

Denis Goldberg House of Hope Newsletter no. 13 August 2021



OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW BUILDING

We are delighted to report two new exciting additions to our wonderful new building.

The first addition is a very large mural that will adorn the curved wall in the entrance space to the main building. The mural was put together by Hout Bay resident Brendon Bell-Roberts, well-known founder of ArtAfrica. The main source material was about a hundred art works produced by children attending Lalela's after-school classes.

Lalela, a local Hout Bay-based NGO, runs these classes at Hout Bay High and Silikamva, as well as several areas beyond Hout Bay, namely Masiphumelele, Bonteheuwel, Philippi and as far away as Maboneng in Gauteng.

Lalela devoted a week of their second-term curriculum to the exercise. Facilitators showed the children several images of Denis and shared information about his life and his personality. Children then chose the aspect that they wanted to represent.

Brendon then put together a stunning mural dedication that captures who Denis was in a way that he himself would have loved and enjoyed.

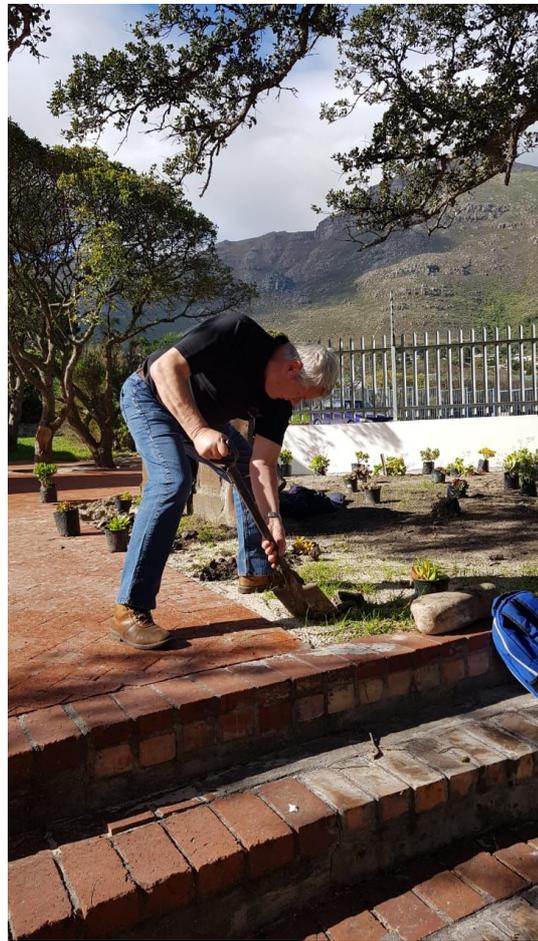
A GARDEN OF HOPE

Much like the lobby of a grand hotel, or the reception area of a plush suite of offices, a beautiful garden serves to welcome visitors to the property, and to make a statement about the activities conducted there.

It was therefore with joy, and energy, that three volunteer gardeners spent a Saturday afternoon digging compost into the soil of the flower beds which will surround the Denis Goldberg House of Hope, and planting a variety of cacti, aloes, desert roses, kalanchoe, agave and a gorgeous variety of other species, in those flower beds. We are deeply grateful to D'Ville Garden Centre for generously donating all of these plants to us, and to Kirstenbosch for their additional contribution.

Already the new arrivals are showing signs of growth, and new energy. That process will no doubt speed up as winter turns to spring, the rain days reduce, and the day-time temperatures rise. A few additional plants will be introduced in late September to add interest, structure and variety to the flowerbeds.

It was good to be there at the inception of this place of beauty.



READERS TODAY LEADERS TOMORROW

We also have a new partnership to report – between ourselves, SHAWCO, the Scott Estate and Baviaanskloof Central Improvement District (SEBCID), Fundza and Snoekies.

Each week – when COVID restrictions allow this – upto 30 learners from the local public high schools come together to participate in reading groups facilitated by University of Cape Town students under SHAWCO's *Readers Today Leaders Tomorrow* programme. The Programme includes ice-breaker and warm up activities, reading-based activities, mini-games and light refreshments. SEBCID covers the costs of transport, material, and refreshments.

The sessions currently take place at Snoekies, who have – as in the past - made their premises available until the sessions can be held at the Denis Goldberg House of Hope.

The core material used in the session's is FunDza's "funzines". In addition, participants can borrow books from a mini-library made available through the

FunDza Literacy Trust. After reading the books, learners can exchange and recommend their new favourite “reads” to their friends.



INGOMA CHOIR – A MULTI-FACETED PARTNERSHIP

Denis, his trust and now the Denis Goldberg House of Hope have had a long-standing relationship with Hout Bay’s Ingoma Choir. The choir has performed for us on multiple occasions – at fundraising events, at Denis’s birthday party, at the turning of the sod ceremony, and at our first on-site concert, in February 2020.

This is not our only link with the choir and its members. Since the first COVID lockdown, Ingoma choir members have formed the core of a partnership with the International Budget Partnership (IBP) Asivikelane project, which monitors basic service delivery in informal settlements across the country.

Each month the monitors whatsapp us the answers to a set of questions about water, sanitation, refuse removal and other services in Imizamo Yethu. We send on the responses to IBP, which analyses the data and disseminates the results. (See <https://www.internationalbudget.org/covid-monitoring/>) In some cases, IBP has also been able to engage with City of Cape Town officials and get problems attended to.

Our local monitors recently received t-shirts and masks to acknowledge the

conscientious way in which they have submitted their responses each month over a period of more than a year.



Yet another link with Ingoma is that Zanele Macholisa, one of the choir members, is currently employed as a temporary Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) worker by the Hout Bay Museum. And the Museum, and the Province which funds the Museum, have generously seconded Zanele to the Denis Goldberg House of Hope.

Zanele has exceeded the already-high expectations we had when we first received her application. In addition to her extremely good nature, she is intelligent, conscientious, creative in finding solutions to challenges, always willing to try (and persevere) with new tasks, and shows genuine interest in the work.

THANK YOU to the Ingoma choir and Zanele in particular.

And a special thank you to Tanya Blacher, who founded the choir, but recently returned to the UK with her family. We hope to see you again.



ERITA CHEN – A YOUNG OLD FRIEND

Readers who attended our February 2020 concert will remember Erita Chen – the talented young dancer from Hong Kong who performed so beautifully alongside two Jazzart trainees as well as in a short Chinese solo.

Already at that time Erita and her family had provided generous financial support alongside the artistry of Erita herself. The generosity has continued. Recently we received a wonderful surprise – that Erita, together with her schoolmates in Hong Kong, had raised a further US\$ 10 000 for the Denis Goldberg House of Hope.

This is a young artist with real heart!



OMPRAKASH

Observant readers will notice a change in the donations information on our website and at the end of this newsletter.

We are now a partner of Omprakash, a non-profit that acts as a fiscal sponsor for social impact organisations around the world. If you are yourself a US taxpayer, or know others who are, please consider supporting us through Omprakash [add link] and, in so doing, qualifying for tax benefits.



With the Denis Goldberg House of Hope physically in place, we will have some new expenses, including utilities, security, maintenance and the like, alongside expenses to cover the cost of activities for children and youth. We hope that you will continue to support us as we move into the next stage of taking forward Denis's dream.

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