

A message from our Project Manager...

As I look back over the past six months I cannot but be reminded of the words from the song *"Count your many blessings, one by one and every doubt will fly.... you will be singing as the days go by."*



2021 while being incredibly challenging for so many, has also been a year that has seen some incredible blessings happen at Tereo Community School. Our Vision to "build the gap between the current unschooled state of the children and mainstream education" and our mission to "empower the children to rise above their circumstances and focus on high self-esteem, while giving them hope and education to break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy" has been facilitated by the provision of excellent teaching initiatives, an amazing donation of computers to allow us to provide a Computer Learning Centre for our children, as well as the incredible support from so many for exciting outings and excursions for our learners.

While poverty and hunger still stalk many of our children and their families on a daily basis, our sponsors have ensured that we can continue to provide two full meals a day to each child (currently 81 children) along with a snack and each family also receives a monthly food parcel. We currently feed 70 families. **Should you want to assist with sponsoring a meal for a child, donate R50 per month. Which will feed a child for 1 month.**

Imibala has once again generously provided each child with a complete set of summer and winter school clothes, school bag and shoes.

We have also been blessed with not a single Covid case at our school since the pandemic broke out last year!

Tereo School is a registered NPO & PBO, therefore making all donations fully tax-deductible

Success stories for 2021...



New Academic Principal Appointed

We started the new year with a new Academic Principal, Diana Mentoor. Diana has been involved at Tereo for many years as our Grade 5 teacher, with over 40 years' experience.

She was promoted to Academic Principal in February 2021 and has proved to be an outstanding choice with both teachers and pupils alike.

Support the change you would like to see with a donation!

Donations as little as R50, R100 or R250 can make all the difference to the work we are doing here at Tereo Community School.

Individual Child/Teacher Support Programme

As many of our children have little exposure to education prior to joining Tereo and often have little or no support at home to assist with homework, we have embarked on an Individual Teacher Support Programme through a dedicated teaching assistant – Chantal Samuels.

Children's individual learning challenges are identified by the grade teacher and then worked through with Chantal on a one-on-one basis to ensure that the child grasps the necessary concept to bring about better learning.

Each grade has an allocated time slot where children with learning challenges in that grade are given the necessary attention. This is a 30-minute slot per child/week to address that child's specific needs.



Beach cleanup

Tereo School formed part of a local environmental initiative to create awareness about pollution and what we can do to protect the environment.

The Children went out in two separate groups to be part of the beach cleanup at Strand Beach in the Strand Marine Protected Area and loved the outing. They came back and shared their excitement as well as what they learnt from the experience.



Outing to see Annie the Musical at the Playhouse Theatre in Somerset West!

A big thank you to the Playhouse for hosting the Tereo children at their production of Annie. For many this was a first for the children to experience live theatre and was loved by all. They got to meet the cast and a photo with the lead actor “Annie” and many can’t wait for the next theater visit!



Our first computer classes began in May 2021!

Thanks to a joint venture with **Stimu-zone**, a computer software programme aligned to the education system used in South Africa (CAPS) was begun to ensure that not only do the children become computer literate, but that technology starts forming part of their learning process. For most of our children this was their first encounter ever with a computer. Their excitement and joy at using technology was a delight behold.

One of our current teachers now runs the computer classroom and is assisted by our child protection officer Lindel Jonkerman, who wanted to broaden her scope of work.

Our computers were sponsored by the Canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland, however **Tereo** needs to cover the costs for all software and maintenance for the computers.



Our challenges...

While I have shared the good news there are always challenges, these include:

- **Absenteeism**
- **Lack of PPE** to keep up with Covid safety protocols
- **Transport costs:** We transport children to and from school, outings, doctor and clinic visits and with constant rising fuel costs this is an area requiring support.

So how can you get involved or support us?

1. Donate funds...

The simplest way to send a donation is via the GivenGain global platform. Supporting 13 currencies and allowing for one-off or monthly donations, this is the simplest way to securely donate to the Tereo Project.



- **R50 will feed a child for 1 month.**
 - **R70 will provide transport for a child for 1 month.**
 - **R450 will provide computer learning for a child for 1 year.**
2. **Contact us to get involved in one of the many projects we're running to help improve the lives of these children.**
 3. **Provide PPE equipment to help us continue our fight against the spread of Covid-19.**

Other donation options:



Donate with SnapScan.

Simply activate your phone's camera, point it at the barcode above and you'll be given the option to open our **SnapScan** payment portal.



Donate with Zapper.

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EFT PAYMENTS:

Account name:	Tereo Project
Bank:	First National Bank
Account number:	62009313339
Branch name:	Helderberg
Branch code:	271344
Swift code:	FIRZAJJ

Until next time, from all of us at the Tereo Community School Project: Stay Safe & God bless!