

**2015/16
in review**



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DAY CENTRES

Oasis Day Centre staff and management have always worked hard to raise funds. Four fundraising events were held during the period, not only to boost income but also to create awareness of the centres' work and to chip away at the stigma so often attached to severe or profound intellectual disability.

Quarterly parent and parent support group meetings were held.

Holiday programmes for 68 children were designed by the programme implementers in conjunction with the caregivers. This involves an Individual Support Plan for each which is given to parents to continue working with their child through holiday periods. Parents are asked to attend a training session and given the materials needed for the programme.

Sadly due to gang violence in surrounding areas there are times when roads are blocked and Oasis

passenger vehicles can't access the areas, preventing children from attending the centre. This is also true of the vehicles serving the workers of the Elsie's River workshop.

Seating clinics appointments for individual children are held at the Occupational Therapy Departments of various hospitals for optimal benefit of the use of wheelchairs and buggies. Day centre staff attends some of these appointments.



ADULT SERVICES



Last year we reported that the department of social development had invited tenders from organisations in 2013 to identify gaps in services to people with intellectual disability and Oasis tendered for and was awarded funding of services for adults who require a high level of care who cannot be accommodated in our Day Centres due to their ages. We started the services in May 2014 with 9 adults in an area of the Ravensmead centre and had to delay starting a group in the Elsies River workshop due to the workshop fire. The latter group started in July 2015, also with 9 adults, and was fully subscribed with 30 individuals by December 2015. By the end of the period under review, these groups have grown to 30 adults in each of the centres. Funding goes towards staffing as high levels of supervision and care are required and transport in particular. These 60 people had been accommodated in the day centre and workshop services. By creating the adult service, 60 adults now receive far more appropriate care and significantly 30 vacancies were created in each of the day centre and the workshop respectively. All but 2 of these places have been filled.

PROTECTIVE WORKSHOPS

The workshops are turning the tide and beginning to achieve their target of profitability.

This has been a long time coming and reflects on the efforts of all 375 workers.

Some of their recreational and developmental activities include:

- Five Deaf workers at our workshops were offered sign language classes by our Board member Cara Loening who is Director of SLED – Sign Language Education and Development. They are now learning to communicate amongst each other.
 - Two workers were trained to do shopping for the workshops
 - One worker was trained to accompany fellow workers to Day Hospital appointments
 - Three workers were trained to do their personal grocery shopping
 - All workers from both workshops went on an outing to Farmyard in Klapmuts.
 - 11 x Claremont workers regularly attend continued education classes with a volunteer teacher.
 - The workshop netball and soccer teams are improving all the time. The netball team received the runner up trophy from Western Province Sports Association in October 2015. These sport activities are important for team work and building confidence.
- Eleven staff members drawn from both workshops attended University of the Western Cape computer literacy.



OASIS HOMES

On 8 August 2015 we celebrated our first year in the renovated, expanded Chukker Road house which originally housed 15 residents. When residents were first moved in, 23 places were occupied. By the end of the period under review 32 residents were happily settled, with two more admissions since then, a total of 34. This together with Ruyterwacht House brings occupancy of Oasis houses to 47 residents or 13.5% of the disabled workforce. At today's date there is one vacant bed at each house.

Many adjustments had to be made to the larger house in terms of catering, laundry, social activity and integration of residents with each other.

During the period housemother Isobel Rose retired due to ill health and sadly passed in April this year. Our second houseparent Virginia Solomon also required health leave during the period. The troops were rallied with several of

the Oasis team sleeping over, cooking meals and supporting the residents. Social worker Siddeeqa Stevens who was a pivotal part of this team has since left to become a fulltime mother.

We want to thank residents' parent Bill and Anne Cox and Steve and Michelle Saunders for enriching the social lives of the residents.



INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS

Bric-a-brac Shops

The Oasis Bric-a-brac shops continue to be very significant to the income of the organisation, with continued growth each year. The shops on average between them have 350 customers daily. The Elsie's River 2nd hand goods shop is growing slowly and more workers have been



drawn into the project. Staff at Elsie's River are also holding sales on Saturdays to boost the income. To generate sustainable income is becoming more of a challenge each year. Oasis management, staff and workers rise to the occasion every year and 2016 has been no exception.

Recycling

Over 3 000 domestic recycling drop offs monthly are done at Claremont workshop recycling providing the workers at drop off with the mammoth task of processing all the materials. Four hundred businesses are on the recycling collections list with some being weekly collections. Workers accompany drivers on these trips. These collections and the drop off service provide a very important interface between our workers and members of the public.

Ten workers and some staff were invited to do recycling at the Coetzenberg Stadium in Stellenbosch in October 2015 for a local government sports day.

Four staff attended a four day training workshop on managing recycling projects run by the Paper Recycling Association of SA.

Bakery

Two workers have been trained in the bakery, starting with an hour two days a week. They have been developed into proud fulltime workers in the bakery. Oasis baked products continue to earn us a good reputation and draw many customers from far and wide. Oasis is currently pursuing the possibility of supplying a retail chain.



BOOKS AND BRIC-A-BRAC APPEAL

Oasis currently has two thriving shops in Claremont and Pinelands selling quality second hand books, clothes, household items and other collectibles at bargain prices. Income received through the shops has enabled us to provide care and services to many women, men and children with intellectual disabilities. We would like to appeal to you to donate any reusable, as we call them “previously loved” items to Oasis.

Your unwanted items could create a work opportunity for someone with intellectual disability!
Donate!

Claremont Drop off
Cnr Lee Road and Lansdowne Road
Weekdays 8am-4pm
Saturday 9 – 2pm
021 674 5570

Pinelands Drop off
West End Mall, Old Mutual Office Park
Jan Smuts Drive
Weekdays only – 7:30 -4pm
021 531 9239

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Pinelands Books and Bric-a-brac shop

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Claremont Books and Bric-a-brac shop

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