

Dear Valued Supporter

KwaZulu-Natal has weathered many stressful and significant disruptions in the past two years. How we respond to these changes will ultimately determine our very survival and the legacy we leave for generations to follow.

We have spent much time mitigating disaster and ensuring grant continuity for our 98 Community Impact Partners. Working with vulnerable people requires human intervention if meaningful and lasting change is to be achieved. For 2022/23 we have pledged R 14.1 million to support our Community Impact partners and we are very grateful to our donors who have stepped forward and contributed funding for service implementation.

During the first 4 months of the current financial year we have gratefully received and paid to our beneficiaries almost R4 million. Those funds have already been put to use to assist those most in need.

In addition, we have pivoted to focusing on hunger relief for the poor in disaster struck communities. We are fortunate to have had the support of corporates, individuals and charitable trusts that targeted their funding to such efforts, including providing winter warmth.

My thanks goes to our loyal supporters for their continued support, while I acknowledge that to meet our total commitments this year, we will need to continue to work hard and raise additional funds.

Yours in caring,



Gordon McDonald
Executive Director

'Days of Caring' in association with Dulux Specialist Paint Centre

Varsity College, Westville Campus did a fantastic job of upgrading Sizamakonke Creche and Pre-School near Verulam while Compass Cares, the CSI division of Compass Medical Waste Services, upgraded Khulani Creche in Peacevale.

Our third 'Day of Caring' for 2022 took place at St Vincent Children's Home in Mariannhill and a big thank you to the KZN Regional Works Unit, a division of SANDF, for choosing Community Chest's 'Day of Caring' to spend their Mandela Day 67 minutes.

Our last 'Day of Caring' takes place at Sonke Care Centre on 15 September and our loyal team from SPAR will be implementing this upgrade.



Funding from the Comrades Superheroes Campaign goes to vulnerable children

Together the Community Chests of Durban and Pietermaritzburg, annually support 173 non-profit organisations with funding and donations-in-kind to the value of R22 million in the human welfare sector.

For the Comrades Marathon Campaign, the Community Chests are once again focusing on Early Childhood Development and the funds raised by our runners will support 6 000 children that we assist on a daily basis, through 33 NPO Impact Partners.

The first one thousand days in a child's life hold the key to unlocking his/her life-long potential. By the age of 5, almost 90% of a child's brain will be developed.

These are the formative years and factors such as the below will influence, to a large extent, his/her future as an adult:

- adequate healthcare,
- good nutrition,
- good quality childcare and nurturing,
- a clean and safe environment,
- early learning and stimulation.

Children whose earliest years are marred by hunger or disease or who are not stimulated by appropriate interaction with adults and their environment, pay for these early deficits throughout their lives - and so does society.



About 25% - or one out of four - five-year-olds in South Africa battle with basic, age-appropriate tasks such as holding a crayon, following simple instructions and interacting appropriately with other children.

We would like to thank the Superhero runners as well as our watering table volunteers who fly the Community Chest flag high and look after the running community while they are pounding the pavements. Visit our website page dedicated to the Superhero runners...

<https://www.communitychest.co.za/comrades-campaign>



Capacity Building Training

86 staff and/or volunteers from our NPO Impact Partners received training in the following areas. This training was funded by the National Lottery.

29 March – Financial Management

29 March – Industrial Relations

30 March – Financial Management

1 April – Industrial Relations

5 April – Governance / Board of Management

25 May – How to complete Monthly Income and Expenditure Reports



NCT Forestry donates R250 000 to support 15 NPO Impact Partners with specific requirements

NCT Forestry's support of Community Chest Durban dates back to 2013 and their generosity has increased in size and frequency as the needs of our province rise. At the beginning of the year, they donated R50 000 worth of garden equipment and seeds to five NPO Impact Partners and more recently they organised jungle gyms, also valued at R50 000, to five Early Childhood Development centres in Community Chest's care: Ihlombe Early Childhood Development Centre, Genesis Pre-school, Sizamakone Creche, iThembalihle and Khulakahle Creche and Pre-school.

The children in the care of these five NPO Impact Partners are enjoying the new apparatus and developing their gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination at the same time. NCT Forestry's giving did not stop there. In May, they came forward to help KZN communities fight hunger and keep the cold out following the floods.

They donated R150 000 worth of food parcels and blankets to five more Community Chest NPO Impact Partners who selected members of their community who were in the greatest need, to distribute the donations.

Based in Waterloo near Veralum, Izethembiso Soup Kitchen were one of the beneficiaries to receive R30 000 worth of essential food items and blankets for distribution to the vulnerable.



Mshukangubo Association for the Aged cares for 333 elderly people in Maphumulo, near Stanger and were very grateful for the support at a time when the people they serve were in desperate need.

The third recipient, Phoenix Child Welfare Society, has an incredible 20 100 children and their families in their care. Their overall goal is to develop resources in the community for the enhancement and well-being of children and their families.

Tonga Child Welfare Society was also a recipient, and they do an amazing job of providing counselling for: children who are abused or neglected, foster parents, those wanting to adopt, marital discord and family conflict, custody investigations as well applications for birth and death registration.

The last recipient, Vulamehlo Health Resource Centre, offers care and support for orphans and vulnerable children in the Ilembe District of KwaDukuza.

All five NPO Impact Partners work tirelessly to support the vulnerable in their community. When an unexpected tragedy happens, like the KZN Floods, it is difficult to provide emergency support without the help of generous corporate donors such as NCT Forestry.



Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust gives R300 000 towards Flood Relief

In July, Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust, administered by The Nedgroup Trust, donated R300 000 to Community Chest Durban to be used for flood relief. The generous donation will provide food parcels and blankets to a number of our NPO Impact Partners in communities affected by the devastating KZN floods. Masisizane Service Centre in Inanda and Amazimtotti Trauma Unit are two of the nine beneficiaries to receive much-needed help.

Masisizane Service Centre, situated in Ward 44 in Inanda has over the past 13 years provided vital services to marginalised and impoverished communities in Inanda, Mzinyane, Amaoti, Emachobeni and Ntuzuma. On 14 July, the team from Community Chest Durban handed over 100 food parcels to the community which was received with joy and relief as many didn't know where their next meal was coming from.

On 21 July, 50 food parcels and 32 blankets were delivered to Amazimtotti Trauma Unit t/a Turning Point, a non-profit organisation whose vision is to see a community with less crime and abuse. Their overarching aim is to provide care and support to victims of trauma and abuse and to facilitate restoration by empowering individuals, families and the community.

Community Chest Durban will distribute the remainder of the donation to: Alzheimer's KZN, Velanjabulo in Umlazi, Umzinto Association for the Aged, Kingsburgh Child Welfare, Ubuntu Music in Newlands East, Ziphozonke in Umzinyathi (Indwedwe) and iThembalihle in Sankontshe.

Community Chest Durban would like to thank Joan St Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust for their donation and for their understanding that the plight of flood victims is not over.



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