



# MICHAELHOUSE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

QUARTERLY REPORT  
*April – June 2020*

# WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR?



## OUR RESPONSE TO COVID 19

It has been a challenging period for all of us, life as we knew it has somewhat changed. While many of our projects are on hold, it is all the more reason to get our creative ideas going to adapt and restructure some of our projects. The CPT team continued to work remotely during lockdown, and fundraising efforts moved to supporting Nottingham Road Landowners Relief Fund.

### Nottingham Road Landowners Relief Fund

Like many other non-profit organisations, we adapted our impact and supported the Nottingham Road Landowners Relief Fund who are currently feeding 1 500 people every second week, therefore about 3 000 a month. Food Relief has been taking place where families are in need and earning less than R1 800 a month. The list of beneficiaries continues to be adjusted with some no longer needing Food Relief whilst others are added to the list as lockdown levels change. Nkosi has been

helping with the delivery of food as well as the collection of donated goods.

Michaelhouse parents and Old Boys have donated more than R 160 000 as of 6 July 2020. Old Boys Mphathisi Filtane and Patrick Schofield from class of 1989 encouraged their year to make a contribution. Donations have come in from as far afield as the UK, USA and Canada. Going forward, the 1989 leaver group are planning to pass the baton to other leaver year groups. For more information look at the campaign on <https://bit.ly/2W9wJH2>.

During lockdown we were able to reach learners through Facebook by sharing educational resources. Once Schools were preparing to return to the classroom CPT made and distributed colourful and informative COVID 19 posters for the schools.



## TOOLKIT THURSDAY

Multiple challenges faced school principals with the return to school after lockdown, who had to deal with difficulty in ensuring staff and learner safety both at school and on their way to school. To support schools in this process, CPT partnered with Partners

for Possibility (PfP) to provide a series of weekly upskilling zoom workshops called Toolkit Thursdays. The agenda of the workshops was tailored based on conversations with principals to: acknowledge the high levels of anxiety in the education system;

discuss how they can practically accommodate the returning Grade 7 and 12 learners, where they are in terms of curriculum coverage, revision, how to deal with masks in classrooms from a health worker's perspective and legal processes to apply for concessions for teachers with comorbidities. External speakers

who are experts in those questions were invited to contribute and respond to the audience's questions. The sessions are also recorded and recordings made available to those who were unable to attend. The sessions were opened to other interested parties including Department of Basic Education Circuit Managers.

# Toolkit Thursday

How best to support our principals during the Comorbidities concession process?

THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020 | 11:00-12:45

Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/2TY5Tk9>

Meeting ID: 923 343 1625 | Password: 710104



## Programme:

- 10:00 – 10:20** Welcome by **Karen McKenzie** (Partners for Possibility Leadership Process facilitator - KZN Midlands) and **Amy Webster** (Michaelhouse Community Partnerships Manager)
- 10:20 – 10:50** **Meeting each other where we are...dealing with anxiety**  
**Akhona Ngcobo** (Life coach and PFP LPF - Durban)
- 10:50 – 11:05** **Leading the way in our personal protection during Covid 19 teaching.**  
**Nkosi Mahlaba** (Michaelhouse Community Partnerships - Care giver)
- 11:05 – 11:35** **Welcoming our Grade 7 learners back to English.**  
*Where do we meet them content wise?*  
**Nkhaka Zuma** (Lions River Primary - Educator)
- 11:35 – 12:05** **Welcoming our Grade 12 learners back to Maths.**  
*Where do we meet them content wise?*  
**Paul de wet** (Michaelhouse - Director of Mathematics)
- 12:05 – 12:15** Questions and Answers
- 12:15 – 12:30** Final round – takeaway learnings today



Karen McKenzie



Akhona Ngcobo



Nkhaka Zuma

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## TRAINING

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### Andiswa institute of Mathematics excellence



The Andiwsa institute of Mathematics excellence run by Paul de Wet, continued with Maths lessons throughout the lockdown. This was a time of great learning for our Maths team as we significantly grew our skill set in content and resource creation in the form of NoteSheets, videos and online assessments. It is our intention that our partner schools will continue to benefit from our learnings and our resources. During the time that the Department of Basic Education schools were closed Paul continued to support Eduhelper Sanele Zuma, both personally and professionally. Sanele worked through much of the content Paul created for the Grade 12 learners by watching the videos while completing the Notesheets in the same way that the Michaelhouse boys did. Through this process he grew both his

mathematical knowledge and his teaching skills. “It has been gratifying to witness his enthusiasm and development.” stated de Wet. Since the Grade 12 learners returned Paul has attended and taught lessons at Shea O’Connor and at Asithuthuke. Paul has also provided resources (hard copy workbooks on Calculus and videos on memory sticks) to both schools and also to Jabula in Lidgetton. He has subsequently also managed to provide some Grade 11 resources and support as they have returned.

**“ I am humbled by the excellence work the teachers do under difficult circumstances and I am inspired by the appetite and diligence displayed by the learners, especially at Shea O’Connor. I recently set a Calculus Test for these Grade 12s and will go over it with them this week. I believe that the longer term solutions lie in increasing our footprint by means of online resources and I am busy trying to better understand the requirements for achieving this.”**

**- Paul de Wet**



## Partners for Possibility (PfP)

Partners for Possibility is a creative solution to South Africa's education crisis - it is a co-action, co-learning partnership between School Principals and Business Leaders, enabling social cohesion through partnerships, and empowering Principals to become change leaders in their schools and communities. The Partners for Possibility Programme facilitates cross-sectoral reciprocal partnerships between Business, Government and the Social Sector. Following a successful celebration event for Midlands1 last quarter, Midlands2 was launched online. A Midlands1 full report is available on request

### The Midlands2 team was made of:

SCHOOL NAME	BUSINESS PARTNER	PRINCIPAL
Doornkloof	Louise Jones	Alex Madlala
Curry's Post	Paul Fleischack	Sibusiso (Patrick) Ndlovu
Silindele	Nicky Worrall	Futhi Khuzwayo
Corry Lynn	Lynne Garbutt	ThenjiweNgcobo
Sibonokuhle	Mike Wolhuter	Sandile Mhlanga
Middlefield	Paula Hulley	Zodwa (Sylvia)Ndlovu
Dabulamanzi	Wendy Lolli	Msizeni Ngubane
Amahlubi secondary	Debbie Roos	Petros Sakhive Dlamini

The Midlands2 Principals are funded by Foundation Federated Employers' Mutual Education Foundation and business leaders are funded by the Development Bank of Southern Africa, CPT will play more of a supportive role with Midlands2. The Midlands2 circle first training session called "Time to Think" was facilitated by Rosie Chirongoma on Zoom. The principals who were struggling with connectivity joined in from the Michaelhouse Board room via Zoom, thus ensuring the best possible outcome for the training. In the next quarter Flawless consulting training will take place, starting on Tuesday the 28th of July.

## IT Training

Unfortunately, the March holiday training was postponed due to the COVID restrictions. The Digital Citizen Plus training for 50 Grade 11 and 12 Learners will be on hold until such a time as it can be done.

As we plan for the 2021 projects, monitoring of IT teachers at each school. Provide ongoing training and support to the facilitators of those computer centres, assisting with an individual IT vision within their schools and effective implementation of IT usage. Michaelhouse A Block boy Nathan Bau is collecting pre loved laptops to support digital access.



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# EDUCATION

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## Eduhelpers

Eduhelpers aim to support selected partner schools with a qualified or qualifying educator whose role is to teach, coach sports or provide any other support required by the school's management. This could even include work such as admin, computer and library services or extra-curricular activities.

For the first three months of 2020 9 Eduhelpers have been active in 5 schools. Each Eduhelper fulfils a different role at their school, depending on the need. For example, Bruntville Primary School has an Eduhelper in the computer lab while the Asithuthuke Eduhelper teaches mathematics. CPT works with the principals to ensure that the Eduhelpers are fulfilling the needs that the school has identified.



## SANELE



<b>Full Name:</b>	Ncebo Sanele Zuma
<b>Qualification:</b>	Bachelor of Education: Mathematics & Accounting
<b>Fun fact about yourself:</b>	I can't live without reading
<b>Best advice ever received:</b>	Repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
<b>School:</b>	Asithuthuke Combined School
<b>Department / Subject:</b>	Mathematics
<b>Best part of being an Eduhelper:</b>	Spending all my time preparing the future generations for success

### MICHAELHOUSE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: EDUHELPER OF THE WEEK

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## E-Learning

The aim of e-learning is to improve learners computer skills while learning content. Shea O'Connor has the Ligbron e-Learning System, however during lockdown they moved their classes online classes using YOUTUBE video and several TV

channels to share their content. Ligbron has created booklets for their learners to use while schools are not fully open.

CAMI is used at four schools, training and ongoing support is required to make full use of the software. It has definitely been better used in some schools than others.



## The Reading Crew

Due to Covid-19, the reading crew have not been able to function in any of our schools since mid-March. Nonetheless, WhatsApp groups were launched and audiobooks were shared in those groups to allow children access to virtual story time. With School phasing back to normal, we will be looking at alternative ways to reach the learners. I am very aware that any additional programmes going into the schools at the moment would add additional stress to the teachers and in catching up the curriculum. Realistically I think we will only get back to reading in 2021 as the majority of our readers are older and I would not want to take any risks. I have managed to get a few videos from



some of our readers to put into a small clip that we can send to the schools so the children are aware that we are thinking of them and will be back when we can.

## Reading to learn

Before school were closed due to COVID, Reading to Learn team did a few demonstration lessons in select classrooms with the intention to carry out the training later in the year. However, the reading to learn training has been postponed until such a time that it is possible. Thank you to Debby Avery, Mike Hart and Lucky Lushaba's for the demonstration and Kate Baynes for co coordinating.



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## HEALTH

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### St Raphael's

In view of the current worldwide pandemic of COVID 19 and the stages of lockdown the country has been in over this time the St Raphael's work has looked a little different over this quarter. During level 5 lockdown it was decided that the St Raphael's staff would also adhere to the regulations set out by the president and stay at home. However, as the lock down has eased over time, we have begun to collaborate with other organizations such as 'Action in Isolation', the Nottingham Road relief fund, the Department of Health and the Ward Counsellors in the areas that we serve to provide some much needed relief to these communities.

These relief efforts included the distribution of food parcels and hot meals to the Dargle, Fort Nottingham, Bellwood, The Bend, Boshhoek, Honeydew, Hlanganani, Lidgetton, Lion's river and Rosetta areas. Given our mandate to improve the health of the community we serve we used these distribution events to educate the community about the importance of hand washing and the correct method of mask wearing and mask care.

The care givers always have their eyes open at these events to notice any health problems that may be present in the community.

An outbreak of scabies in one family was noted and treated, a child with a hot water burn was identified and the wound was dressed until it was healed and a patient with chronic osteitis (bone infection) who had been lost to follow up at Greys hospital was helped to get back into the government system of care.

The care givers also assisted the Department of Health to locate people within the community who were lost to follow up at the clinic. Many patients during the period of strict lockdown did not attend their clinic dates or collect medication as they were unsure of the procedure. The care givers provided a link back to care for these patients. We have collected medication for 39 clients who are unable to collect themselves to facilitate this process and prevent any unnecessary loss to follow up. We have also transported 6 patients to the clinic to be seen by the nursing staff or the doctor. Before any transport is provided the appropriate COVID 19 screening and sanitation is done.

We have held 2 pensioner's clinics in June. One in Zenzani Village and the other in Lidgetton. These were very well received. The communities had missed us! We are beginning to do home visits again with 36 homes being visited and basic health screening done.

The St Raphael's staff are also running a soup kitchen on a Sunday from the St Raphael's building in Zenzani Village. There were 3 soup kitchen days in June with 42 -75 children present on each occasion.

Our future plans include school visits to educate the staff and the children on hygiene, hand washing and mask wearing.



*Pensioners in Zenzani Village social distancing while waiting for their turn to be seen.*



*Pensioners in Lidgetton enjoying some tea while social distancing in the open air after the clinic.*



*Nokuthula demonstrating to a group of children how to effectively wash your hands.*



*Veronica demonstrating how to correctly put on and take off a cloth mask.*

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## EXTRA ACTIVITIES

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### Asithuthuke Combined School

#### Youth@Work

Through the Youth@Work programme, CPT was able to facilitate the employment of 7 young professionals. The interns work at Lions River Primary, Crystal Springs, Jabula Combined School and Midlands Community College. The Youth@work team with the support of used wood donated by Tekwini Board & Hardware to replace 100 desks to ensure social distancing when the learners returned to school.



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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

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**MAKE EVERY DAY A MANDELA DAY**

Partner with Michaelhouse Community Partnerships to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**#ACTION AGAINST POVERTY**

**DONATE SEEDS AND GARDENING TOOLS FOR OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS VEGETABLE GARDENS**

1. Sign up for a free MySchool card <https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register>
2. Donate via EFT or Zapper
3. Partner with us on a project



## BANKING DETAILS:

Standard Bank  
Branch: Pietermaritzburg  
Branch no: 05 75 25  
Account no: 05 22 86 525



# ARE YOU WANTING TO INVEST YOUR 2021 CSI BUDGET IN EDUCATION?

## Why not consider our non-profit Community Partnerships Projects?

Help create a brighter future for the kids in the non-fee paying schools we work with in the Midlands.  
Help develop teachers and learners in the our partnership schools.



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