

### **Lucky Point Foundation - Review 2015 / 2016**

It was a summer of good things and growth. We walked a long way to come closer to our vision called “Youth Centre” which will provide the support and opportunity that all young people deserve.

We are very grateful to all who have joined what we believe is a small but effective contribution to the daily lives of people and children much less fortunate than ourselves.

From the bottom of our hearts – thank you for your friendship and the difference you are making.



Your Lucky Point Team

*Claudia, Margrit and Elizabeth*

## CHARITY NIGHT 2015

The wonderful success of our Charity evenings continued for “Lucky Point”

Using the previously successful theme of columns representing the various requirements for the Youth Centre being : Music school, Kitchen, Sewing studio, Computer room, Truck for recycling and the Eco friendly building.

The result exceeded all of our expectations.

While musicians played, good food eaten, wine drunk and stories of trips to “Lucky Point” and South Africa recalled, the evening moved to its highlight.



Matthias Hüppi led the evening with his celebrated charm, enthusiasm and humour. Matthias is a truly superb ambassador for “Lucky Point”.



The overwhelming success of the evening due to the generosity of our treasured supporters was CHF 133'000.

I would like to mention the AGAPE Foundation for their considerable support.

A big thank you to:

- Eggert&Friends who provided and sponsored the concept, overall planning decor, musical and technical requirements. Absolut perfect!
- Rest. Schützenruh, Fritz and Kurt Schwendimann for the delicious catering
- KapWeine, Wädenswil for the beautiful wine at special price

## YOUTH CENTRE

For the past two years, we have been focusing much of our attention on obtaining land for the important task of building our Youth Centre. Due to objections from the local traffic department who require our chosen property for road extensions, we were unable to take this forward.

I am happy (and relieved) to say that the local municipality after many meetings, letters and presentations have agreed to provide a piece of ground on a lease basis.

Anneli van Zyl who represents us legally is presently negotiating the terms of the lease on our behalf. Once the agreement is signed and the plans approved, we will in conjunction with our Architect Stefanie commence building operations.

## CONTAINERS

Two 20 foot containers packed with shop soiled furniture for use in the Youth Centre arrived recently in Botrivier from Switzerland. The contents, the container and the shipping provided by Spag AG are so welcome, thank you Karin and Roli.



A 40 foot container containing goods generously supplied by the people of Switzerland arrived at the end of April. This big container was packed and organised by our friends in Immensee and surrounding.

They all worked hard and put a lot of effort into it. You all remember it was a hot summer last year but they all didn't mind collection and sorting out and packing the massive amount of donated goods. And we were lucky enough to be able to use storage generously provided by "Hohle Gasse AG". The container itself and the shipping were sponsored by Kühne & Nagel and the van Kesteren Foundation. We are fortunate to have such commitment from these great partners.

The paperwork required to get the containers through customs can be a headache, but knowing the joy it will bring to people once here makes patience the most important asset we can provide.

## CHRISTMAS BASH

Our annual Christmas party attended by upwards of 400 children was as usual the highlight of the year. The children demonstrated their amazing musical skills with the Marimbas and were dancing and singing, in doing so helped to create a great atmosphere for the party.

Father Christmas (thank you once again Stuart) handed out the presents to the children, followed by food, soft drinks and sweets.



We were rewarded with beautiful smiles and happy faces. It is consistently one of the highlights of our year.

## NEW RECYCLING TRUCK

What a gift our new truck has been, due to legalities with a touch of envy?

I was able to drive the truck for its 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 km's. Much of the work involved the collection of building materials for Elizabeth's house not to mention lots of sand for the kids play area, the work convinced me to improve my fitness levels before I return to South Africa later this year!

The truck saves us a remarkable amount of time transporting the bags to the recycling plant and is one of our greatest assets.

## A DAY AT THE BEACH

As the summer holidays drew to a close and to celebrate their return to school, we enjoyed a day at the beach with about 100 kids. Thanks to the support of many of our local friends, we were able to transport them to the soft sands and warm waters of the lagoon.

Elizabeth, with the aid of many helpers, prepared the barbecue (known locally as a Braai). After swimming, eating and playing we faced the challenge of getting them out of the water into cars and returning them safely home.

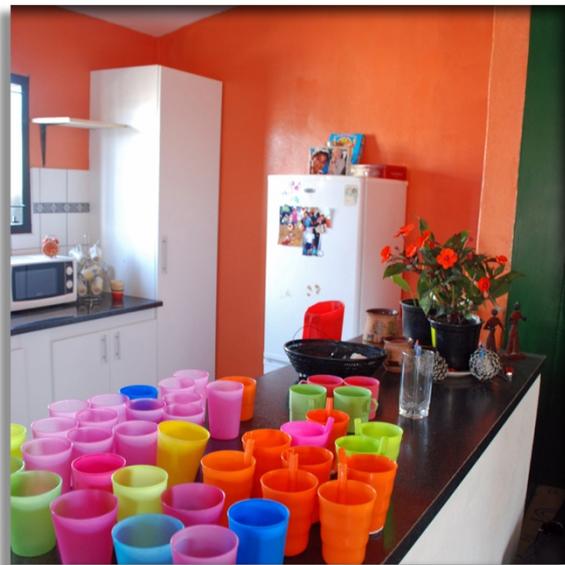
The wonderful day was over and they were tired but happy when returning home to Botrivier.

## RENOVATION PLAY ROOM (at Elizabeth' house)

As many of you may know one of our important projects this year was the completion of renovations to Elizabeth's house.

The house fills the important function as a Playroom and for workshops and of feeding the young children after school. Toilets were needed for hygienic reasons and in the kitchen we needed more space.

I am happy to say that the project is now completed. Vibrant colours contribute to a happy caring environment.



## WEEKEND AT DE HOOP NATURE RESERVE

Due to the generosity of Cape Nature we were able to take 30 children to the beautiful De Hoop Reserve located on the Cape coastline North of Hermanus. Home to an abundance of Fauna and Flora, huge sand dunes and wildlife and one of the main destinations to view the Southern Right whale when calving.

It was a great opportunity for the children to learn the importance of our Biosphere and the need to care for it. As is our policy the children had to collect 200 “Lucky Points” enabling them to attend the weekend and this posed no problem for those who attended.



Leaving Botrivier in heavy rain did not dampen spirits and soon hunger and excitement overtook any worries about the weather. After a good dinner and a movie we were sure all would be ready for bed?

Not so, a visit to investigate where the noise was coming from revealed numerous faces painted with toothpaste. Disciplinary action followed with a team effort to clean both boys and girls showers, it was remarkable that without any complaint the kids pulled together to complete the task, very impressive.

The following morning after a hearty breakfast, the reserves nature guides took the children on an extended walk through the reserve. Here they were taught how delicate the balance of the reserve is and the necessity to care for it and all its creature.

Sitting around the campfire during the evening the children each took turns recounting their experiences of their day and their adventures, it is amazing how much detail they covered with the usual comedy of course.

The trip was such a success that I am sure it will not be long before we enjoy a return visit. Thank you Cape Nature for your expertise and the delicious food.



## CRÈCHE

The Crèche continues to grow. Lucilla and Simone presently care for 18 young children. They are also attending school once a week in order to attain their diploma as early childhood teachers.

With the winter month being here, mainly June/July/August and with many seasonal workers being unemployed we felt it necessary to reduce the fee to attend the Crèche. This will allow parents to use Lucky Points or contribute their time to the project. It is so important that the children are properly prepared to attend school.



## DAILY LIFE

- One of the cores of Lucky Point is the Recycling programme. Due to its growth we now require more space, if we are fortunate we should be able to achieve this goal fairly soon. Application has also been made to Municipality for the provision of land for the purpose of building a new Recycling plant which urgently requires upgrading. I am happy to say that the signals are good and our prospect positive!

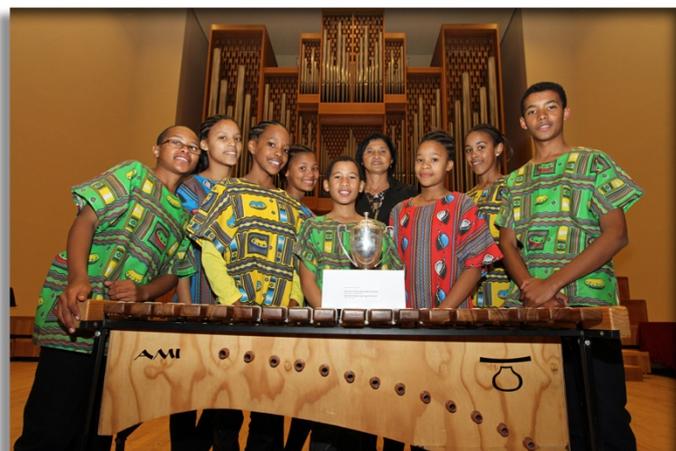
The children and the general Community of Botrivier have understood that through recycling they have the opportunity to provide some of life's essentials to their family. This includes food, clothing, hygienic goods and of course toys for the kids.



- The children's playroom/after school care is going strong. Gill and Stuart when in South Africa spend many hours reading and playing with the children, they are like grandparents for them. It is here that the kids make bracelets out of Nespresso capsules which captivate our visitors and it is also where Elizabeth cooks for between 40 to 60 children.
- The after school care situated amongst the shacks is well cared for by Irene our strong Xhosa lady who cares for young children between 3pm and 5pm. Importantly she provides food and nourishment and recently for the cold winter months she has used the small wooden hut next to her house as a movie house. It only takes 15 kids but is full whenever used. In summer Irene receives plenty of support from Gail, Paul, Gill and Stuart.



- We continue to provide support for the music teacher at Botrivier Primary School. His contribution to the Marimba players is considerable which may be seen by the number of functions at wine estates they attend. This is a privilege for them earned by their hard work and we are very proud of their achievements.



## CLOSING REMARKS

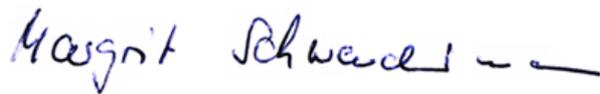
It is so rewarding to see the increasing involvement of more and more people. The extraordinary generosity of so many people including those from South Africa and Switzerland who visited the project. It seems that once they see the progress being achieved in our community, they want to be a part of it and join the ever growing friends of "Lucky Point".

Our new joint partnership with the van Kesteren Foundation and Teresa van Kesteren on the board of Lucky Point Foundation will only provide greater value and support for our project.

When young children realise there are people who care, who listen to their concerns, look after their safety and wellbeing, then you see the beauty of their smiles as a sparkle in their eyes. Their happiness takes our hearts.

Exciting times lie behind us and many challenges lie ahead. We feel privileged to walk this path together with our friends.

**With much love**



Margrit Schwendimann

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Lucky Point Charity Night

Monday, **September 19, 2016** in Zürich. Invite to follow.