Annual Report
African Angels Trust
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Educating Good South African Citizens

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African Angels

African Angels Trust operates the African Angels Independent School, the Chintsa East Community Learning Centre and Siyanqoba Vulnerable Boys Mentoring Programme. It also supports and mentors the lead teacher at the Ikhwezilomso Creche.

In 2019 the African Angels Independent School in Chintsa East, just outside East London provided a quality primary school education by exceptional teachers for 142 children who will innovate and be the hope for our future. African Angels educates children who have limited resources and live in situations that are unimaginable to most of us, yet they are determined to grow into educated, productive and responsible citizens.

Four grade 7 learners were accepted into Queens College and Queens Girls High School, in Queenstown for 2020. We saw our first grade 7 accepted into Merrifield College in East London on a full academic bursary for the 2020 school year.

The Chintsa East Community Learning Centre is a community located computer hub and book exchange, providing 2 079 community members with free wi-fi and access to laptops.

Lindiwe Sigqaza was transferred from African Angels Independent School, where she had been employed as the Grade R class assistant since the school opened in 2012, to Ikhwezilomso Creche, to strengthen the Grade RR curriculum and provide increased support to parents in the Chintsa East township.

The Siyanqoba Vulnerable Boys Mentoring programme was established in 2019 in partnership with The Character Company, connecting boys attending African Angels with positive male role models on a regular basis. The aim is to help boys grow into better men, directly tackling South Africa's epidemic of gender-based violence.
Chairperson’s Letter

2019 was a particularly challenging year for the African Angels team and our community, and our response to each event showed how remarkable, and resilient our team, our children and our community are. We are grateful for the support and encouragement of our sponsors, donors and community in navigating the challenges we faced in 2019.

2019 was our sixth year of partnership with Mercedes Benz South Africa (Ltd). We welcomed a number of new donors and supporters through 2019, and they are included further into this report. Educating children is a long-term project, and we are grateful to our partners who understand long term, sustained commitment is needed.

Our school community experienced a number of gender-based violence incidents through the year, and in response we partnered with The Character Company, implementing a boys mentoring programme for boys aged 10-14 years who attend African Angels. We continued to support and protect our older girls through the provision of safe and family style hostel accommodation, and were joined by the
Chairperson’s Letter continued

Carmel Curlewis Trust, whose mandate is to protect women and girls.

Our first sponsored Angel graduated from Lilyfontein School, and was accepted into the University of the Western Cape to study Bachelor of Law. 23 Angels started at 16 different high schools including the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, Queens College, and Selborne College.

For the first time, under the leadership and guidance of Sharon Edworthy, as Administration Head and Farai Nyamavuvi as the Academic Head, we had zero teacher turnover for 2019.

In 2019, we also saw Lindiwe Sigqaza transferred from African Angels to Ikheziwilomso Creche, to teach a formal grade RR class (pre Grade R or Reception year) to improve the school readiness of the learners applying to enter the Grade R year. Lindiwe is guided and mentored by our Administration Head, Sharon Edworthy, and has regular access to resources on an exchange basis.

All teachers at African Angels attended the Independent Schools Association of South Africa Proudly Primary Conference in Durban, networking with other teachers from Independent Schools and attending valuable professional development workshops and plenary sessions. We believe it is important to invest in the growth of our teachers, ultimately benefitting our learners’ education.

As the Chairperson and co-Founder of African Angels I was privileged to be named the Businesswomen’s Association Social Entrepreneur of the Year.

At the start of 2020, we facilitated the donation and installation of 160 streetlights in a collaboration project between Beka Schreder, the community of Chintsa East and African Angels. This uplifting project was the first time Chintsa Village has had light at night since its establishment in 1996.

Our total income in the 2019/20 financial year was R3 639 642, of which R813 326 was school fees, either from sponsors or parents, and R2 826 116 from donations, and fundraising.

We are proud that our administration expenses form a minimal 2.4% of our total expenditure. Salaries for our teachers and support staff remain our biggest expense, accounting for 71% of our total expenditure.

We are sincerely grateful for every person who has contributed in cash, time, or encouragement, to support us in 2019 so that we can continue to change the future for the children of Chintsa.
Our Partners

We realise that we can’t deliver on our vision for each child to reach their full potential alone. We know that we will have much more success if we work together with like minded people and organisations that connect and support our purpose.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

We have a host of individual sponsors who, by Sponsoring an Angel, financially support the most needy of our children through their primary school years at African Angel Independent School.

OUR DONORS

We are also proud to have established, long term relationships with our corporate donors. With their help we are able to implement our programmes.

Principal Corporate Donor

Mercedes Benz South Africa has been our principal donor since 2013.

- Algoa FM
- Anonymous Swiss Foundation
- Beka Schreder
- Brewcon cc
- Carmel Curlewis Trust
- Charteris and Barnes
- East London Golf Club
- East London Rotary Club
- EDP Accounting
- Encona
- Ezulweni Construction
- Fraser Family
- Froetek
- Gateley Rotary Club
- Gladys Jacobsson Trust
- Herotel
- IDA Care Foundation
- Imbono Architects
CORPORATE DONORS (Cont.)

• Ironman4thekidz
• Jumbo Clothing
• Katholische Kircheng
• Lilyfontein School
• Maclears Stationers
• Mail and Mechanisation
• MHG Property Development Specialists
• Mickey Turner Agencies
• MMPA QS & PM
• Morningside Hardware
• MySchool
• New Settlers Foundation
• NVest Holdings
• Respect Tombstones
• Rotary Club of Arcadia
• Round Table #1
• SPAR @ Crossways
• Stichting Wereldwijs
• Sugarbrook (Pty) Ltd
• Talisman Hire East London
• Treeline Stationery
• Tudhope Family
• Vincent Park Shopping Centre
• Vusiswe Community Trust
• WildWomen on the Run

FUNDRAISING PARTNERS

We have relationships with the following international fundraising organisations:

GLOBAL GIVING

USD 36 849.48

UK FUND FOR CHARITIES

GBP 3 440.46

GIVEN GAIN

USD 2 497.00
2008
Non profit organisation established with Section 18(a) tax deductible status. Sponsorship model to access quality education.

2012
28 learners Established the African Angels Independent School. Partnership with Mercedes Benz South Africa established.

2014
Widespread acceptance and support from the Chintsa community for African Angels.

2017
Registered with the Department of Education. On track for Umalusi accreditation. Biggest primary school in Chintsa and surrounds. First graduating grade 7 class

Our History

2019
140 children enrolled in African Angels Independent School. 40% of graduating grade 7 learners achieve bursaries to quality high schools

2019
Established Guardian Angel group for African Angels Alumi. The group will be used to give back and to support the current African Angels learners

2020
First African Angel accepted into university. She will be studying Law at the University of the Western Cape
Year at a Glance

142
2020 LEARNER ENROLLMENT
Grade R to Grade 7

97.14%
2019 LEARNER ATTENDANCE
97.96%
2019 TEACHER ATTENDANCE

0%
STAFF TURNOVER

40%
OF GRADE 7 LEARNERS ACHIEVED HIGH SCHOOL BURSARIES

23
AFRICAN ANGEL GRADUATES ARE ATTENDING
12 DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS

ANGELS FUNDRAISING
Successful annual fundraisers:
- African Angels Ale Trail,
- Jumbo Angels Big Walk
- African Angels Golf Day (Inaugural event)

EXTERNAL FUNDRAISING
Round Table #1 - IronMan
K2K Ride for Education
Santa Shoebox
MHG Property Development Group -
  Tins for Tummies
Wild Women on the Run
Lilyfontein School and Vincent Park Shopping Centre

FOOD SUPPLIERS
Crossways SPAR - who donate bread and regularly answer the call for help when it goes out
Lunchbox Fund - who donate bulk food supplies on a monthly basis

SUPPLIERS
Jumbo Clothing - shopping vouchers being awarded to children who consistently demonstrate positive behaviour at school AND donations of clothes, umbrellas and shoes
MacClear Stationers - photocopy paper and stationery
Treeline - stationery
Mica Hardware - paint and stationery
MORE THAN A SCHOOL

All of our community projects are based in Chintsa, and are designed to bring about long lasting and sustained change to improve the future of its residents.

We have a fully equipped **computer lab** providing all Chintsa residents in range with free uncapped wifi thanks to Herotel.

We employ a full time community **early childhood practitioner** who helps run a quality preschool programme and parent workshops to improve parenting skills.

Installed **160 street lights** in collaboration with Beka-Schreder, Great Kei Municipality, the Chintsa East community and Eskom. *[Watch the video]*

Understanding the impact of fatherlessness on our boys we launched the **Siyaqoba Vulnerable Boys’ Mentoring Group** to help our boys grow into good men.
**SETHU**
Our first African Angel was accepted to study law at the University of the Western Cape

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**AHLUME**
Ahlume has started his high school education at Queens College in Queenstown, South Africa. He is being supported by a friend of African Angels who lives in the USA

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**IVA**
Iva was awarded a bursary to one of East London (South Africa) finest high schools, Merrifield College, on a full scholarship. Iva will hopefully finish high school in 2024 with an IEB National Senior certificate

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**EMIHLE & LISA**
Emihle and Lisa were accepted to Queens Girls High, a very well run high school, with a long and proud history of 100% pass history for their matriculating (graduating) class.

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**Success Stories**

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**NOPINKIE**
Nopinkie has been accepted at Maclear High School in the Amatola Mountains. She is supported by a team of individuals who have committed to fund her education until the end of high school

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**YONELA**
Yonela received 1st place in her class in IGCSE Accounting and Economic Management Services

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**DOMINIC**
Dominic, one of our African Angels graduates was elected a grade 9 class leader at Queens College

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**JULY**
Lou Billett, founder of African Angels, won the Social Entrepreneur category in the 2019 East London Business Women's Association 'Business Woman of the Year Awards’
2020 Goals

African Angels receives no government funding and our school fees are necessarily kept to a minimum.

Our current funding model relies on corporate and individual donors and is potentially risky for our long term future.

We have applied our minds and are planning to create new, recurring sources of funding.

400 recurring monthly donors

We aim to increase our number of recurring monthly donors to 400 thereby guaranteeing a fixed monthly income to contribute towards our regular monthly expenses including teacher and support staff salaries.

Social Enterprises for sustainability

We plan to create sustainable social enterprises to generate profit that will be invested in the school and create a regular recurring income.
Financials

Like all non profit organisations, a portion of our funds are spend on fundraising and administration. We’ve kept our administration and fundraising costs to a modest 2.4% of total overheads.

The following summarised financial information has been extracted from 2019/20 audited financials.

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| Depreciation       | 367                 |
| Employee costs     | 2 563 204           |
| Entertainment      | 10 791              |
| Fines and penalties| 11 438              |
| Food               | 100 766             |
| General expenses   | 56 044              |
| Insurance          | 35 126              |
| Learner support    | 51 716              |
| Lease rentals on operating lease | 116 920 |
| Leasing and hire costs | 3 735 |
| Management fees    | 26 854              |
| Motor vehicle expenses | 102 256 |
| Municipal expenses | 400                 |
| Printing and stationery | 71 967 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 53 980 |
| School fees expenses | 259 909 |
| Small assets expenses | 38 213 |
| Subscriptions      | 11 193              |
| Telephone and fax  | 10 193              |
| Training           | 14 875              |
| Travel - local     | 18 242              |
| Uniforms           | 15 729              |

| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **3 760 177** |

Deficit for the year | -120 535
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We help companies achieve points on their B-BBEE scorecard.

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Donations to African Angels are tax deductible with a Section 18A certificate being issued.

DONATE
Want to be part of our plan to educate South Africa’s future?

To donate please use the following details:

South African Banking Details
Name: African Angels Trust
Bank: Nedbank
Branch: Vincent Park
Account Number: 1206067217
Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ
Reference: [Your name or company name]

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