



Centre for
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Development

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Putting young children first





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CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



We are a non-profit organisation, committed to putting young children first by ensuring quality early childhood development (ECD) for our country's youngest citizens.



Our mission is to increase the capacity of individuals, organisations and communities in delivering ECD programmes throughout South Africa. This is pursued through a range of programmes, projects and services.



In South Africa, many young children grow up in extreme poverty without access to quality early learning opportunities. Early and appropriate interventions for children at risk can reverse the effects of poverty and inequality and enable vulnerable young children to grow and develop to their full potential.

OUR PROGRAMMES



Integrated ECD Programme

Our approach to working with ECD centres comprises a package of services based on the ECD centres' specific needs. This package includes: ECD teacher training, ECD management and supervisor training, ECD centre governing body training, on-site support for teachers and management, assistance with registration and accessing the ECD subsidy, infrastructure upgrades, provision of education equipment and parent education programmes.



Family Outreach Programme

Our family outreach programme targets the most vulnerable families with young children who cannot attend an ECD centre and shares knowledge amongst primary caregivers about the importance of ECD. Our family outreach workers visit homes and facilitate parent education workshops, sharing knowledge with the caregivers on a range of topics. Our family outreach workers support caregivers to set up ECD playgroups.



Cape Town Museum of Childhood

The Cape Town Museum of Childhood is a flagship project of CECD, set to open in 2018. This interactive museum, the first museum of childhood in Africa, will provide a centre for the heritage, documentation, memory, oral history, research, and interpretation of childhood.



Research in the field of ECD

We are committed to contributing to the ECD sector through evidence-based research. This is achieved by conducting research specifically related to ECD in the African context, and developing and disseminating the findings.

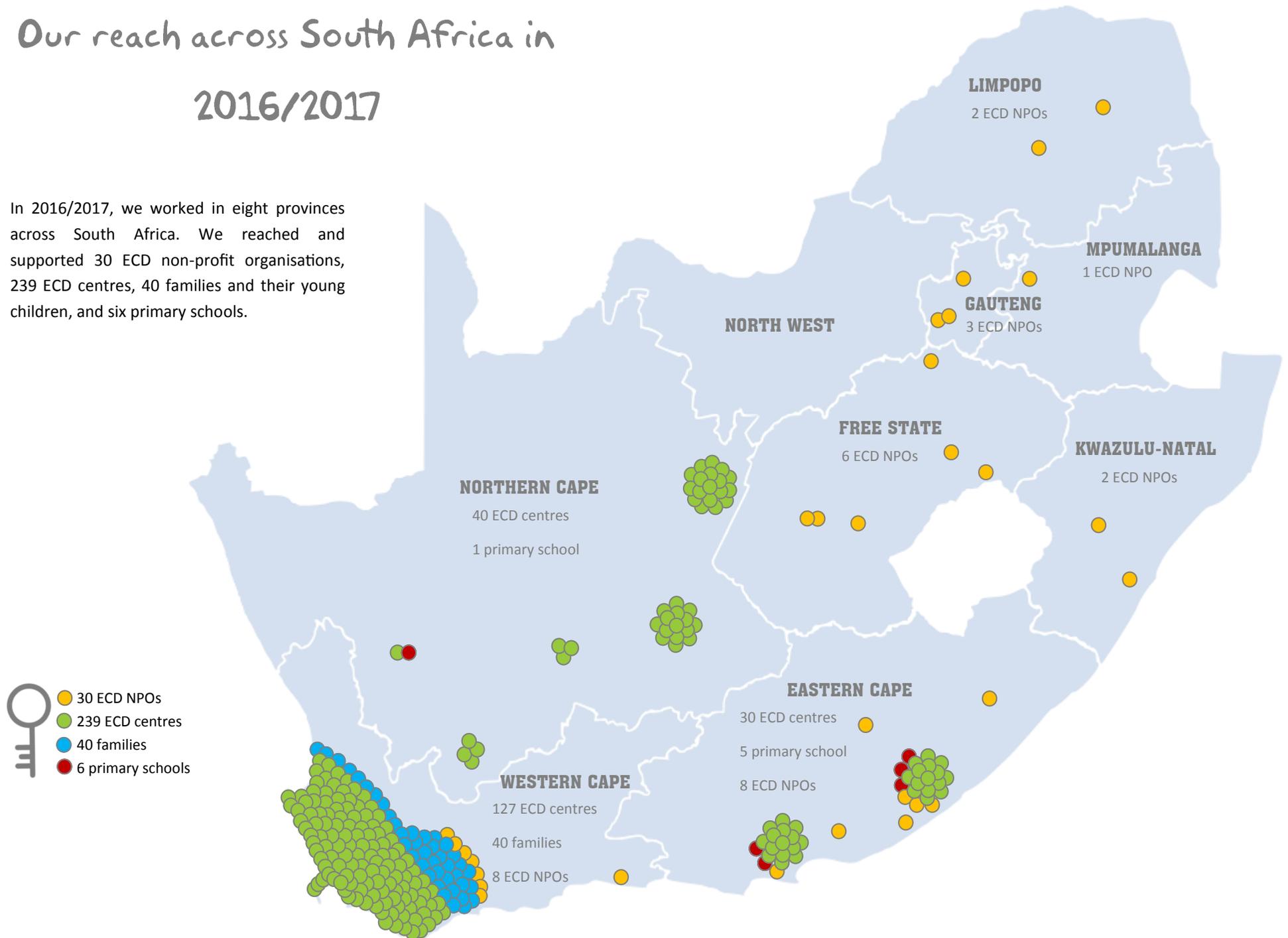


ECD Leadership and Management

Our training and mentorship programme enhances the leadership and management capabilities of ECD NPOs, centres and individuals in order to increase the quality and scope of the ECD services that they offer.

Our reach across South Africa in 2016/2017

In 2016/2017, we worked in eight provinces across South Africa. We reached and supported 30 ECD non-profit organisations, 239 ECD centres, 40 families and their young children, and six primary schools.



OVERVIEW

Globally, recognition of the importance of ECD programmes on the lives of children, especially vulnerable young children, has continued to grow. The new global understanding is that ECD is comprehensive and integrated, taking in early cognitive development, health care, nutrition, child safety, child protection and social assistance in the form of income support to poor families. However, while the South African government adopted the National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy on 9 December 2015, we are yet to see any significant government support of ECD programmes in our country. As in the past, it is still non-profit and community-based organisations that provide the overwhelming supply of ECD programmes. The major challenge in the ECD sector in the years ahead will be to turn the policy into action.

The year under review has again been an exciting one in which a range of quality ECD programmes have been provided. This is our 23rd year of ECD activism, having begun in 1994 with few resources but much imagination and vision. This past year we have again trained teachers, supported parents, built and equipped ECD centres, we have worked in literacy, numeracy and life skills and have been active in policy-making and advocacy. Our research output has increased, supporting government in implementing the new ECD policy. Commissioned by the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, our recent report called “Effective early childhood development programme options meeting the needs of young South African children” is available online and in hard copy. This year we continued to train a cohort of emerging ECD leaders from across South Africa.

The year ahead is going to be an exciting one. We have established the Cape Town Museum of Childhood to celebrate childhood. This free-to-enter museum will showcase exhibits on a range of curated focus areas. The museum outreach programme has begun and we reached in excess of 15,000 adults and children over this reporting period.

A year like this does not just happen. A mix of skilled and talented staff, high levels of energy, commitment to the cause, and supportive donors and grant-makers from around the world, make it happen. Thank you to all who contribute to putting young children first.



Eric Atmore - Director





ACTIVITIES



Integrated Early Childhood Development Programme

Our Integrated Early Childhood Development Programme approach to working with communities focuses on the growth and development of ECD centres through mentoring, coaching and providing support to governing bodies, principals and staff members to improve their services for young children. This programme offers a package of ECD support to centres based on their needs. The aim is to ensure ECD centre sustainability. This approach to working with ECD centres includes the following elements: management and supervisor training, governing body training, teacher training, on-site support for teachers and management, parent education, infrastructure upgrades, provision of education equipment, and assistance with registration and subsidisation. This programme currently supports 239 ECD centres from the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape.

Greater Kimberley Area (Northern Cape)

As part of their social responsibility, Droogfontein Solar Power (the first privately owned power generation plant approved by the Department of Energy to be established in the Northern Cape) is committed to building a better future for the children and communities in the greater Kimberley area. This project currently supports 15 ECD centres in the areas of Kimberley, Barkley West, Galeshewe, Riverton and Stilwater. As the implementing partner, we provide training and support, education equipment and infrastructure upgrades to these centres. Mickey's Kids Day Care in Riverton was provided with a new building that has two fully furnished playrooms, an ablution block, office, fully fitted kitchen and a beautiful outdoor play area. Bokamoso Day Care in Stilwater is currently being upgraded. During the coming year this project will see more centres upgraded.

Loeriesfontein (Northern Cape)

Loeriesfontein Wind Farm, together with CECD as the implementing partner, is working with Loerievinkie Creche and Loeriesfontein Primary School to build the capacity of the teachers, principals, governing body members and parents. The classrooms at Loerievinkie Creche have been renovated, and they received new education equipment and a new kitchen is in the process of being constructed.



Top left: Our development worker, Thembisa Nkohlha, conducts an assessment at Goitlamela Educare in Barkley West. *Top right:* Some of the education equipment provided to Bokamoso Educare in Stilwater. *Bottom:* Our development worker, Lutfeyah Sadan, assisted teachers at Mickey's Kids Day Care with the layout of their classrooms.

The teachers from Loerievinkie Creche and the Grade R teachers from Loeriesfontein Primary school are currently attending training and being provided with on-site support and mentoring to enhance their learning in the classroom.

De Aar (Northern Cape)

De Aar Solar Power is committed to ECD and as part of their social responsibility they are investing in the ECD centres in the De Aar area. This project supports 15 ECD centres and provides training and support, education equipment, and major and minor infrastructure upgrades to these centres. All 15 centres have received education equipment and three of the centres have had new outdoor equipment installed. As part of this project Ikahya Labantwana Educare in De Aar is in the process of being upgraded. This ECD centre caters for 120 children in the Nonzwakazi Location. Land is currently being sourced to build a new ECD centre for Kareeville Creche .

Sutherland, Carnarvon and Kimberley (Northern Cape)

HCI Foundation is working in collaboration with CECD in building the capacity of teachers, principals, governing body members and parents in the communities of Sutherland, Carnarvon and Kimberley. This project supports 10 ECD centres with teacher training, governing body training, the provision of education equipment, indoor and outdoor equipment, and building upgrades.

Port Elizabeth and East London (Eastern Cape)

With support from Standard Bank, CECD has been working with Grade R teachers in public primary schools and ECD centres in Port Elizabeth and East London to improve the quality of literacy and numeracy education through skills training, on-site support and mentoring, and providing education materials and equipment to Grade R classes. We work with 16 Grade R teachers from five schools and eight ECD centres that have a registered Grade R class. Outdoor equipment was given to two primary schools in Port Elizabeth and two in East London. We have also been supporting 15 ECD centres in Port Elizabeth and 15 ECD centres in East London. The teachers and principals from these centres have attended training and have received on-site mentoring and support.



Top: Construction of a new roof for Ikahya Labantwana Educare in De Aar. Bottom: Vanessa Bolters, our ECD Trainer, visits Dorcas ECD Centre in Port Elizabeth and provides on-site support and mentoring to the principal and teachers.



Top: Our development worker, Thembisile Xwazi-Mgushelo, recruiting an ECD centre.

Bottom: Teachers engaging in an activity during a creative arts workshop.

Cape Town (Western Cape)

CECD provides our Integrated Early Childhood Development Programme to 127 ECD centres in the Metro South and Metro East in the Western Cape. ECD centres receive a package of services covering governing body training, teacher training, provision of education equipment, on-site support for teachers and management, and assistance with registration and subsidisation. Over the year we worked with:

- Thirty ECD centres from the Cape Flats area, with the support of Oasis Asset Management. As a part of the Oasis Asset Management funded project, two infrastructure upgrades were completed, one at Siyazama Educare in Kraaifontein and one at On-Main Educare in Bonteheuwel. This project is on-going with more upgrades scheduled in the coming year.
- Ten ECD centres from Wallacedene and Kraaifontein, with the support of the Stichting Mzamomhle.
- Ten ECD centres from Nyanga, Gugulethu, Philippi, Philippi East and Old Crossroads, with the support of the Trifid Trust. At the start of 2017, a new cohort of ten ECD centres was recruited from Gugulethu, Philippi, Philippi East and Samora Machel for this project.
- Ten ECD centres from Khayelitsha, with the support of the Varda Foundation.
- Ten ECD centres from Khayelitsha and Philippi, with the support of Kerk in Actie.
- Forty ECD centres from Gugulethu, Nyanga, Philippi, Samora Machel, Philippi East and Ocean View, with the support of the Provincial Department of Social Development.
- The Swartland Municipality supported 17 ECD centres and playgroup operators in the area. These ECD centres received teacher training on wellness and nutrition, positive discipline, and music and movement.

ECD Infrastructure Upgrades and New Buildings (Western Cape)

CECD undertook a number of infrastructure upgrades during this period. These included upgrades to brick and mortar structures and the erection of movable prefab units. These upgrades were provided to ECD centres that we have a relationship with and who have been part of our Integrated Early Childhood Development Programme. Infrastructure upgrades are important as they ensure a safe and stimulating learning environment for the children and assist centres to meet the minimum norms and standards required by the various departments for registration and subsidisation.

A movable prefab classroom unit was erected at Chris Hani Educare in Langa. This was funded by the National Development Agency. CECD has also started a project to provide a new single-purpose ECD centre to Khulanathi Educare in Wallecedene so that they can move their centre out of the principal's home into their own space and accommodate three times the number of children that they currently provide for. This project is funded by Fly and Help and is being implemented in collaboration with Breadline Africa.

Lisa Educare, one of the ECD centres in Kraaifontein that has taken part in our training, was identified as needing a new building. CECD together with the Government of Monaco, Friends of CECD (Haley Foundation), Stichting Mzamomhle and Wilde Ganzen constructed the new centre which now accommodates 125 children, who were previously being cared for in an informal dwelling. The building consists of four fully furnished playrooms, toilets, a baby room, a kitchen, an office with a sick bay, a large play area and a vegetable garden.



During construction

Lisa Educare Upgrade



The new ECD centre that was built for Lisa Educare



Family Outreach Programme

Our Family Outreach Programme in Gugulethu provides a range of ECD services, focusing on families at home. This includes a home-visiting programme, where our family outreach worker works with parents and caregivers in their homes, sharing knowledge on how to stimulate children who do not attend an ECD centre and to create a network of support. For the year, we provided 40 vulnerable families with 22 home visits each and 44 young children benefited directly from the programme. Six parenting workshops were provided to the families and six playgroups sessions were provided for the children. Food parcels were provided to each family at the end of each parenting workshop.

With our support, four playgroups in Barcelona and three playgroups in Khikhi were established by members of the Gugulethu community. These playgroups were provided by 21 caregivers who have been through our Family Outreach Programme and benefits 56 children.



Our family outreach worker, Nontembiso Leve, plays with a child in Barcelona.



Cape Town Museum of Childhood

The Cape Town Museum of Childhood project is well underway, with the official opening set for early in 2018. The Museum will create a stimulating and inclusive environment in which children and adults can celebrate childhood whilst exploring South Africa's childhood heritage. The collections of the Cape Town Museum of Childhood will be a vital part of preserving this heritage of childhood in South Africa.

Prior to the opening of the Museum, we have held a number of outreach programme and events to ignite interest, excitement and curiosity about childhood. One such event was in celebration of Universal Children's Day (November 2016). In partnership with CECD, the Museum hosted a day for 250 children from four ECD centres, at a local park in Athlone. Games, creative arts activities and entertainment were provided for the children. Together with CECD, the Museum has also hosted exhibitions and events in celebration of International Children's Book Day (April 2016), Youth Day (June 2016) and World Book Day (March 2017).



In celebration of Youth Day 2016, our 'Given to Fly' pop-up exhibition was presented. The exhibition presented the outcome of different creative arts outreach projects giving children and youth from diverse communities in Cape Town the opportunity to explore their creativity. Our partner in this is Project 021 and Life Choices.

Organisational Development Programme for ECD Forums

CECD's Organisational Development Programme strengthens and improves the capacity of local ECD forums by enhancing the leadership, management and administrative skills of participants, enabling them to manage and run their ECD forums more effectively. This programme was supported by the City of Cape Town. We trained 78 ECD forum executive members from 17 ECD forums across the Cape Metropole area.

ECD Centre Audit in the Northern Cape



Children engaging in free play during one of the audit visits to an ECD centre in Kathu.

In March 2017, CECD was commissioned by REISA to conduct an audit of ECD centres in Kathu, Dibeng, Olifantshoek, Mapoteng and Siyathemba in the Northern Cape Gamagara Municipality. The purpose of the audit was to determine the provision and quality of ECD services in those areas and to make recommendations to REISA on their possible investment in ECD in the area. The audit was comprehensive and assessed various aspects of the functioning of the ECD centres such as: governance, finances and administration, infrastructure, teacher qualifications, equipment and resources, parent involvement and sustainability.

Research in the field of ECD

Effective early childhood development programme options meeting the needs of young South African children

Our major research study entitled 'Effective early childhood development programme options meeting the needs of young South African children', was supported by a partnership between the Programme to Support Pro-poor Policy Development, a research and capacity-building initiative based in the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation within The Presidency, and the European Union.

Written by Lauren van Niekerk, Michaela Ashley-Cooper and Eric Atmore, the study identified and describes effective ECD programme options that meet the needs of young South African children. It focuses on improving access to quality ECD programmes that are cost-effective options currently being provided and that can be replicated across the country.



These are best practice examples of programmes that have a significant, positive impact on young children. Each case provides a detailed description of implementation and ensures that information is available for decision-making to increase the level of service delivery by the ECD sector in South Africa. These guidelines will be the starting point for policymakers and NPOs in the effective implementation and monitoring of the new

National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy. By focusing on more efficient and effective implementation of ECD policy, a greater number of children can benefit from ECD programming thereby improving their quality of life and increasing their opportunities for healthy growth and development.

National ECD Leadership Programme



Participants who took part in the training in Pretoria with Frank Julie; one of the facilitators.

Through funding from the Oppenheimer Memorial Trust and the National Department of Social Development, CECD ran the second year of the National ECD Leadership Programme with a cohort of emerging leaders and managers across the country who work in ECD. The programme was developed to build the capacity and effectiveness of emerging ECD non-profit leaders and organisations across the country. The training covered: ECD in South Africa, Managing Organisations, Planning, Leadership, Human Resource Management and Development, Financial Management, Fundraising, and Programme Monitoring and Evaluation. The training was held in Cape Town, East London and Pretoria. Participants completed competency-based assessments on the course content and were supported throughout programme through on-site support.

An external evaluation of the programme found that the programme:

- Empowered ECD NPO staff with practical skills to enhance their capacity to deliver quality ECD programmes.
- Enhanced access to financial support and resources. The training has improved their capacity to fundraise more strategically and successfully.
- Encouraged collaboration and networking within the ECD sector as the training was a good opportunity for the participants to build relationships and to share advice and information.



EVENTS



International Children's Book Day

International Children's Book Day is a day to inspire a love of reading and to focus on children's books. In celebration of International Children's Book Day in April 2016, our Cape Town Museum of Childhood hosted a 'Find the Book' challenge to celebrate childhood and create excitement about reading for children. Fifty gift-wrapped children's books were hidden across Cape Town and clues for finding them were posted on our social media platforms. Once a book was found, the finder was asked to post a photo to our social media to win a R1000 Exclusive Books voucher, and a book hamper to be donated to a preschool of their choice.

In March 2017, CECD and the Cape Town Museum of Childhood hosted a 'Book Walk' with the children at Ma'roof Educare Centre, Bridgetown, in celebration of International Children's Book Day. The idea of the 'Book Walk' was to take a group of children on an exciting journey through a book – called *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. Twelve reading stations were set up; one for each page of the book. At each station, learners were able to collect an item from the story being told. By the end of the book walk, each child had created their own version of the story. The aim was to encourage children to read the story from their take-home activity to their friends and family, and to ignite a love of books and reading.



Universal Children's Day

CECD and our Cape Town Museum of Childhood project celebrated Universal Children's Day in November by hosting a party for 250 children at Nantes Park, Bridgetown. The invited children were from neighbouring ECD centres – Babs Daycare, Bridges Educare, and Silvertown Educare – centres that CECD has worked closely with for a number of years. The celebration was a fun day filled with many activities for the children, including face painting, arts and crafts, a fire engine demonstration and an exciting magic show offered by the College of Magic.



International Children's Day

Together with Oasis Asset Management, we celebrated International Children's Day on 1 June 2016. The day was celebrated with 100 children from Peninsula Educare, New Beginnings Educare, Ma'Roof Educare, Ikamva Lethu Educare and Bright Future ECD. At this event, Oasis Asset Management affirmed their support of ECD. The Minister of Basic Education, Ms Angie Motshekga, was there on the day to celebrate International Children's Day with us. She made a keynote address on the importance of ECD in South Africa.



Ms Angie Motshekga giving her keynote address on the importance of ECD.

Game Education Equipment Provision

Annually, Game provides 20 ECD centres in the Western Cape with new educational toolkits. The ECD centres that received the toolkits were from Saldanha Bay, Franschoek, Philippi, Nyanga, Kraaifontein, New Crossroads and Gugulethu. In November 2016, CECD hosted a hand over event with Game at Little Angels Educare in Kraaifontein.



Twilight Team Run



CECD staff took part in Community Chest's Twilight Team Run in December 2016.



FUNDING & RESOURCES

The Centre for Early Childhood Development expresses our appreciation and gratitude for the support from our donors. Thank you for your continued assistance. Through your contribution we have been able to put young children first.

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