



# Serve Stellenbosch

**Bi-annual  
feedback report**

**January - June 2019**

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you? To  
act justly and to love mercy and to walk  
humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8*

# Report summary

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[www.servestellenbosch.co.za](http://www.servestellenbosch.co.za)

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## Introduction

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We hope that this report will inspire you to get involved with Serve Stellenbosch and her partner organisations as you learn more about them and see how we have been partnering with them in the past quarter.

## Calling Academy

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Calling Academy (CA), is a low fee independent high school for boys in Stellenbosch that provides a holistic high quality education aimed at low income learners. They currently have two grades (8 and 9) and plan to add a grade each year until they are a full high school from grade 8-12.

### Volunteers at Calling Academy

- Bates Alheit has continued to be involved with the connect groups and has experienced real growth and impact in his relationships with the boys.
- Sue Farrel continues to assist with tax certificates for the learner partnerships for the school as well as having started counselling sessions at the school, giving 6 hours a week towards this specific area of need.
- A Serve Saturday took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February at the school which involved a group of about 50 One Hoppers. The morning focused on the cleaning of classrooms, logging some library books, clearing previously cut down shrubbery and creating of seating areas for the boys of the school to utilise.
- Office furniture has been donated by Leone Dicks for the use and benefit of the CA staff.
- One Hope Church office hosted 7 CA school boys for a morning to expose and educate them on working in a church as a career.
- A prayer strategy has been established in April where a list of the requests gets compiled every 2 weeks by a staff member of the school. This list then gets circulated to individuals and life groups that are partnering with the school as prayer partners. Currently, we have four couples who are actively praying for CA.
- A Serve Saturday took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May at the school which involved a group of about 40 One Hoppers and some of the children and parents who attend

the school. The morning focused on the cleaning of classrooms, assisting Sue Farrel with set up of a counselling area, breaking down of a pavilion and clearing of rubble and rubbish in various areas.



*Sumari sorting books to log and Sarah cleaning a classroom during the first Serve Saturday at CA*



*The group of all the volunteers of the second Serve Saturday at CA.*

## Get involved with Calling Academy

- Become a connect group leader
- Teach extra lessons to learners or assist teachers
- Help organise school functions (approx 4 per year)
- Help organise CA branded clothing (quotes, production and delivery)
- Maintenance and gardening work on the school facilities
- Photography (of learners for database)
- Become a prayer partner of the school
- Professional services (counselling; administration support; marketing)

# Child Welfare Stellenbosch

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Child Welfare (CW) Stellenbosch has been around for more than 100 years. They have been delivering social work services, outreach projects, early intervention and prevention of child abuse as well as statutory work in the field of child protection, child and family care and development all that time.

## Volunteers at Child Welfare

- A One Hope member made has made several contributions to CW since the beginning of the year.
- A holiday programme for about 60 children who live and go to school in Cloetesville took place in the first week of the June school holidays.
  - It was a collaborative programme where we worked with other NGO's who work with the children from that area during the school term. The organisations were Khula Development Group, Stelumthombu and Youth Outreach.
  - The programme was gospel centred and was facilitated by a core team of seven people, of which six are One Hope congregants namely Bates Alheit, Elizabeth Martins, Grace Bridgemen, Helen Bloem, Katelyn Farrel and Robyn Phillips and Hannah Groenewald, who is a part of Every Nation Church.
  - There were several day volunteers who assisted throughout the week and those from the One Hope were, Esther De Wet, Luke Nicholls, Mila Goussard, Mathew Nicholls, Rechelle with her children Olivia and Remi Vermaak and Samuel De Wet.
  - Sarah Lloyd assisted the team by planning and buying food for the week that the team were serving. Michelle Hales, Marli Goussard and Janine Davies assisted the team by making and delivering a meal for the team within the week.
  - Sue Farrell and Alison Brand contributed to the snacks for the children by baking muffins for several of the days of the programme.
  - Several of the congregants contributed to the materials for the week, namely Cora Pellegrini, Debbie Vierhaus, the De Wet family, Jan Human, Leone Dicks, Sune Schoonwinkel and Stephanie Phelps.

## Get involved with Child Welfare

- Volunteer on the local mission holiday club programme

- ❑ Foster parents
- ❑ Professional services (OT, teachers, Graphic design etc.)
- ❑ Maintenance and construction at crèches and head office
- ❑ Mentor and tutor boys and girls
- ❑ Job creation projects (sewing etc.)
- ❑ Transport



## Khula Development Group

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Khula Development Group identifies and supports vulnerable primary school children, at risk of dropping out of school, to be re-integrated into the school system sustainably. They address barriers to school attendance through home visits, primary caregiver support and in-school support programs that provide psycho-social, emotional, spiritual and academic assistance.

### Volunteers at Khula

- Lasche van Heerden and Robyn Phillips continue their work in the Khula development in-school support program in Cloetesville and Rietenbosch primary schools in Cloetesville.
- Helena Reid, who is a trained trauma counsellor, is continuing with a group of kids at Klapmuts primary and is providing emotional support and teaching life skills through art therapy techniques.
- Stephanie Phelps has been a great administrative help with Khula.
- Charl du Preez, Corli Krohn, Helen Bloem, Reinhardt du Plesis, Robyn Phillips and Otilia Mushapayidzi are committed prayer partners of the organisation, it's staff and the children in Khula's focus.



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*A product of Helena’s art therapy group session with the kids*



*The end product of in school support and exercises that aim to develop gross motor development.*

### **Get involved with Khula**

- In-school support for learners (Grade R-4)
- Primary caregivers support group
- Skills school (sewing, counselling etc.)
- Administration at head office
- Join the Khula prayer team

## **Kin Culture**

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Kin Culture places orphans and vulnerable children in homes with a family to love and nurture them. Their dream is to establish a self-sustaining community that will be a model of excellence and community life.

## Volunteers at Kin Culture

- Dianne Goodall continues to do a wonderful job of assisting with many general administration tasks including managing an email account and stock taking.
- Bernard van der Merwe contributed to the need of helping a foster family with food.
- Paul and Kate Hoatson contributed 2 large bags of baby clothes and toys to Kin Culture which is used to help support foster families and their foster children.
- Devon Rolfe, Thomas Craddock and Robyn Phillips attended a family feast hosted by Kin Culture to assist with childcare of the families within the Kin Culture network.
- Michelle Hayles has assisted in washing and sorting of donations at the Kin Culture family farm house which is assisting in the clothes being ready to distribute to foster families on a weekly basis.
- Erin Cloete, Jana Marie Cloete, Stephanie Phelps and Robyn Phillips assisted in set up and packing of goodie bags prior to the Foster Conference which took place in April
- Devon Rolfe, Diane Goodall and Robyn Phillips assisted on the day of the Foster conference in catering and registration capacities.
- Katelyn Farrell, Johan Schoonwinkel and Robyn Phillips were at the family day where they assisted with set- up, Johan prayed for some of the foster parents and Robyn and Katelyn assisted with childcare.



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## Get involved with Kin Culture

- Foster or safety parents
- Organize the Kin storeroom (clothes, donations etc.)
- Therapeutic services for foster and safety families (psychologist etc.)
- Do a MySchool® card drive for Kin
- Maintenance and construction work at the Kin Culture farm
- Join the Kin Culture prayer team



# Youth Outreach

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Youth Outreach (YO) are a child and youth care centre that runs two main programmes. They have a temporary place of safety for up to 20 children and a drop-in-centre, for up to 40 children, focused on prevention and early intervention for at risk children in the community.

## Volunteers at Youth Outreach

- A washing machine was generously donated by Ettiene and Alida Gersner and has been delivered and installed for use for their facility.
- Jana Cloete and Robyn Phillips partook in homework assisting sessions once a week prior to the June school holidays.
- The One Hope young adults team initiated a project to revamp the garage of the YO house. The garage is utilised as the drop in centre facility where school children from surrounding schools are daily given a meal and provided with homework support.
  - The project was completed over the span of a week in May.
  - Various One Hoppers donated towards getting in professional assistance to do the stripping and preparing of the walls. The donations were also used to buy paint of the specific YO colours.
  - A team of about 20 congregants took part in at least one session through the week painting the room and benches.



## Get involved with Youth Outreach

- Recreational activities for the safety home children (Saturdays and holidays)
- Academic support at the drop-in-centre and in the safety home during the week.
- Become a prayer partner for YO
- Maintenance, gardening and cleaning of the YO house.
- Initiate any recreational activity or outing for the children.

## Serve Stellenbosch Stats

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- 83 volunteers got actively involved with our partners, either once-off or in an on-going capacity during this quarter.
- At least 14 people are on prayer teams for our partners.
- We donated a total of R105 355.00 to some of our partners this semester.

## Conclusion

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This half year we have seen more One Hope congregants getting actively involved with Serve Stellenbosch, especially on our Serve Saturdays. We have once again received wonderfully positive feedback from our partners about our involvement with them. We believe that Serve Stellenbosch has incredible potential, of which some is already showing, to truly make a positive gospel-centered change in the lives of many of the poor and marginalised in our town.