



**GONDWANA**  
CARE TRUST  
NAMIBIA

# Newsletter

January 2019

“A brand-new year  
to make way to brand new dreams and opportunities.  
To share and care might just make way to even bigger dreams  
so let’s share and care.”





Dear all,

A brand-new year filled with dreams and opportunities! All the new learners have started their journey and thanks to your support and donations, many have been blessed with a Gondwana Care Trust bag filled with a stationery starter pack and a few other goodies so that the children could have fun during the holidays.

Assistance comes in many forms and the Gondwana Care Trust has been pleased to be able to lend a helping hand in various areas towards the end of 2018. We are extremely blessed to have business partners who have extended their generosity towards our projects.

Please enjoy the newsletter and share with others who might be able to assist. Thank you and if you are aware of a project that we could support, please do not hesitate to contact the Trust.

## **MEALFORTWO**

The Gondwana Memes went shopping and distributed groceries between various Associations, which enabled the Trust to support the neediest this Festive Season. Parcels to the value of over N\$30 000.00 were distributed, and meat was delivered as well.

More support will be needed throughout the year and the Trust needs assistance with vegetables and other sources of protein. Please contact us should you wish to be part of this wonderful project.

**A special thank you to Bank Windhoek  
for the consistent and continuous support.**



\* Please note the resolution/quality of the photographs is not always clear since we rely on our ambassadors/recipients to send us images.



# PROJECTS CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORTED:

## KALUNDU KINDERGARTEN

Located in Katima Mulilo

Teachers: Ms Annah Matengu 081 605 48 51  
Ms Florence Libebe 081 623 42 82

Towards the end of the year, Zambezi Mubala Camp's team visited the village and distributed groceries so the village residents could enjoy the festive season. This initiative is part of the MealForTwo project, to assist members of the community who cannot afford a proper meal and live in very rural areas with limited access to groceries.

The children attending Kalundu pre-school also received their Gondwana Care Trust bags.



## M.E.G.S - WINDHOEK KATUTURA

Mrs Diergaardt & Ms Roline Martin  
mroline2003@yahoo.com

Mrs Diergaardt serves lunch and prepares individual food parcels for the elderly and the neediest members of the community. She also visits the elderly at Katutura Hospital and brings them food during their convalescence.

About 300 people received a meal over the Christmas holidays.



## HEAL THE LAND & LIGHT OF HOPE OLD AGE HOME OKAHANDJA

Mr Willie Theron - 081 605 66 15 - annie.t@iway.na

The Gondwana Care Trusts team also supported the Heal the Land project, which assists the elderly and young children living in the street in Okahandja. Groceries were divided into parcels for the elderly at the Nau-Aib Old Age Home, which accommodates 46 people. MealForTwo provides meat through Heal the Land, which supports the activity of preparing a warm meal for the residents every Wednesday.





## KHAIBASEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Co-ordinator: Ms Kujandeka & Mr Theron

Support was also provided to the creche in Nau-Aib, which accommodated 64 children. Homeless children receive meals twice a week. In 2019, the teacher (Paulina Kujandeka) would like to take on the group to offer basic education and keep the children away from dangerous areas such as landfills.

The volunteers at the creche keep the children on site until they have finished their meals, to ensure that their food is not stolen when they leave the safety of the property. The goal for the year is offer daily meals to the children, to encourage them to return to the school full time.

Currently, 64 children are under their care, and children are grouped according to age:

0 - 2 years caring

3 - 4 years basic learning

5 - 6 years pre-school

The program is always in need of:

Food stuffs

Chairs

Tables



We are considering various modes of support to assist this initiative in 2019. Please contact the Trust or the project directly, if you would like to get involved.

Thanks to the ProAm team,  
we were able to hand out small thermal lunch bags to the children  
to extend the lifespan of their fruit.



## MARANATA PROJECT - OUD STAMPRIET

Mr Louw

It is with a very heavy heart that we have heard of the passing of Mr Leon Louw.

We would like to present our deepest condolences to his family and friends. Mr Louw consistently tried to improve the living conditions of his peers and tried to create a sustainable life for the neediest in his community. He started the Maranata Project after hours to grow vegetables, in an attempt to feed the community, specifically the elderly who were left with nothing. His passing is tragic.

We were able to assist Mr Louw and the children he cared for one last time in December.

Thank you Mr Louw for everything you have done for the community.

May his soul rest in peace.



## VILLAGE COUNCIL STAMPRIET

World Aids Day celebrated on 4 December

The Gondwana Care Trust sponsored 30 kilograms of meat to the World Aids Day celebration in Stampriet. The Village Council distributed the parcels to the neediest of the community.





## MAMMADU TRUST - KATUTURA WINDHOEK

Project Manager: Ms Agnes Albrecht Röhm  
www.mammadu.org - agnes@mammadu.org

Mammadu also forms part of the MealForTwo project and receives meat donations, which allows the children to get enough protein to have energy during the day. Mammadu provides breakfast, lunch and a snack for the kids during the day, and after-school study support for the older children.

Mammadu was of course part of the Christmas Bag Project and receive a few Gondwana Care Trust Bags with its goodies. Some very much needed school bags sponsored by IWAN and some thermal lunch bags sponsored by Pro Am Clothing. Thank you greatly for the continuous support, making this project worthwhile for so many children!



Finally, throughout the year Mammadu keeps track of the children's school reports. And children who prove their dedication throughout the year, receive a complimentary fieldtrip to an area in Namibia.

This year, the children were invited to Swakopmund! Thanks to our awesome partners Mola Mola and Pelican Point Kayaking, the children enjoyed a boat cruise and discovered all the secrets of the desert. Thank you so much for responding so positively and welcoming the children without a second's hesitation!

Thank you to The Delight Hotel,  
the children enjoyed an awesome brunch and  
loved all the delicious food at the Buffet!



## ROCKY CREST PRIMARY SCHOOL WINDHOEK

Event co-ordinator: Helke Mocke -  
Chief Geoscientist for National Earth Science Museum

Heritage Week is celebrated annually by many museums and heritage institutions in Namibia. In 2018, the heritage week took place on 17-21 September and the theme was "Turuganeni" Kumwe", which means "Let's Work Together" in Rukwangali.

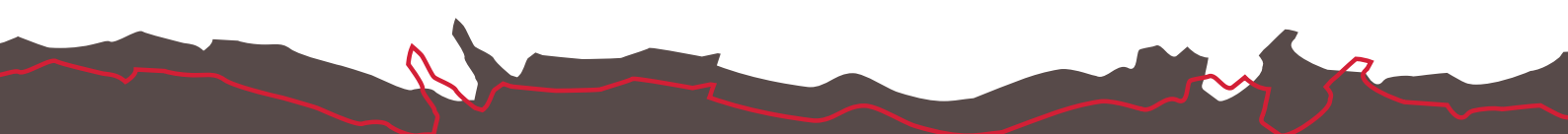


The museum, also called the National Earth Science Museum, organised a debating competition for grade 7 pupils from various schools on the topic: "Climate Change". This is an issue important to the whole world and it is closely interwoven with conservation.

The Gondwana Care Trust sponsored the winning team with a complimentary stay at the Kalahari Farmhouse, including a Game Drive in the Gondwana Kalahari Park, with an informative talk from the conservation team based at the lodge. At the Farmhouse, the children were introduced to the Self-Sufficient Centre and the benefits of sustainable farming.

The total value of the fieldtrip reached over N\$10 000 at a discounted rate, compliments of the Gondwana Kalahari Collection.

Well done to the winning team from Rocky Crest Primary School, the seventh graders enjoyed an awesome weekend in the Kalahari! Keep up the good work!





## MOUNT VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL - WINDHOEK KATUTURA

Project co-ordinator: Ms L Beukes

Situated on the outskirts of Windhoek, Mount View Secondary School faces great challenges and the children have had to attend their classes under tents. However, this did not deter the school, who took eleventh place out of 34 schools in the Khomas Area in their Matric results. Well done!

The school has grown tremendously but their budget is very limited, and children do not have classrooms to sit in. Ms Beukes has managed to get sponsors and a container to add classroom space for the kids. The school still needs assistance towards uniforms and educational material for high school level. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Beukes should you wish to participate in this wonderful project.

In time for the year-end examinations, the Gondwana Care Trust sponsored 100x Oxford English Dictionaries and 50x Scientific Calculators that were urgently needed to assist the children during exams. The dictionaries and calculators will remain on school property for the sole use of the learners.

Total value of the donation was  
N\$26 945.00



## ISIZE SCHOOL - ZAMBEZI REGION

Project co-ordinator Mr Paul Blazek

Situated in the Zambezi Region, the learners were sleeping in tents to attend school. Nexus, as part of their social responsibility, constructed a hostel to allow the children to sleep indoors and use proper ablution facilities.

It is always very humbling to meet these learners who are prepared to sleep outside in tents with very limited means but are determined to attend school and obtain the best education they can.

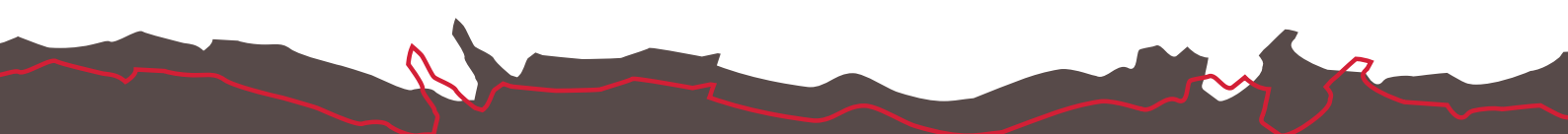


With the new building, more is needed for the children to be able to move into the new hostel.

The hostel will accommodate 32 learners, 16 boys and 16 girls with ablution facilities, a store room as well as a covered eating area. Thank you NEXUS Team for your assistance towards the children!

Paul Blazek was overseeing the construction and contacted Gondwana Care Trust as they were running out of funds to complete the hostel. The Trust was honoured to be part of this project and contributed 16 x Metal Double Bunk Beds and 16 x Metal Lockers with a total value of N\$69 684.48.

The learners have moved in to the hostel, starting the year 2019 in a safe and friendly environment. Thank you to everyone involved in this awesome project. The official inauguration took place on 24 January and we would like to wish all the learners at Isize School the very best for 2019!





## OHANGWENA REGION

In co-operation with the PRO: Division Marginalised Communities,  
Office of the President, Ms Johanna Mushelenga.



The Trust was approached at short notice to assist in some donations toward the official hand over of 30 San Community households in Omundaungilo.

Thanks again to our wonderful partners WINDHOEK TEXTILES, the Trust was able to donate 60 sets of towels. Windhoek textiles added hand towels to the order and we are so grateful!

Total value of donation: N\$12 000.00

## FOLLOW UP, THE JJ CENTRE - WALVIS BAY

Project Coordinator: Kim Koch - [jjscarecentre@gmail.com](mailto:jjscarecentre@gmail.com) - 081 479 07 25



Thanks to Mr Chris Gouws, we were able to deliver “transformed recycled Tyres” and add more planting space to the vegetable garden project for the senior class. They previously received portable gardens sponsored by Potentia in August 2018.

GCT sponsored the ground, and plants (with a credit at Eden Nursery so they can re-plant once the vegetables have been harvested) as well as a brand-new wheelbarrow with some gardening tools.

Thanks Ms Cailean from Eden Nursery for all your love and attention to the gardens and for helping the learners grow their project with successful results.



## FOLLOW UP, THE LIDAR FOUNDATION KATUTURA - WINDHOEK

Project Coordinator: Ms Serley Khaxas - [lidarfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lidarfoundation@gmail.com) - 081 687 1537

Lidar Foundation is a centre in the heart of Katutura where many children find themselves living in the streets and without adult guidance and protection. Serley opened the centre to welcome children and teens who find themselves in difficult situations such as pregnancy, abuse, abandonment, etc. The centre supports the children with a meal during the day, being breakfast before they start school, lunch and early dinner.

The centre organizes numerous workshops for young mothers so that they can gain credentials and find employment.

The centre has received help from various sponsors, but they are still in need of regular sponsorship for hygienic goods for the teens, dry food and educational material for the children who come to study at the centre after school.

In November, Lidar took part of the market day organized in Katutura to raise funds for the centre. The Teens were involved in preparing the food and then the sales at the market. Well done to the team for a fun filled day!

Gondwana Care Trust sponsored the centre with some of the food items needed for the market. Total Value: N\$5 000



Please do not hesitate to contact the Trust or Serley if you would like to get involved.

They are doing a wonderful job and the children are receiving so much love, care and attention.



## ELIJAH HWANDE AKA KATI - MONDESA / SWAKOPMUND

Project co-ordinator: Ms Dolores - The Delight Swakopmund



The Gondwana Brand Team came across Kati while filming a video in Swakopmund. Kati, aged 6, demonstrated incredible talent playing drums and the whole Gondwana fell in love with this little guy and his fabulous personality. Kati, as many children living in the Mondesa area, has very little to live on and the families try their best to provide as much as they can.

Kati, although fluent in four languages and an excellent drummer, was not able to attend pre-school which is so important for the overall development of a child. To prepare them for the primary school and most importantly to get ready for grade 1 in every aspect, both physically and emotionally. To adapt to various situations and develop self-confidence and discipline.

For this reason, the Gondwana Care Trust decided to assist Elijah and he was enrolled at Learning Right Kiddies Centre cc as from October 2018 in Grade R. The school offers the children three meals a day and this is also very important so the children have enough energy to participate in class and other activities during the afternoon.

Kati has made tremendous progress in the short period of time he has attended school. His teachers are very impressed by him but of course, the MUSIC teacher is the happiest! Kati has an inborn talent for all instruments, and we are very much looking forward to keeping you updated on his progress in 2019 as the Gondwana Care Trust has also sponsored him for the whole 2019 school year. Kati is now starting Grade 0.

Total Value of the sponsorship: N\$30 930.00



## CHRISTMAS BAG PROJECT 2018

Gondwana Care Trust - dginiv@iway.na - 081 242 59 00

Where to start? There are so many individuals to thank and even the smallest gift towards this project makes a huge difference in a child's life, especially at Christmas time when the child can play with a new toy!



It has been a few years now since we started the Year-end Christmas Box Project and every year the list of children has increased. Last year we decided to look at a more sustainable version and use a bag the child could re-use and thanks to Mrs Cecilia Breedt, we were able to collect over 1 000 bags, strong enough to hold a stationery kit and some other goodies for a very low price. Thank you for your effort and great work!

Ms Breedt handmade the bags, with strong material so the children can re-use the bag and zip to keep all the goods safely inside.

We were aiming for 500 bags and decided to "sell some bags in the Gondwana Collection lodges" to get additional funds to add items to the bags.

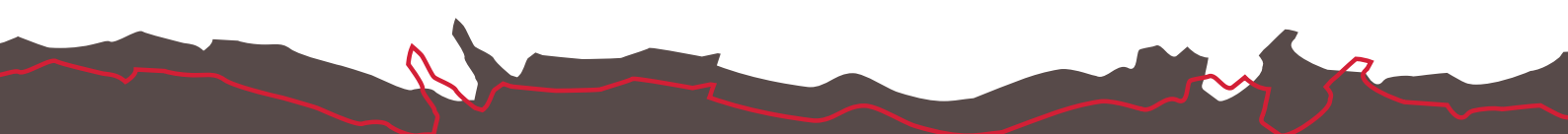
In the bag, we have a starter stationery kit (thanks to ABC Stationers for their discounted price & pre-packing the kit for us), a toy according to the age of the child, a colouring book, sweets and depending on the stature of the child - clothing and some personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap etc. was added.

To get this right, we receive a list from schools, orphanages, hostels, associations, and so forth. The list will include the name, age, size of clothing, year at school, any disability so we can include the right item for the child, and if the child is in need of extra assistance. For some of the schools, the list concerns only the best academic achievers of the year so it gives a small reward to the child for his/her hard work. Grade/age and the category is then mentioned so the gift is according to the child's interest.

The bag is then personalised, the name is written on the bag, sometimes a small note on the book... the idea is for the child to open the bag and feel that it was indeed especially packed for them.

The response from the visitors around the country has been extraordinary! For N\$200.00, the bag could be purchased and the person could either take the bag with or leave with the receptionist so it could be sent back to us and packed for a child. Thank you to our International guests and also our Namibian guests who have not hesitated in purchasing the bag to assist us in this heart-warming project.

Thanks to all sponsors, partners in the industry, colleagues and various individuals we were able to hand out 955 bags!





**THANK YOU**

**Christmas Bag 2018 - List Of Children:**

Keetmanshoop /DON BOSCO (best Academic achievers)	8 bags
ETOSHA / Dawid Khamuxab (best Academic achievers)	47 bags
STAMPRIET /Soetdoringlaagte	50 bags
STAMPRIET / Maranata	9 Kids
KATIMA / Kalundu	44 bags
RUNDU / Paukeni	55 bags
Swakopmund / Stepping Stone (School for children with various spectrum of Autism, Down Syndrome, etc.)	21 bags
Swakopmund / CHAIN (School for children with various disabilities (CP / DS...)	19 Kids
KUISEBMOND / Mwadinomo	183 kids
NAMIB / Little Bugs	24 kids
NAMIB / Topnaar	5 Kids
Windhoek/ Lidar	91 kids
Windhoek/ Wdh	3 Kids
Windhoek/ CAN - Oncology Wards	42 Kids + 4 adults
Windhoek/ Mammadu	13 Bags
KARAS / Geduld	84 bags
Dorbabis/ Elsenhaar	250 bags
Windhoek - GTC	3 bags
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR 2018:</b>	<b>955 Bags</b>

**THANK YOU**

**Thank you again to The Friends of Namibian Children**

for their continuous support and trust.

Total donation for Christmas Bags 2018 was N\$28 000.03.  
Sponsorships were used to buy soft toys, educational games,  
children's toys, books, crayons and toiletries.



Gondwana Collection Namibia	- 500 bags
Global United FC Africa Foundation – Mr Rainer Hahn`	- 100 bags
Marsh Africa – Mr Riaan Lotriet	- 25 bags
Lida Marketing and Distributors – Mr Lloyd Winterbach	- 20 Bags
Linen Warehouse & Decor cc – Mr Riaan Els	- 25 bags
Potentia Namibia Recruitment – Mr Van Wyk	- 25 bags
House of Wine	N\$2 500.00
Dreyer Family – Walvis Bay	N\$1 000.00
Wine Bar – Mr Smuts	N\$10 000.00
Kristine/Fiderike Ruehl from Germany (foreign transfer 200Euro)	N\$3 200.00

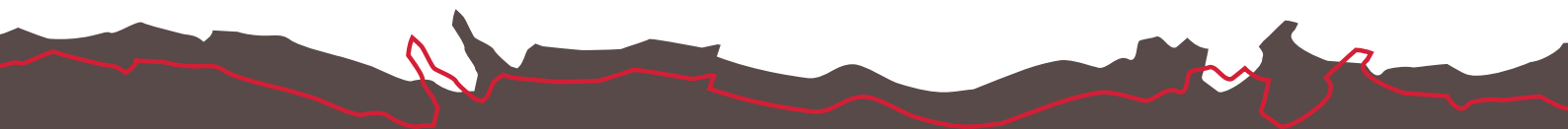
## **GOODS DONATIONS**

(sweets / toiletries / toys / clothing etc.):

Mr Chris Gouws (500 boxes of smarties)  
 H.E. the French Ambassador Ms Claire Bodonyi  
 Mr & Mrs Raboisson  
 Tullah Trading  
 Ms Zelda  
 Ms Almut  
 Ms Maureen  
 The Delight Swakopmund  
 Ms Cornelia Haak  
 Ms Yvonne Roodt  
 Ms Angela from the Namibia Book Market (250 colouring books)  
 Nicky Brower from Pro Am Clothing  
 Katja Dreyer from Jetty Curio Shop (super discounted clothing for a special little girl)  
 Ms Michelle from ABC Stationers and everyone who has purchased a Gondwana Care Trust Bag during their stay at one of the Gondwana Lodge.

A big thank you to all the lodges around Namibia who made the effort to display the Gondwana Care Trust Bag and encourage their guests to look into the project.  
 Damara Mopane Lodge has made a special difference in this project:  
**THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts.

Please find below various pictures that we have received over the Festive Season.  
 The blessing of having a child smile has no value, thank you for caring and sharing the love with us.





## STEPPING STONE - SWAKOPMUND

Project Coordinator: Almarie Mostert - 081 143 3896 or 479 0725  
almarie.steppingstone@gmail.com

Stepping Stone Trust operates a kindergarten and primary school called Stepping Stone Special Education School. Our pupils have a variety of disabilities including Down Syndrome but we particularly specialise in the teaching of children on the Autism spectrum. Stepping Stone Special Education School is the only private school in Namibia that provides specialised, tailor-made education to children with Autism.



Thank you Babsie from the Delight Swakopmund for your love and time to handouts all the bags to the learners.



## LITTLE BUGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL & NEEDLEWORK PROJECT - SOSSUSVLEI

Project co-ordinator - Ms Gena Mantas - 081 264 07 55  
nfo@little-bugs.org - www.little-bugs.org

Little Bug was created out of a dire need for the children in this small community. The children had no choice but to leave their parents to attend school at the coast or in the city. They now have Little Bugs who prepare them for school and give them the basic preparation for being successful.

Thank you Ms Anja van Reeken, Steffi, Franck and the entire Namib Desert lodge team for your commitment and generosity towards Little Bugs.



## CAN - Oncology Department



## CHAIN CENTRE - SWAKOPMUND

Project Co-ordinator: Ms Jenny Pahl - Swakopmund

The centre welcomes children from the Mondesa area. The centre provides transport from the children's home to the centre and to activities. The children have various disabilities and are cared for with adapted activities and learning techniques. The children receive a meal at the centre as well.



Please do not hesitate to contact the Trust or Project if you wish to assist the centre. They are providing a safe and a caring environment for these

children. Please visit their Facebook page for further information on how you can assist



## DON BOSCO - KEETMANSHOOP

best academic achievers 2018 - well done!





## GEDULD SCHOOL - KARAS REGION

Hostel kids



## LIDAR FOUNDATION - KATUTURA



## NAMIB / KUISEB SETTLEMENTS



## PAUKENI - RUNDU

Thank you Nicolene for all your effort and care for the Paukeni pre-school.



## MWADINOMO - KUISEBMUND

School Principal : Ms Elina Shidolo - [elina.shidolo@gmail.com](mailto:elina.shidolo@gmail.com)



Best  
achiever  
of 2018

Well  
done!





## DAWID KHAMUXAB SCHOOL - SERINGKOP, ETOSHA

A big thank you to Mr Simon Andreas and his team at Etosha for constantly assisting the children at Seringkop.



## DORDABIS PUBLIC SCHOOL - ESSELMAANHAAR

250 Bags were handed out to learners with a stationery starter kit and some smarties to start the new school year with a smile.



# A BIG THANK YOU

We cannot thank you enough for your support!  
Until next time, Take care.

Gondwana Care Trust – dginiv@iway.na – 081 242 59 00 for more information  
Thank you for sharing this newsletter with friends and partners. As we always say,  
we cannot do it alone and without the support we receive from our colleagues,  
partners in business and our friends, we would not be able to share with so many.

Remember to share a smile is to care,  
and care for another is the first step towards self-care.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Gondwana Care Trust,  
please see banking details:

BANK	Bank Windhoek
Account Name	Gondwana Care Trust
Check Account	800 818 44 91
Branch Code:	483-872
Branch:	Maerua Mall
Swift:	BWLINANX

Please list your name,  
and the project you would like to support as reference.  
(e.g. : MR SMITH / “project name”)

You POP can be emailed to  
dginiv@iway.na  
this enables the Trust to keep you informed of the project development.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

We would like to extend our thanks to all parties who have assisted in making  
the projects successful and enabling growth.

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