs Mary Otto	Street Worker	01/03/2004
Mr Lenard Ruiters	Childcare Worker / House Parent	01/06/2004
Mrs Anna Diedericks	Assistant Childcare Worker/ House Parent	01/06/2004

Johan, an interim house parent worked for Elkana during a part of April and May before we appointed Mr Ruiters and Mrs Diedericks.

Volunteers:

- *Marieta Owies (Teacher)*
  She is involved with Elkana Childcare from the very beginning and does recreational programs with the children. Being a member of the Board of Directors it was decided that she slowly retire from volunteering in the centre.

- *Nicky Hudson (Teacher)*
  She joined Elkana Childcare on 1 September 2004 and is involved in the actual teaching program of the children.

- *Susan Carolus (Household)*
  She joined Elkana Childcare on 1 September 2004 and is involved with the household.

- *Samson (Baba) Betane (Beadwork and handcrafts)*
  He joined Elkana Childcare on 1 October 2004 and is involved with beadwork and handcrafts.

2.2.2 Programs in place and skills training

- A basic orientation program for the directors and staff has been done through the institutions of the Homestead in Cape Town (Yirzani: Drop-in Centre, The Bridge: 24 hour refuge for street children and assessment centre: Children's Home in Khayelitsha and the Craft Centre for the mothers of the children in Manenberg).

- An Assessment Skills Training Course held in Magaliesburg has been attended by Joni Ledgerwood and Mary Otto. This training enables them to professionally assess the street children and will save us R1 000.00 per assessment per child if this had been done by a consultant.

- Joni Ledgerwood did a course on training volunteers. This will enable Elkana to assess volunteers and to train them on the job.

- Currently Joni Ledgerwood and Mary Otto are working on the following plans in close connection with the children themselves –

  - Educational Plan;
  - Dream and Living Plan, and
  - Behavioural Plan.

  These plans include assessment of skills, way to go forward, commitment, understanding of rules and facilitating disciplinary measures to help the children with behaviour adjustments. All the children who stay in the centre on a permanent basis have gone through this assessment. Mary Otto has done the assessment with the drop-in's to have their interest growing in joining the centre's programs and maybe to join the centre on a 24 hour basis. We are very proud of the achievement, that with sufficient rehabilitation, one of our children has been re-united with his mother.

- A group therapy program has been started three times a week. This is a safe place for the children to both explore and give expression to their feelings.

- A protocol regarding legal issues is in place for the drop-in's to come to the centre. Through the social worker of the centre (Mrs Annake Bester, serving as director on the board) and the street worker of the centre, each and every child on the street who wants to join Elkana as a drop-in child will have to go through this protocol to have the legal basis to join us.



- A program is in place to consult a psychologist who volunteers to counsel children when needed. She unfortunately resigned on 1 October 2004 and the Centre Manager will have to appoint another psychologist.

- We also have a program in place for immediate consultations with a medical doctor and a dentist when needed, without any charges.

- A major achievement of the staff of Elkana is the introduction of twelve "permanent" children to school. Thanks to the warm cooperation of St Thomas Primary School in Wesbank, these children, six more than last year, started school in January 2005 with the grades 1 to 7.

  Most of the drop-in children continued their classes at school. Thirteen drop-in's went to St Thomas Primary School and three to Liebenberg Primary School. We are very proud that Elkana Childcare has achieved this milestone in their short while of existence. We really hope that these children will manage at school, as it will sometimes be very difficult for some of them to keep up because of their difficult history. For all those children who will not be able to manage and of course for new street children in Malmesbury, Elkana Childcare will always open their doors and offer them a caring umbrella. We also try to explore other avenues for those children who could not keep up with the normal education system or who did not fit in the normal education system. Tailor-made courses or skills will hopefully be in place for them shortly.

- All other children are attending classes at the centre. Unfortunately the drop-in contingent to attend classes in the centre is very low, but one needs to understand that our organization is only up and running for a short while and that we are reasonably satisfied thus far with the results. We also receive a lot of sympathetic support from the local community. The local community supports this venture and applauds the existence of Elkana Childcare, recognizing the necessity of such an organization for the rehabilitation of the street children in and around Malmesbury.

  The same community attended a charity concert, dinner and auction on 16 October 2004 that was organized to raise funds for transport facilities for Elkana Childcare. Thanks to the community of Malmesbury we raised R60 000,00.

- All children are included in the outings being organized such as rugby, sport outings, cultural outings, police- and fire department, library, swimming pool, summer camp, etc.

- Skills training for the childcare workers are planned for the year to come and include –

  - Children at high risk;
  - Basic childcare Workers Course, and
  - a course to address domestic violence as an improvement course for all staff regarding discipline of children and to have a disciplinary procedure in place.

- Joni Ledgerwood will do a course in management to enable her to reduce the hours spent on management issues to a minimum.

2.3 FUTURE PLANNING

In 2005 we will evaluate our education and rehabilitation plan. We then will adjust this program where necessary. At the moment we have no reason to adjust the program as it stands. This does not mean that inputs from the professional world of education could not influence our programs as it did for the children attending school in 2005.

We will also look into the possibility to implement a small skills development project to enable some of the street children who will not be able to follow formal classes, to prepare them for a skill to have a small business of their own or to learn a craft, which will sustain them later in life.

2.4 FINANCIAL DETAILS

The Board compiled a budget of the running expenses for the Education and Rehabilitation Program of Elkana Childcare for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

The Board of Directors is working very hard to create a financial basis for continuity and sustainability of Elkana Childcare as an organization for years to come. As you may know it takes a long time before all the partnerships with welfare departments on all governmental levels are in place that would create the financial basis for continuity and sustainability as required for our organization.

The partnership with the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund in the Netherlands and in South Africa for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 has been warmly welcomed. We would hugely appreciate the extension of this partnership for at least the period from 1 April 2005 until 31 March 2006 and maybe a further period thereafter.

2.5 OTHER SPONSORS

Most of the sponsors have been named in our previous Annual Report.

Other sponsors involved are the people who so kindly prepare lunches on a daily basis. We also rely heavily on the smaller donations which enables us to clothe the children and the upkeep of the centre.

The Swartland Municipality has promised a donation of R20 000,00 that we will use for food, water and electricity. We hope and expect to intensify the partnership with the local municipality.

The Department of Social Services of the Western Cape has allocated a subsidy for this financial year of R242,00 per child per month on an average of 24 children. This subsidy will be paid monthly into the bank account of Elkana Childcare. We have received the first payments and are very grateful to the provincial government of the Western Cape for assisting us.

We have sent a proposal for subsidies to the West Coast Districts Municipality, but have not received an answer as yet.

We have also applied for a grant from the Lotto. Lotto has answered that they received our application and will send us a final decision on this matter in due course.

Joop Pinckaers
Director

3. **EDUCATORS REPORT FOR ELKANA FROM 1 JULY 2004 TO 19 DECEMBER 2004 PROGRAMS THAT THE CHILDREN ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN 2005**

After a period of consolidation and receipt of various donations we were able to expand. We now have 14 permanent children and 14 to 16 drop-in's, and sometimes more.

We have received support from the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund in Holland for which we are extremely grateful. We were inspired by a visit from a representative of that fund in the person of Leonie Vles and their chairperson Mr Bas Kardol, who provided us with positive input.

After having the children assessed by an educational psychologist a program was developed for their individual needs. The educators worked on their vowel and language proficiency as well as numericy. The children learned to measure by making spaghetti roads and then in turn measuring them, which created many laughs and fun. From home schooling using a generous donation of textbooks from Maskew Miller Longman, most of our children are now attending local government schools.

On 1 October a volunteer joined us from Durban. Nicky Hudson is a qualified teacher and artist. The children were taught arithmetic by Nicky and did many wonderful art projects. We have found that the more creative our lessons are the more willing our children are to learn and obviously their motivation increases. We were very sorry when Nicky left due to lack of personal sponsorship on 28 December 2004.

At the official opening of Elkana at the end of October we were visited by some representatives from Malmesbury in England and were invited to work together with the Malmesbury Primary School there. Recently the primary school children in England had a cake sale to raise money for the Elkana children. Our children are busy making thank you cards in response to their good will.

The children have been on various outings where all had fun. The municipality extended their kindness by offering us the municipal swimming pool three times a month (at the end of each month). One of their employees has been giving the children informal swimming lessons and six of our children can now swim freestyle.

We are particularly excited about one of our permanent children. After having failed last year due to his drug addiction and having nearly overdosed, he has been sufficiently rehabilitated which has enabled him to attend school this year.

We are monitoring the situation and are optimistic that the situation will continue to improve. We are introducing a program namely the Elkana Social Development Plan that seeks to develop our children's emotional intelligence as well as social skills and communication. Bridging courses have been offered to our illiterate teenagers. We are hoping that these courses will profoundly influence them in scuh a way that they will recognize the need for education. Until recently these children had no hope or dreams of acquiring any form of education. These boys will be assessed and slotted into the appropriate level of education. They will write state accredited exams in November 2005.
Since the beginning of the first term of 2005 eleven of the permanent children are attending school ranging from grades 1 to 7. Fourteen drop-in's are also attending school. We regard this as a major achievement, this is due to the motivation of the children by our Street Worker, Mary Otto and Childcare Worker, Lenard Ruiters.

Joni Ledgerwood
Educator

4. CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

4.1 Our staff members consist of:

- Joni Ledgerwood — Educator and Centre Coordinator
- Mary Otto — Street Worker, recently became involved as an educator
- Lenard Ruiters — Childcare Worker and maintenance of the centre
- Anna Ruiters — Childcare Worker, domestic worker and cook

House rules, educational programmes and the Social Development Plan was implemented in August 2004.

4.2 Coordination of Personal, Educational and Rehabilitation programs:

The Board of Directors have been most encouraging in making courses available to us in order to upgrade our skills. Skills training courses will be selected for 2005 and the staff will be encouraged to attend.

4.3 Some of the courses we have attended are as follows:

- *Developmental Assessment of children, youth and families*
  Both Mary Otto and Joni Ledgerwood attended this course, which after completion gave us the ability to assess our children and their families.

- *The Volunteers-course*
  Attended by Joni Ledgerwood and hosted by the ACVV. This course dealt mainly with being able to identify the needs of our volunteers. In addition, to educating our volunteers also to that they know their limitations.

- *The difference between orphans and abandoned children*
  Mary Otto attended this course hosted by the WCCF (West Coast Community Fund). The purpose of this workshop was to improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children and to educate the community thereby gaining their support and assistance.

We also received assistance from Malmesbury SAPS in the form of outings and educational projects. Clifton Fredrick, taught the children during a lunch supplied by KFC of streetwise burgers and chips, on how to protect themselves from drug dealers.

The children were also taken on an outing to Langebaan where they were taught about pollution and were involved with a beach clean-up day. At the end of the day they were treated to a braai.

Elkana had assistance from various churches and individuals in the form of food donations as well as clothing and toys.
As mentioned in the last annual report, some of our board members visited the Homestead in Cape Town. Their street worker, Jakes Jacobs, in turn reciprocated by giving of his valued time and expertise. He stayed over at the centre for 20 days assessing our needs, staff training and the children's behaviour in general.

4.4 Official opening:

Our children sang the Elkana Song for the first time at the opening, which brought a tear to many an eye. We as staff at Elkana were exceedingly encouraged by Dr Edna van Harte's message in which she inspired us to maintain our vision and "never give up"!

4.5 **The Christmas function:**

We were very impressed when Jason Roodt, a young boy of 10, volunteered to sing a solo for this event. He is a soprano and sang "Pie Jesu" by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Our own children entertained us with time old Christmas songs and were quite animated when it came to "All I want for Christmas". We all joined in to sing the Carol's by candlelight.

4.6 **Summer camp:**

Rev W Duvenhage, DRC Stellenberg, arranged this camp through the Christian Police Forum. The children were away from 27 December 2004 until 31 December 2004. This camp has had a profound effect on our children, as most of these children had never been on a camp before. They were spiritually inspired and came back with new life skills. There has been a noticeable change in their lives. A regular visitor shared that the children no longer "hang on" to visitors desperately seeking attention - it's as if a "gap" has been filled.

1.7 **Volunteers:**

In the course of the year four volunteers assisted us:

❑ Nicky Hudson	Education (especially Arithmetic and Art)
❑ Susan Karolus	Domestic help (ironing & assist with food preparation)
❑ Wendy & Ian Fleming	Music
❑ Samson (Baba) Betane	Beadwork and handcrafts

As most of our permanent and drop-in children are now at school our daily program will undergo a few changes e.g. the centre will facilitate an education program between 09:00 and 12:00 for the drop-in's. In the afternoon between 14:30 and 16:00 the street worker will be doing the Elkana Social Development Plan. This program seeks to develop the children's emotional intelligence as well as their social skills relating to community living.

We are looking forward to many exciting ventures this year. Both Mary Otto and I are studying for our driver's license being a priority for Elkana to purchase transport which is sorely needed to help our street worker and to transport the children when needed. A very successful fundraiser was organized by our director, Mr Joop Pinckaers to raise funds for a Kombi.

1.8 **Courses:**

We hope to have our staff attending other courses as they arise. At present other courses that needs to be looked at are:

- ❑ Management.
- ❑ Domestic skills.
- ❑ Cooking.
- ❑ Canning.

Joni Ledgerwood .
Educator & Centre Co-ordinator

5. PROFIEL VAN 'N STRAATKIND EN DROP-IN'S

In die meeste gevalle het ons te doen met kinders met 'n ernstige negatiewe gedrag. Dit bring hulle in botsing met gesag, hul ouers, onderwysers en selfs die gereg.

Gedragsprobleme soos bv. stokkiesdraai, diefstal, misbruik van drank en dwelms, dros van die huis en selfs onsedelike aanranding kom voor en hierdie oortredings word dikwels in 'n groep gepleeg.

Vele gedragsafwykings het dieselfde oorsake in gemeen soos byvoorbeeld emosionele versteurings, verwaarlosing, onder- en wanvoeding. Kinders kom in opstand teen die reëls en waardes van hul ouers en die samelewing of omdat hulle nooit die regte opvoeding ontvang het nie. Hulle voel dus meer aanvaar in 'n groep van jeugoortreders of hulle wil hulself bewys omdat hulle op ander terreine, bv. op skool of sportgebied, nooit kon uitblink nie.

In die meeste gevalle gebeur dit omdat ouers net bloot nie omgee nie of weens werk, siekte of dood nie beskikbaar is nie. Sommige ouers stel soms te hoë eise aan die kind en kritiseer en straf die kind te veel met die gevolg dat hy ontuis voel en van die huis af wegloop.

Elkana Childcare beywer hom daartoe om ernstig te besin oor die welsyn van dié kinders, om 'n tuiste aan hulle te bied waar hulle geborgenheid kan ervaar.

U as lid van die gemeenskap kan help met die rehabilitasieproses deur –

- geen kos aan straatkinders te gee nie;
- geen geld aan hulle te gee nie aangesien hulle slegs dwelms of petrol daarmee koop om te snuif, en
- die Munisipale Polisie kontak om hulle vanaf die winkelstoep en strate te verwyder en na Elkana te verwys.

Gedurende die afgelope jaar het 45 kinders ingeskakel as drop-in's en 34 van hulle is meer permanent gehuisves. Dit bly egter steeds 'n proses om die kinders te motiveer om vol te hou met die programme van Elkana. Die volgende aktiwiteite is in plek gestel vir hierdie doel –

- straatwerk, om 'n vertrouens-verhouding met die kinders binne en buite die sentrum op te bou en sodoende te motiveer om na die sentrum te kom;
- netwerk met gemeenskapsleiers / maatskaplike dienste / Badisa en op dié wyse verwysings vanaf naburige dorpe te werk (m.a.w. dorpe binne die grense van die Swartland Munisipaliteit);
- programme geloods deur Love Life, en
- rekreasieprogramme aangebied deur die SAPD te Malmesbury.



Annake Bester
Direkteur

Mary Otto
Straatwerker

6. VERSLAG VAN STRAATWERKER

Straatwerk het vanjaar baie meelewing tot gevolg gehad. Alles was met soveel entoesiasme aangepak sodat net die beste goed genoeg was vir ons kinders. Dit is waarom Ralph Emerson sê: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Die haglike omstandighede van sommige van ons kinders was baie ontroerend en het my menige slapelose nagte gekos, maar tog ook aangegryp. Ons, die gemeenskap van Malmesbury, kan met dankbare harte die rolspelers van Elkana al die eer gee vir wat hulle in hierdie kort tydperk vermag het, want "I cried for shoes until I saw a man without feet", het waarlik vir my betekenis gekry.

Met al die straatwerk het die humor ook nie agterweë gebly nie. Meer as een keer moes my sin vir humor my uit situasies red. Tydens een so 'n insident moes ek in die dorp straatwerk doen en gewaar toe een van ons kinders op pad na die bottelstoor. Sonder om twee keer te dink het ek die seun agterna gesit. Ek het skewe kyke van bekendes gekry maar is nietemin by die bottelstoor in om ons kind te gaan haal. Binne die bottelstoor het ek hom aan sy skouer gevat en hom op sy naam genoem. Toe hy egter nie reageer nie, het ek aan hom gerem net om uit te vind dat dit 'n ouer persoon is met dieselfde postuur as een van ons kinders. Ek het myself aan die man verduidelik en ons het agterna hartlik gelag daaroor. Daar is vele sulke staaltjies. Aristotle het die volgende gesê: ""Pleasure in the job, puts perfection in the work."

Tuisbesoeke en besoeke van "drop-in's"

Tuisbesoeke vorm 'n integrale deel van my werk. Tuisbesoeke is baie onthullend en het grootliks bygedra tot die opstel van versorgingsplanne omdat die behoeftes van die kinders soveel beter bepaal kan word. Die agtergrond en omstandighede van elke kind gee 'n mens beter begrip asook hoe om hulle gedragpatrone te kan peil.

Tydens eerste tuisbesoeke is familielede baie wantrouig, maar na 'n paar besoeke raak hulle baie meer ontspanne. Die doel hiervan was dat ouers vry moet voel om die sentrum te besoek. Dit het tot gevolg gehad dat ons 'n toeloop van kinders gedurende die skoolvakansie gehad het. Die getalle het daagliks gewissel tussen 37 en 40 kinders en ons hande was vol om hulle daagliks besig te hou. Twee maal per week het ons die swembad besoek sodat hulle kon ontspan tot na die middag en met hul terugkoms was hulle getrakteer met 'n vullende maaltyd. Elke video op Wesbank Biblioteek se rakke is vertoon om ons kinders tot rustigheid te stem. Dit was 'n belewenis met 40 kinders onder een dak maar beslis die moeite werd! Ons was aan die einde van die dag stokflou maar gelukkig omdat ons iets vir iemand kon beteken.

Mary Otto
Straatwerker

7. VERSLAG VAN CHILDCARE WORKER / "HUISOUERS"

Ek en my vrou Anna het in Junie 2004 by Elkana begin werk met die straatkinders. Alhoewel ek ondervinding het van werk met straatkinders uit die aard van my vorige werk by die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens, het my vrou geen ondervinding daarvan gehad nie. Dit was natuurlik nie maklik aan die begin nie en ons het werklik probeer om met alle mag en krag die kinders se vertroue te wen. Ek het probeer om baie dinge saam met hulle doen en het later daarin geslaag om dwelmgebruik op die perseel die hok te slaan. Daar was natuurlik ook baie misverstande tussen ons wat nie gehelp het nie.

Ons het later begin met die tuinbouprojek, maar nog steeds was die vertroue nie daar nie. Ek het aan die kinders verduidelik dat hulle nes die plante groei en het ons baie hieroor gesels. Ek het aan hulle verduidelik van die gevare daar buite asook die gevare van dwelms. Hulle het soms onder mekaar gepraat en gesê "praat jy of praat jy". Mettertyd het van die seuns na my gekom en vertel van dinge wat die ander gedoen het en so het ons nader aan mekaar begin beweeg, alhoewel onsekerheid of hulle my en Anna kon vertrou tog maar nog daar was.

Ons het alles in ons vermoë gedoen om die kinders te oortuig van ons liefde vir hulle en dat ons omgee vir hulle. Een aand het ons gaan sit met die kinders en hulle het toe sommer vanself begin vertel van dinge wat hulle in die verlede gedoen het. Dit het my laat besef dat die band van wantroue tussen ons besig was om te krimp. Met verloop van tyd het die vertroue begin toeneem en was die "bang" wees vir mekaar nie meer daar nie.

Gedurende 'n tydperk wat ek in die hospitaal opgeneem was, was Anna alleen met die kinders en het hulle haar so mooi opgepas. Hulle het ook tydens telefoonoproepe vir my gesê dat hulle vir antie Anna oppas en gevra wanneer ek huis toe kom. Groot was my verbasing toe 'n groep van die kinders my in die hospitaal kom besoek het. Dit het natuurlik die vertroue en liefde tussen ons net versterk.

Later het ons as 'n groep pretdae gehad en kon ek en my vrou die verandering in die kinders duidelik waarneem.

Ek en Mary het ook vir die kinders 'n christelike kamp gereël en die kinders het dit ongelooflik baie geniet. Ek het gedink dit is 'n geleentheid vir my om bietjie te rus, maar verniet! Ek moes elke minuut hoor "Oom Lenard kyk hier!" of "Kyk daar!".

Na alles weet ek nou dat ek 'n lang pad saam gaan stap met die kinders. Deur die genade van God is ons nou 'n huisgesin, Anna die ma en ek die pa. En, al my kinders is nou in die skool!

Lenard Ruiters
Childcare Worker / House Parent

Anna Diedericks
Assistant Childcare Worker / House Parent



8. INDRUK VAN 'N VRYWILLIGER

Vir my was dit nog net 'n plesier om as vrywilliger by Elkana te werk sedert ek daar begin het in September 2004. Ek reis daagliks vanaf Abbotsdale tot by Elkana.

My werk behels algemene huistake soos kombuiswerk, was en stryk. Dit is 'n plesier om met die kinders te werk en 'n mens raak so lief vir hulle dat jy hulle as jou eie kinders aanvaar.

Behalwe vir een of twee belhamels is die kinders baie gehoorsaam en wel soms stout vir 'n bietjie aandag.

Van die drop-in's wat na Elkana kom het sommige baie groot behoeftes. Van hulle gaan nie skool toe nie omdat hulle nie kos of boeke het nie. Die kinders wat egter by Elkana bly het nie sulke probleme nie aangesien hulle gevoed en geklee word en saans 'n goeie nagrus kry.

Om hier by Elkana behulpsaam te wees is vir my baie vervullend aangesien my klein bydrae 'n verskil maak aan die lewens van die kinders by Elkana.

Susan Karolus
Vrywilliger



9. HOOGTEPUNTE VAN DIE JAAR

9.1 Dankseggingskonsert

Die opregte belangstelling van die gemeenskap het Elkana genoop om 'n dankseggingskonsert in die Gemeenskapsaal te Wesbank van stapel te stuur. Verskeie skole, kerkgroepe en individue is genader en hulle het nie gehuiwer om 'n bydrae te lewer nie.

Die konsert is gehou op 13 Oktober 2004 en talle belangstellendes het opgedaag. Die geleentheid was gratis, maar die gehoor kon 'n bydrae maak deur middel van 'n silwerkollekte.

Die gehoor was vergas met pragsang deur Mincke Boonzaaier, Anina Bester, Johayne Otto asook 'n saksofoon uitvoering deur Clyde Adonis.

St Thomas Primêr se trompoppies en Schoonspruit se dramagroep het ook vir vermaak uit die boonste rakke gesorg. Die Adonis-susters en die Advent Kidz het prysenswaardige insette gelewer.

Mnr Mckrieling, onderburgemeester, het Elkana Childcare baie moed gegee deur sy toespraak waarin hy ons verseker het dat Swartland Oorgangsraad vir Elkana toeganklik is, sou ons hul nodig kry.

'n Groepie vlugvoetige dansers van Ilingu Lethu met hul natuurlike ritme het gesorg vir dawerende applous.

Die kinders van Elkana het ook hul beurt gekry. Dit was so verblydend om te sien dat hulle hul skugterheid oorwin het en hulle liedjie kon sing. Dit was nou nie altyd so nootvas nie, maar sing het hulle gesing!

Mnr Bocks was ons seremoniemeester en het hom skitterend van sy taak gekwyt. Mnr Kosie Moses met sy nostalgiese liedjies van Tom Jones en kie het baie van die ouer garde laat terugdink aan vervloë dae.

Baie positiewe terugvoering is vanaf die gemeenskap ontvang en almal is dit eens dat dit 'n wonderlike aand was. Die aanbieding van die konsert het die gehoor laat besef dat afgesien van die etiket "straatkind", alle kinders maar na alles net kind is met verwagtinge van veral aanvaarding en liefde.

9.2 Charity concert, dinner and auction

A wonderful charity concert, dinner and auction took place on 16 October 2004 in the town hall of Malmesbury. The event was organized to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of a vehicle for the transport needs of Elkana Childcare.

The town hall was transformed into a beautiful and tasteful environment, especially for this event.

The program of the night was presented by **Dhiveja Sundrum**, Miss Cape Peninsula 2004, a fourth year medical student at the University of Cape Town.

The concert of music from Rachmaninoff, Verdi, Puccini, Bizet, Gershwin, Leigh and Chopin was hugely appreciated by all guests, who were all very nicely dressed for the occasion.

The pianist and both singers are all very well known artists in South Africa and abroad: **Franklin Larey** was born in Malmesbury. He studied piano in the US and received a doctorate from Cincinnati's College of Music. He returned to South Africa in 1997 to teach piano at the University of Cape Town where he was appointed as director of the South African School of Music in 2002. Franklin Larey won several awards and performs throughout South Africa and abroad.



Virginia Davids (soprano) is also Cape Town based. She studied music at the University of Stellenbosch and made her debut in 1988 in the opera Aida by Verdi. She performed in Vienna, London and throughout South Africa. In 1998/99 she was one of the three highly acclaimed Divine Divas in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban. She received a number of awards, including three Nederburg Opera awards.

Ntsikelelo Mali (baritone) hails from the Eastern Cape. He was involved in the Cape Town Opera Studio and is currently a freelance artist. He is one of the most promising young baritones in the country and is the national champion of Old Mutual, Telkom and Post Office competitions. He has appeared in several opera productions.

During dinner the guests were entertained by The Herman Bakker Trio. **Herman Bakker** was born in Rotterdam where he became known as the "Erroll Garner of Rotterdam". He performs in jazz clubs in Loosdrecht, Antwerp and in South Africa.



The wines from **Darling Cellars** were offered by them for the member's prize, which is highly appreciated.

The auctioneering was kindly presented by Charles Rudd, auctioneer and appraiser based in Cape Town.

Thanks to the donations of **Sandy Esau** (painting), **Katerina Thomas** (painting), **Bea Jonker** (painting), **Hans Gooskens** (painting), **The Table Bay Hotel** (voucher for luxury room and a dinner voucher), **Eighteen Carat Jewellers**, **Constantia Manor**, **Joke and Joop Pinckaers** (4 Anglo Boer War etchings) we raised almost R55 000.00.

Raïel was so kind as to increase this amount with another R5 000.00 to reach our target of R60 000.00.

All guests from Cape Town, Somerset West and many guests from Malmesbury have made this evening a wonderful event and have assisted Elkana Childcare in their transport needs.

Thanks to the tremendous organization of Joop Pinckaers and to all people local and elsewhere who supported this event.

9.3 Official opening of Elkana Childcare Centre

Finally on 29 October 2004 we officially opened the Elkana Childcare Centre. After several delays caused by finances and lack of volunteers to assist with the construction of the centre we were happy to receive the first intake of children in April 2004.

Many of the people and organizations involved with the construction, people from the community, the mayor and other representatives from governmental organizations were invited for the official opening. It was wonderful to see that "our children" and so many people were present on that day.

The chairperson of Elkana Childcare, **Ds Steyn**, welcomed all guests and reflected on the situation and position of the street children as we came across several years ago, where we stand now and how we see the future. He emphasized that the situation of the street children in and around Malmesbury is a common problem. No one in the community is excluded to assist in whatever way to have the street children regaining their dignity and respect.

A special welcome was raised for the representatives from Malmesbury in England.

Joop Pinckaers, who coordinated the development and construction of the centre, together with **Dr Bertus Olivier** who tried to have all the funds available for that construction, gave a summary of everything that happened during the actual time of the construction itself. He underlined the importance of the initial partnership with Mrs Ellen Berends, Consul-General of the Netherlands and Mr John Mietes of Maersk Logistics. Their partnership gave us the wings to fly forward and take on the challenge. He also emphasized the necessity of a partnership with the local municipality; certainly in future phases of extension of the centre.



Mrs Trudy van Rensburg, representative of Maersk Logistics underlined the necessity of having social partnerships in place. Organizations like Maersk Logistics have responsibilities in the social development area in South Africa.



Dr Edna van Harte, student dean of the University of Stellenbosch, the key speaker of the day gave us some very practical hints in the sustainability of Elkana Childcare. Starting such a welfare organization is one thing, but motivation and commitment for staff, community leaders and the entire community to stay focused on the issues ahead will not be easy and will require tremendous effort and commitment by all stake holders. She showed us what the real difference is in what we take for ganted, will definitely be a struggle for these children. Caring for and looking after street children is asking for tremendous skills, patience and trust. She congratulated Elkana Childcare with this beautiful new centre and formally opened the centre for the children by wishing the staff and directors all the wisdom they needed for the future to come.

The opening was completed by a wonderful performance by the street children who really showed that they will be able to be part of a bright future. The audience was moved by their performance

9.4 Kersfunksie

Elkana Childcare was bevoorreg om op 20 Desember 2005 'n kersprogram te kon aanbied. Die afwagting en opgewondenheid van die kinders het aansteeklik op selfs ons grootmense gewerk.

Die tradisionele kersboom was feestelik getooi en die span kon soms nie hul hande van die boom af hou nie. Vir hulle was dit 'n eerste keer om hul eie boom te versier.

Die gaste was verwelkom deur mnr Bocks, direkteur van Elkana, waarna die Elkana kinders die gehoor vergas het met hulle opening- sowel as verwelkomingslied. Spontane samesang was gelewer deur die gehoor onder die bekwame begeleiding van mev Wendy Fleming op die klawerbord. Die klawerbord was geborg deur mnr J Pinckaers.

Jason Roodt, 'n leerder aan Swartland Primêr, het 'n pragtige solo uitvoering van "Pie Jesu" gelewer wat ons almal meegevoer het. Ons staatmakers, die Advent Kidz, het ook nie ons gaste teleur gestel nie en met hul mooi sang die aand verder opgehelder.

Na die afsluiting is die kinders getrakteer op versnapperinge en selfs die gaste kon weglê aan dit wat voorberei was.

9.5 Kamp te Houtbaai

'n Groep van 27 baie opgewonde kinders het vanaf Elkana vertrek na Houtbaai met vervoer gereël deur Ds Duvenhage.

Tydens die kamp is daar baie uit die Bybel gelees en die groepleiers van die kamp was baie ingenome met die kinders. Die kinders het hulle terdeë geniet en Ds Duvenhage was beïndruk met die kinders se maniere en gedrag tydens die kamp.

Die kinders het diep in die harte van die groepleiers en Ds Duvenhage gekruip en toe dit by groet kom was daar nie 'n droë oog nie. Die hele kampervaring en veral die bybelstudie het beslis 'n indruk op die kinders gemaak.

Ons het vir Ds Duvenhage gevra of ons weer kan kom kuier en het hy gesê ons is enige tyd welkom.

Compiled by:

9.1 Marieta Owies (Director)
9.2 Joop Pinckaers (Director)
9.3 Joop Pinckaers (Director)
9.4 Marieta Owies (Director)
9.5 Mary Otto (Street Worker)

10. VOORUITSKOUING

In 2001 is daar aan Elkana Childcare geboorte geskenk. 'n Projek wat dalk aan die begin na die onmoontlike gelyk het, maar deur God se genade moontlik geword het. Wat eers net 'n droom was het nou 'n realiteit geword. Die kinders van Elkana Childcare ervaar liefde en deernis en deur 'n heropbouproses is daar alreeds 'n verskil gemaak in baie kinders se mens wees. Maar dit is nie waar alles stop nie, want ons moet voortdurend vra waarheen is God met Elkana Childcare op pad.

Dit is tog God wat hierdie hele projek geskep het. Daarom vertrou ons ook dat God in die toekoms wat vir Elkana voorlê sal voorsien, veral waar daar op die stadium gepraat word van uitbreidings. Dit het dringend noodsaaklik geword dat nog 'n slaaplokaal en badkamergeriewe aangebou moet word aangesien verskeie probleme geskep word deur kinders van verskillende ouderdomsgroepe in een slaaplokaal te plaas. Ons glo egter dat die nodige fondse voorsien sal word om hierdie uitbreidings moontlik te maak.

Hierdie uitbreidings is noodsaaklik aangesien Elkana Childcare haar vlerke wil sprei sodat elke kind wat verlang na 'n warm bed gehelp kan word. Ons dink hier aan Abbotsdale, Darling en Moorreesburg waar daar ook straatkinders is, maar weens 'n tekort aan slaaplokale kan ons hierdie kinders nog nie inneem nie al wil ons hoe graag. Dit is werklik ons droom om ook vir hierdie kinders 'n tuiste te wees.

Iets wat 'n probleem bly en wat dringend aangespreek moet word is die kinders ouer as 18 jaar. Elkana Childcare is nie gerat vir hierdie kinders nie. Terwyl hierdie kinders deel van ons gemeenskap is, kan ons tog nie kyk hoe hierdie kinders deur die wreedheid van die wêreld vernietig word nie. Dit is 'n al groter wordende probleem wat tot gevolg gaan hê dat misdaad in die toekoms gaan toeneem. Daarom is dit 'n probleem wat dringend aangespreek moet word deur die gemeenskap en die plaaslike owerheid.

Ons dank aan elkeen wat alreeds ingekoop het om dié uitdagings wat aan Elkana Childcare gestel is 'n werklikheid te maak. Van hierdie uitdagings het alreeds 'n werklikheid geword, daarvan getuig die suksesverhaal van kinders wat terug skool toe is. Maar, ons werk is verseker nog lank nie klaar nie want wat word van die kinders eendag wanneer hulle klaar is met skool.

Ons glo dat ons almal met die Hemelse Vader se genade, aan hierdie kinders en ook aan hulle wat steeds nie 'n dak oor hul kop en 'n bed om in te slaap het nie, verdere oplossings sal vind.

Ds F Claassen
Direkteur

11. SKAKELING MET DIE OWERHEID

11.1 Swartland Munisipaliteit

As een van die belanghebbendes van Elkana Childcare word die munisipaliteit deurlopend op hoogte gehou met die aktiwiteite van die organisasie en ook genooi na belangrike gebeurtenisse. Hierdie vennootskap help om goeie insette van munisipale personeel te kry en ook spoedige goedkeurings vir belangrike aksies soos byvoorbeeld met die konstruksie van die staaldak.

Gedurende November 2004 is 'n ontmoeting deur Elkana se voorsitter Ds Jan Steyn, met die Uitvoerende Burgemeester, mnr Anton Bredell, gereël waartydens laasgenoemde breedvoerig ingelig is oor Elkana se operasionele aktiwiteite en verdere planne wat beoog word. Die "vennootskap" tussen Elkana en die munisipaliteit is herbevestig en die verwagting is ook dat die munisipaliteit Elkana verder finansieel sal ondersteun.

11.2 Provinsiale Administrasie: Wes-Kaap

Voortspruitend uit 'n ontmoeting met mnr Marius Fransman, vorige Minister van Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling en Armoedeverligting, is Elkana as welsynsorganisasie gestig en is aansoek gedoen vir staatsondersteuning. Na verskeie vergaderings op hoë vlak is ons dankbaar dat die staat die aansoek goedgekeur het en dat 'n voedseltoelaag van ongeveer R9.00 per kind per dag nou ontvang word. Dit is veral van groot waarde vir die nie-permanente inwoners of sogenoemde "drop-in's".

11.3 Suid Afrikaanse Inkomstediens (SAID)

Elkana Childcare is baie afhanklik van skenkings deur organisasies, besighede en privaat persone om sy doelstellings te bereik. Ten einde verdere steun te werf en ook as aanmoediging vir skenkers is aansoek by die SAID gedoen om te registreer as 'n openbare weldaadorganisasie wat vry-gestel word om inkomste belasting te betaal. Hierdie aansoek is reeds goedgekeur vir September 2004.



Verder is goedkeuring verleen dat Elkana kwitansies aan skenkers kan uitreik in terme van Artikel 18A(1)(a) waarin sodanige skenkers hulle donasies aan Elkana kan aftrek vir inkomstebelastingdoeleindes. Die Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) verwysings-nommer is 930010652.

Dr Bertus Olivier
Direkteur

SPONSORS / DONORS IN 2004/05 FINANCIAL YEAR

(All names of sponsors/donors appear on the sponsor board at the Elkana Centre.)

During this financial year Elkana has been run on a very tight ship, relying on sponsorships from the local community, the Netherlands and a very successful fundraiser held in the town hall to raise money for much needed transport for the children and street worker.

We have now managed to get support from the provincial government, which supplies us with finances towards the feeding of the children on a monthly basis. However, this is only for 24 children and at times we have as much as 40 children a day and our housemother has to stretch the food to feed them!

Of the children who live-in, there are now 12 to 14 besides the drop-in's and these children have to be fed, clothed, supplied with school uniforms, books and school fees. We received donations and sponsorships from organizations, companies and private people as listed below and we divided the expenses into the following categories:

Building / Construction and maintenance:

- Prima Bande Head Office in Malmesbury
- Maersk Logistics
- Maltezer Ridder Orde Scheveningen (The Netherlands)
- Maltezer Ridder Orde Maastricht (The Netherlands)

Education, school fees and clothes, rehabilitation and medical:

- Nelson Mandela Children's Fund through the Dutch branch
- Marlena Olivier (outing)

Furniture:

- Ineke Majoor & Anton Nyboer

Food and cleaning:

- Provincial Government
- Anglikaanse dames
- Barry's Beef & Barrel
- Buy Rite
- Kekkel en Kraai
- Korrektiewe Dienste
- Lucky Seven (Modiens Superette)
- Methodiste Kerk
- Mnr & mev Denise Michaels
- Moslemgemeenskap
- NG Kerk Moedergemeente
- NG Kerk Swartland-Noord
- SAPD
- Sjeik Solomons & Dogter

Clothing (other than school clothing):

- Ineke Poort (The Hague, Netherlands)
- Ruth Spong (Mothwa Haven)

Garden:

- Malmesbury Kwekery
- Goedgedacht Farming Trust

Vehicle and maintenance:

- Charity dinner and auction
- Raïel
- Knops Construction and Wehrens Accountants Maastricht (The Netherlands)
- Swartland Cellars Golf Day
- Tineke & Peter Eyhelenstam – de Nooy

Administration:

The Board of Directors would like to thank Anita Muller for a tremendous administrative and financial job done in this financial year as well as Jeanne Mocke for the compilation, layout and typing of the annual report.

A full financial report over the financial year 2004/05 will be done under separate cover in the financial statements, audit by Chris de Jager & Partners.

LIST OF NEEDS FOR ELKANA CHILDCARE CENTRE

With winter approaching and more children expected to be accommodated, any items will be enormously appreciated. Please contact Elkana Childcare on (022) 486 5389 and we will arrange collection of your donations. We thank you in anticipation.

Clothes (boys between the ages of 8 and 18 years)

- ❑ Especially shoes of any sort e.g. school shoes, tekkies and casual shoes. Sizes 2 to 8, but mostly sizes 4, 5 and 6.

Schooling

- ❑ Uniforms i.e. jerseys, socks, underpants, vests, shorts, trousers, white school shirts, etc.
- ❑ Rulers, pencils, books, etc.

Toiletries

- ❑ First aid supplies e.g. plaster, cough mixture, etc.

Linen

- ❑ Towels.
- ❑ Bedding e.g. blankets, duvets, fitted sheets, pillows and single bed mattresses.

Kitchen

- ❑ Cutlery and crockery.

Entertainment

- ❑ Pre-recorded tapes of suitable material.
- ❑ Blank tapes.
- ❑ Toys.

Administration

- ❑ Typist chair.

Recreation

- ❑ Balls.
- ❑ Educational toys.
- ❑ Story books.
- ❑ Arts and crafts material.
- ❑ Board games e.g. Monopoly, dominoes.
- ❑ Puzzles.