



**Community
Chest** Durban

Annual Report



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Vision

To be the leading agent of change, hope and care by empowering people and organisations to enhance the quality of life of those in need.

Mission

To empower both internal and external stakeholders by providing resources, training and support.

To employ effective and efficient governance systems to add value in all our activities.

To develop sustainable partnerships with all our stakeholders based on trust, transparency and accountability.

To expand our operations by developing the business to provide more and better value adding services.



Chairperson's Report

We must remember that the decisions we make today will determine our future outcomes. It is thus with clear intent that Community Chest Durban works to combat poverty, making real impact through the astute application of donor funding, supported with capacity building training aimed at enhancing organisational efficiency and governance.

As Chairperson of the Board, I am honoured to reflect on a year that tested our resilience, reaffirmed our purpose and strengthened our resolve to serve the communities of Durban with compassion and integrity. The year has been one of remarkable impact, made possible through the unwavering support of our partners, donors, volunteers, and staff.

The past year unfolded against a backdrop of deepening social and economic hardship. Rising unemployment, food insecurity, high inflation and climate-related disruptions continued to strain vulnerable households and non-profit organisations alike.

Approximately 55.5% of our population (30.3 million people) are living in poverty at the national upper poverty line (living on less than R1 634 per month). A significant portion of this population, 13.8 million people, also experience food poverty. The need for ongoing support is obvious.

At Community Chest Durban, we felt the weight of responsibility to respond with a sense of urgency, adequate grant funding and care where it's most needed. We remained steadfast in our mission: to mobilise resources, build partnerships, and uplift lives. It is precisely in these trying times that the spirit of our donors shines brightest, and for this we are most grateful.

I recently discovered the following facts about the Non-Profit Sector:

- According to the DTI, the social Sector contributes 4.5% to our Gross Domestic Product.
- According to STATS S.A., in the second quarter of 2024 the Social Sector employed 3.83 million people making it the largest employer in the country.
- According to DSD the number of registered Non-Profit Organisations increased to 280 329 (One NPO per 228 people in South Africa).
- The loss of USAID and PEPFAR funding has negatively impacted many organisations working largely in the HIV/AIDS and GBV sectors.

- The decrease in funding to the social sector is resulting in retrenchments causing long term setbacks to NPO growth and sustainability which will impact services to the vulnerable.

Against the background of decreasing funding to the NPO sector, 111 Community Impact Partners will receive R20 million in grant funding for the 2025/2026 financial year (an 11.1% increase over 2024/25). Our Monitoring and Evaluation procedures are rigorous but critical to ensure compliance and service delivery. We select our Community Impact Partners with care to ensure that they are best placed to assist those most in need.

Our impact this year, through collaborative efforts, entailed the following:

- Supported 113 Community Impact Partners with grant funding of R19.1 million.
- Just over 60% of our funding goes towards work with vulnerable children.
- Provided 29 early childhood development centres with resources, training and nutrition support, laying stronger foundations for lifelong learning.
- Taking care of the indigent elderly and ensuring their dignity is another focus area and with this in mind, 11 organisations received support.
- Our huge numbers of unemployed youth are a real concern and 10 Youth and STEM organisations have been funded.
- KZN remains the epicentre of the ongoing HIV/AIDS pandemic and 16 organisations working in the Chronic Illnesses sector have been supported.

Our work this year reinforced a truth we hold dear: we are stronger together. We deepened our engagement with corporate partners, donors and impact partners. We offer a credible mechanism for donors to contribute to. Transparency, accountability and integrity remain at the core of our operations. The Board and staff have worked to strengthen our due diligence and governance practices, ensuring that every rand entrusted to us is used effectively and ethically.

In 2026, we will build on the momentum of this year's achievements. Our priorities will include:

- Expanding our youth empowerment programmes.
- Strengthening partnerships with donors and supporters.
- Leveraging technology to improve our reporting and community engagement.
- Refining our Monitoring and Evaluation processes to assist our Community Impact Partners operate better with good governance.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our Board Members, the Executive Director, his Deputy Director, our staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly - often beyond the call of duty. I extend heartfelt thanks to our donors, funders and community partners for their trust and belief in our mission.

Finally, to all our supporters, you are the heart of our work. Your commitment to empowerment inspires us every day, and it is our privilege to stand alongside you.

As we look to the future, we do so with humility and hope. The challenges are great, but so too is our collective capacity to overcome them. Community Chest Durban remains committed to being a catalyst for transformation - where every action is rooted in empathy,

every programme is driven by evidence and every partnership is built on trust.

Together, we can build a Durban where opportunity is not a privilege, but a right. Where communities are not just recipients of aid, but architects of their own futures.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.



Dr Velo Govender
Chairperson

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The Management Team

Board Members 2024/2025

Patron: Cllr. Cyril Xaba - Mayor, eThekweni Municipality

President: Vacant

Chairperson: Dr Velo Govender - Social Worker in Private Practice

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Trishal Sharma - Director, TS Law Inc

Treasurer: Ms Lingiwe Nyamande - Accountant SAIBA



Board of Management Members

Mr John Johnston-Webber: Rotary Durban

Mr Kishore Kooverjee: ex Managing Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc - KZN

Ms Zameka Cain: resigned - 9 September 2024



Staff Members 2024/2025

Director - Gordon McDonald

Deputy Director - Zama Masondo

Public Relations - Fadeela Deedat

Fundraisers -

- Preya Gounden
- Tu Mthembu
- Rashilla Francis



Accounts - Jeanette Johnson

Administration

- Adeba Sallie
- Moses Khathi
- Lungile Ngubo
- David Charlton



Executive Director's Report

It is with humility and deep gratitude that I present the Executive Director's Report for 2025.

In South Africa, the Non-Profit Organisation sector is faced with multiple challenges relating to economic strain, increasing compliance requirements and the need to onboard digital transformation. These factors are aggravated by the rising cost of living, increasing demand for NPO services and the need to consider how we will work with new technologies like Artificial Intelligence.

More than ever before, strong leadership, accountability and good governance are essential for maintaining credibility and attracting funding.

Throughout the 2024/2025 year, Community Chest remained steadfast in our mission to mobilise resources, forge partnerships and address the most pressing social challenges facing vulnerable communities. Our operational focus centred on three key pillars:

1. Providing funding and support for Community Impact Partners

Working with donors and supporters, we collected and redistributed R19.4 million to credible service implementation partners.

Improved efficiency and elevated good governance in the organisations we support by providing guidance and relevant Capacity Building training.

Collected and redistributed donations in kind to organisations who could use them best in achieving service delivery to beneficiaries.

2. Operational Excellence & Accountability

Implemented enhanced monitoring and evaluation tools to track programme outcomes and impact, enabling us to report back to donors more transparently.

Maintained financial sustainability through diversified fundraising streams, including special events, funding from charitable trusts, corporate social investment (CSI) partnerships and individual giving campaigns.

Used online tools including our website and social media to get greater levels of engagement with our supporters and the public.

3. Future proofing our Organisational Structure

The existing two Voluntary Associations have been merged into one operational Non-Profit Company, which is registered with CIPC, B-BBEE accredited at Level One, with Section 18A activities ring-fenced inside this NPC.

Fixed Property and the bulk of our investments have been transferred to a new NPC Foundation, where the investment performance will garner greater scrutiny and the sole beneficiary of the NPC will be the operational entity.



Key Achievements in 2025

We exceeded our fundraising target in the 2024/2025 financial period, which enabled us to increase funding for redistribution this financial year by 11.1%, and our minimum annual grant allocation is now R72 000.

Increased scrutiny and heightened due diligence during our applications process resulted in us identifying a few of previously funded applicants whose governance or impact were not at acceptable levels, and we had to regrettably part ways.

The addition of new donors proved challenging but we have marginally increased the donor retention rate, which reflects the trust and confidence our partners continue to place in us.

Looking Ahead to the 2025/2026 year

Many NPOs still lack sufficient resources, including human resources, physical infrastructure, and financial capacity, which hampers their ability to effectively address community needs. As we move into the new year, our focus will be on deepening impact rather than simply expanding reach.

We aim to:

- Further strengthen capacity-building programmes with a distinct focus on smaller community-based organisations.
- Continued improvement of skills development for Community Impact Partners, as we get more in-depth knowledge of who we support, what they do and the impact they are making.

Resource development is crucial for our own, as well as our partners' long-term sustainability. We require funding to be able to empower and assist communities in need via

our service implementation partners. We aim to:

- Drive innovation in fundraising and storytelling through digital platforms.
- Work towards increased transparency and accountability, thereby further building trust with our donors and the public.
- Continue to demonstrate strong financial management of our own activities as well as of the organisations we support, to build donor confidence.

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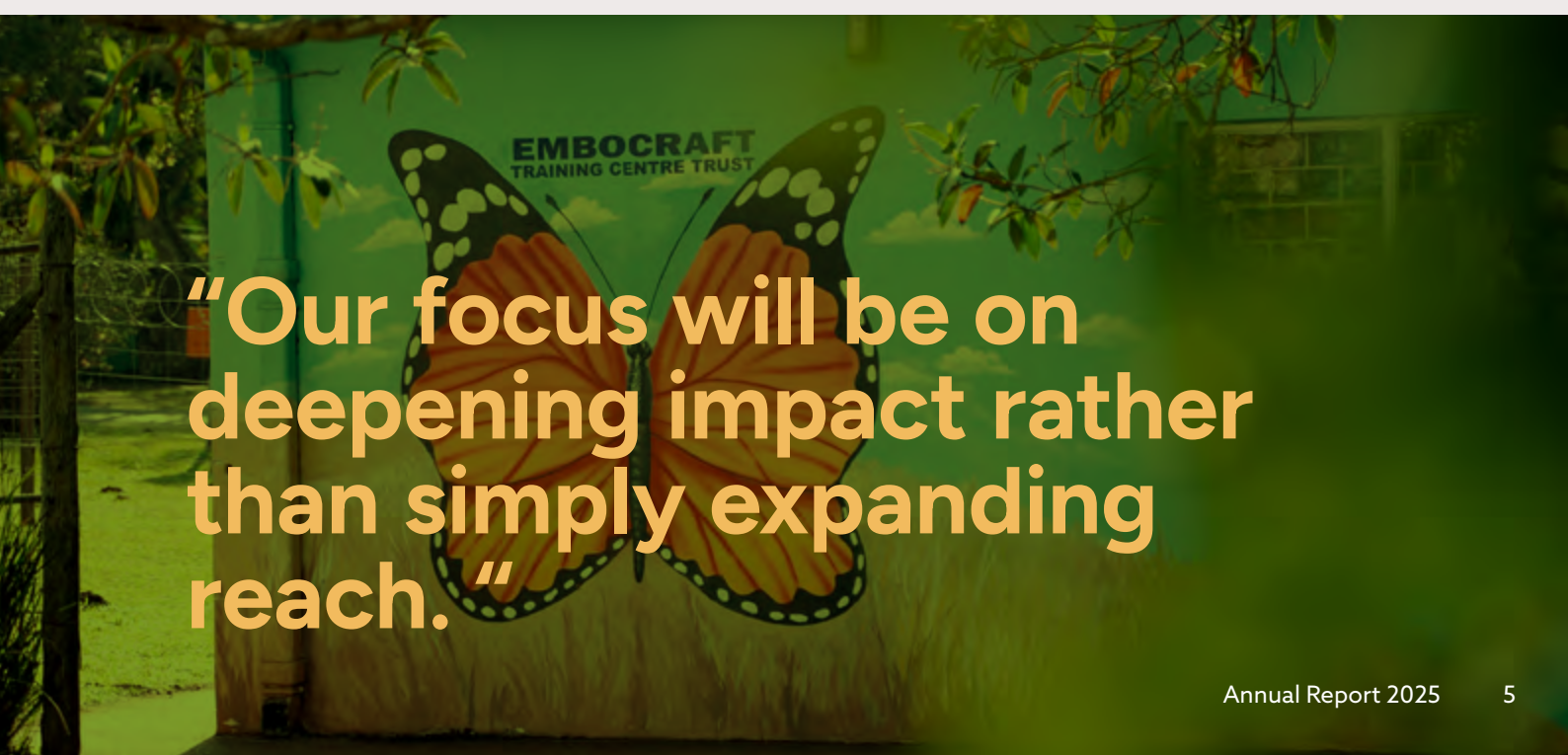
None of our achievements this year would have been possible without the incredible generosity of our donors, the dedication of our partner organisations and the commitment of our staff and volunteers. To our donors - individuals, corporates, trusts and sponsors - thank you for your faith, trust and belief in our vision. Your contributions are not just financial investments; they are seeds of hope that continue to grow in the lives of the people we serve.

To our Board of Directors, thank you for your strategic guidance and stewardship. To our staff and volunteers, your hard work and commitment to excellence is recognised and valued.

We have once again proven that when a community stands together, change is not just possible - it's inevitable.



Gordon Mc Donald
Executive Director



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Honouring Our Donors

On a beautiful winter morning in June, Community Chest hosted our annual Top Donor Awards at the Durban Country Club - a special occasion to honour the generosity and commitment of our donors, partners, and supporters. This heartfelt event was a celebration of those who make our work possible and continue to stand alongside us in uplifting vulnerable communities across Durban and the coastal regions of KwaZulu-Natal.

Executive Director Gordon McDonald opened the event by thanking attendees for their support over the past year. He shared that this would be the final awards function under Ubuntu Community Chest and the Community Chest Section 18A Fund, as operations officially transition to the newly registered Community Chest Durban NPC. This structure, along with the Community Chest Durban Foundation NPC, brings increased governance, financial oversight, and long-term sustainability - ensuring that donor funds are continued to be managed with transparency and responsibility.

Board Chairperson Dr. Velo Govender addressed the audience with deep gratitude. She shared that over the past year, R18 million in financial grants, R1.1 million in Donor Advised Gifts, and R300,000 in donations-in-kind were distributed to 117 organisations. Thanks to donors' continued generosity, Community Chest has committed

to increasing grant funding to R20 million for the coming year - an 11.1% increase - with new funding opportunities for compliant applicants.

The event also highlighted Community Chest's longstanding partnership with the Comrades Marathon Association, through which an incredible R1 million was raised this year by Race4Charity runners in aid of early childhood development. This is just one example of the impact made possible through dedicated community partnerships.

A special thank you was extended to the members of the Board of Directors, who volunteer their time and expertise, as well as the staff of Community Chest for their professionalism and commitment. Awards were presented to our top corporate donors, trusts, donor-advised givers, and workplace giving partners - each acknowledged for their vital role in helping us carry out our mission.

Deputy Director Zama Masondo closed the event with a warm vote of thanks to all who continue to support Community Chest. She expressed appreciation to the Durban Country Club for their generosity, and to every donor, volunteer, and partner who shares our vision of a better, more equitable future.



Liezel Patterson from The Victor Daitz Foundation



Preya Gounden (Community Chest) with Futhi Buthelezi from Smiths Manufacturing and Denso Sales



Darryn Harris (Bo's Plant and Tool Hire) with Barbara Harris and Susan Stanley (Glen Arum Farm)



Top corporate donor, Gelmar (Pty) LTD. From left to right: Liza Morris, Bob Geldard, Bridget Hilliar



Logie Anthony and Nicolene Padwhootan, (Essity).



Jehris Naidu, Buhle Makhanya, Tu Mthembu (Community Chest),
Rajiv Jugoo, Suresh Ramdhari, Asha Ramghulan (eThekweni Municipality)



Tu Mthembu (Community Chest), Annisha Ragoonandhan
(Toyota SA Motors) and Ivan Krishna (ForAfrika South Africa)



Vanessa Ganase, Lindsay Govender, Diane Egling, (The Spar Group),
Preya Gounden (Community Chest) and Velvini Pillay



Shelina Pancha and Pam Gobindlal (Panbake)



Varuna Singh and Trishal Sharma (Board member)



Olivia Almanza (SLG Pty Ltd) with Preya Gounden



Michelle Clinton-Baker (Decofurn), and Tu Mthembu (Community Chest)

Top Trust Donors 2024/2025

1	Concord Trust	9 000 000
2	Fulton Trust	1 400 000
3	World Relief Australia	350 000
4.	Harry Brunskill Educational & Charitable Trust	220 000
5	The Judith Maxwell Family Trust	210 000
6	Molly Reynolds Trust	160 000
7	J C Bitcon Foundation	150 000
8	The Nemit Trust	110 000
9	Greenacre Remembrance Foundation	105 600
10	The Beare Foundation	75 000
11	Edward Stanley Murphy Will Trust	51 550
12	The Rayner Trust	48 000
13	Estate Late E Baber Trust	46 227
14	The Coker Family Charitable Trust	40 000
15	The Victor Daitz Foundation	31 500
16	Barnes Charitable Trust	30 000
17	Rose & Reuben Silbert Charity Foundation	30 000
18	J M Dow Will Trust	27 441
19	Lantrust Charitable Trust	20 000
20	PJ Davidtz Will Trust	11 740
21	F H S Smith Will Trust	7 500

Testamentary Trusts 2024/2025

1	A L Hesketh Trust	973 791
2	C N Brown Trust	767 871
3	H T Phillips Trust	766 655
4	The Frede Vreede Will Trust	393 750
5	The Hart Family Charitable Trust	34 861
6	I O Loos Will Trust	24 000

Top Corporate Donors 2024/2025

1	Gelmar (Pty) Ltd	3 301 000
2	Harvey, Peter Leonard (Mr)	150 000
3	Dales Bros	125 000
4	The Spar Group Ltd	101 480
5	Air Products South Africa (Pty) Ltd	80 000
6	ADB Mc Gregor & Co (Pty) Ltd	70 000
7	Society of Advocates	66 000
8	Shepstone & Wylie	60 000
9	Whylo Distributors (Pty) Ltd	60 000
10	Containerworld (Pty) Ltd	60 000
11	Island View Storage (Pty) Ltd t/a Bidvest Tank Terminals	40 000
12	Isilo Steel Pty (Ltd)	37 500
13	Anonymous	30 000
14	Mendelson & Frost (Pty) Ltd	28 000
15	Liberty Liquors (Pty) Ltd	27 000
16	Valmet Flow Control SA Pty Ltd	24 000
17	Smiths Manufacturing SA (Pty) Ltd	20 000
18	Toyota SA Motors	19 000
19	Docrat, Mohamed (Dr)	16 000
20	L & G Tool & Machinery Distributors Limited t/a L & G Tools	15 000
21	Denso Sales South Africa	13 800
22	uMngeni-uThukela Water	13 578
23	W L Cole (Pty) Ltd	12 000
24	Scorpion Legal Protection Pty (Ltd)	10 000
25	Ampath Trust	10 000
26	Non-Ferrous Metal Works SA (Pty) Ltd	10 000
27	Palm Footwear Manufacturers	10 000
28	Adams & Co	10 000
29	Adams, Peter (Mr)	10 000
30	Twin Clothing	9 800



TRUST ADMINISTRATORS 2024/2025

ABSA Estate Services
C R Hook & Associates
FNB Trust Services (Durban)
Garlicke & Bousfield
Nedgroup Trust (Pty) Ltd (Cape Town)
Nedgroup Trust (Pty) Ltd (Durban)
NSG Attorneys Durban
Paul Canter
PKF Durban
Sanlam Private Wealth
Sneddon and Parfitt (Pty) Ltd
Standard Trust Ltd
Wakefields Property Management

**"We take this opportunity
to thank the companies
administering Trusts that support
Community Chest."**

Perpetual Trusts

NBS CENTENARY TRUST	
Current year's allocation	900 000
Total Capital Received to date	10 000 000
Market Value	28 630 985
Income generated since inception	9 665 824
WENDY AND ROYE PALMER CHARITABLE TRUST	
Current year's allocation	42 153
Total Capital Received to date	596 545
Market Value	787 716
Income generated since inception	567 120

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Current year's allocation	7 183
Total Capital Received to date	200 000
Market Value	271 620
Income generated since inception	34 753
E BURFORD	
Current year's allocation	201 822
Total Capital Received to date	759 715
Market Value	6 160 634
Income generated since inception	624 977

Top 20 Workplace Giving

1	eThekweni Municipality	324 625
2	Mass Discounters* (see breakdown below)	110 286
3	Standard Bank	59 540
4	First National Bank	45 615
5	Nedbank	29 540
6	Spar Natal	25 840
7	Toyota SA Motors	19 000
8	Absa	18 845
9	uMngeni-uThukela Water	13 578
10	Hirsch's	13 550

11	Decofurn	11 978
12	Foschini	9 727
13	Mr Price	9 723
14	Issy Geshen Lamont Home for the Aged	8 020
15	The Hub	7 010
16	FAMSA	6 600
17	Essity	5 781
18	Durban University of Technology	5 411
19	Franke Kitchens	5 162
20	Makro	4 985

*Monies Paid out to other Provinces

Western Cape	8 175
Northern Cape	1 744
Eastern Cape	3 274
Pietermaritzburg	5 406
Free State	1 808

Gauteng	9 118
Mpumalanga	1 489
North West	2 933
Limpopo	1 843
Durban	74 775

We Thank All Employees of Our Donor Companies For Their Support

Donor Advised Gifts

J C BITCON FOUNDATION	200 000
Marketing and branding strategy 50 000 Comrades Marathon promotion 150 000	
CONTOUR TECHNOLOGY (PTY) LTD	186 000
KwaZulu-Natal Blind and Deaf Society Whizz Kids Special Needs Centre Inathi Child and Youth Care Centre Verulam Child and Family Welfare Society	
TOYOTA SA MOTORS (PTY) LTD	150 000
Bursary for two educators (NQFS in Early Childhood Development) - Mbalencane Ziphatheleni Preschool - Zamani Preschool	
DENSO SALES SOUTH AFRICA	138 000
Choc Durban Lulisandla Social Outreach Project Pinetown-Highway Child & Family Welfare Society Open Door Crisis Care Centre Sonke Care Centre Feed the Babies Fund Sikhona Denis Hurley Centre Girls and Boys Town	
NCT DURBAN WOOD CHIPS (PTY) LTD	130 000
St Monica's Children's Home Ramakrishna Mzamo Home	

WORLD RELIEF AUSTRALIA	100 000
Capacity Building Training	
SLG (PTY) LTD	83 279
Khulakahle Creche – Inanda	
THE VICTOR DAITZ FOUNDATION	75 000
Qoqisizwe Creche Bayanda ECD Centre Sisekelo Sempilo Qalokusha Creche Senzokuhle Day Care Breeze ECD Zamani Creche Langelihle Creche	
SANTAM LIMITED	50 000
St Theresa's Children's Home Wylie House	
SMITHS MANUFACTURING SA (PTY) LTD	47 400
Sikhona Denis Hurley Centre	
ANONYMOUS	30 000
Zavutha Creche	

Specific Trusts

ROBERT STORM TRUST	18 000
Masakhane Creche Indumiso Early Childhood Development Sinavuma Creche	

DH STRUTT TRUST	85 400
Issy Geshen Lamont Home Mzamo Child Guidance Ziphakamise Umzinto Association for the Aged Sacred Heart Children's Home	

Bequests

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ESTATE LATE JG PASTOR



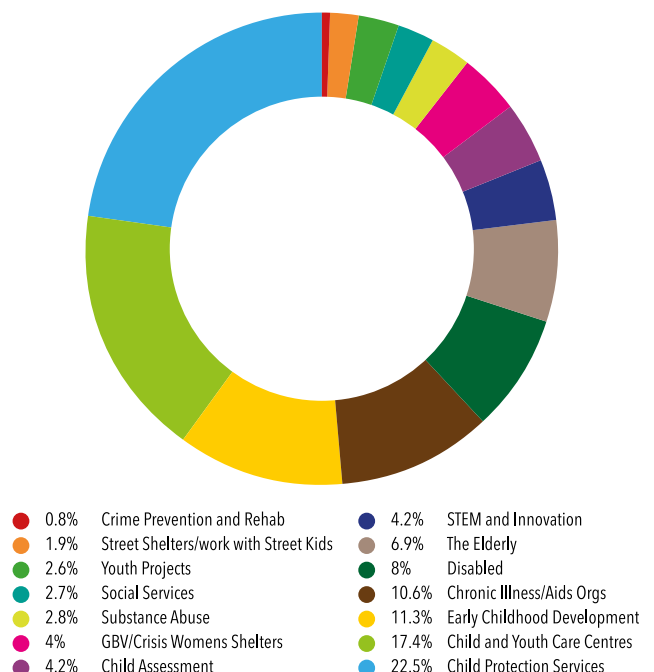
Community Investment

IMPACT PARTNER	ANNUAL ALLOCATION
1000 Hills Community Helpers	162 360
AH Zulu Educare Centre	114 720
Association for Dementia and Alzheimer's SA	122 520
Amanzimtoti Trauma Unit	90 000
Amaphupho Yezingane Seed Fund	60 000
Aryan Benevolent Homes	179 040
Association for the Physically Challenged	80 040
Association for Aged - Darnall	69 360
CANSA	87 600
Chatsworth Hospice	144 960
Chatsworth Child and Family Welfare Society	171 000
Child Welfare Durban & District	1 638 720
Child Welfare South Africa - Port Shepstone	219 480
Child Welfare Society - Margate	194 640
Children of Destiny at Home	132 000
Choc Durban	78 000
Christian Social Service	204 120
Denis Hurley Centre	110 400
Doctor for Life Project	138 120
Durban Hospice for Woman - Kerr House	90 000
Durban YMCA	251 640
Embocraft Training Centre	80 040
Epilepsy Foundation South Africa	245 880
Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre	279 480
Ethembeni Crisis Centre	90 000
FAMSA	379 560
Feed the Babies Fund	128 040
Genesis ECD	60 000

IMPACT PARTNER	ANNUAL ALLOCATION
Headway	78 840
I Learn to Live - Ngifundela Ukuphila	150 000
Ihlombe Early Childhood Centre	98 400
Inathi Child and Youth Care	245 160
Indumiso Early Childhood Development	60 000
Innovate Durban	150 000
Interface	72 000
Issy Geshen Lamont Home	202 320
Ithembalihle	72 960
Izethembiso Zothando	60 000
Katsi Youth in Action	76 080
Khethiwe Rehab	80 040
Khulakahle Creche and Pre-School - Cato Manor	94 320
Khulakahle Creche - Inanda	100 800
Khulakahle Creche - Inchanga	78 720
Khulanathi Creche	68 040
Khulani Creche	88 560
Kingsburgh Child Welfare	90 000
KwaMashu Child & Family Welfare Society	613 920
KwaZulu-Natal Blind and Deaf Society	159 600
Lifeline Durban	146 520
Likhon Ithemba	72 000
Lulisandla Social Outreach Project	122 640
Malvern Children's Home	348 360
Maphindela Creche and Pre-School	60 000
Masakhane Creche	60 000
Mbalencane Ziphatheleni Preschool	60 000
Merewent Cheshire Home	61 440
Molweni Zimele Centre	159 960
Mother of Peace	237 840

IMPACT PARTNER	ANNUAL ALLOCATION
Mshukangubo Association for the Aged	152 640
Muthande Society for the Aged	268 680
Mzamo Child Guidance & Training Initiative Of KZN	291 240
Ndabezinhle Creche	60 000
NICRO	139 440
Numeric	150 000
Philisani NGO Health Organisation	82 560
Phoenix Child & Family Welfare Society	595 920
Pinetown-Highway Child & Family Welfare Society	736 920
Protec - Inanda	150 000
Protec - Umbogintwini	150 000
Ramakrishna Mzamo Home	94 680
ReStory Foundation	68 400
Sacred Heart Children's Home	279 480
SANCA	495 600
Senzokuhle Club	125 040
Senzokuhle Creche	60 000
Sherwood Children's Centre	247 680
Sibusisiwe Clermont Child & Family Welfare	319 560
Silwanobubha Project	60 000
Sinamuva Creche	60 000
Siyabathanda Community Based Organisation	77 400
Siyakwazi	110 400
Sizamakonke Preschool - Verulam	69 600
Sizanani Aids Home Based Care	91 920
Sonke Care Centre	94 920
Sparks Estate Cheshire Home	61 440
St Clement's Home Based Care Project	138 960
St Monica's Children's Home	361 200
St Theresa's Children's Home	279 480
St Thomas' Children's Home	223 680

IMPACT PARTNER	ANNUAL ALLOCATION
St Vincent's Children Home	313 920
Thanda After School	112 800
The Open Door Crisis Care Centre	146 880
Themba Club	98 400
Umusa Uyasilandela	60 000
Umzinto Association for the Aged	88 440
UKZN Core	225 240
Velanjabulo Organisation	60 000
Verulam Frail and Daycare Centre	157 080
Verulam Regional Hospice Association	80 040
Vuka Uzithathe	75 600
Vulamehlo Hospice and Respite Centre	153 600
Whizz Kids Special Needs Centre	165 000
Wylie House	146 160
Zama'Sizwe Crisis Centre	72 000
Zamani Preschool	86 880
Zavutha Creche	60 000
Ziphakamise	150 480
Ziphozonke	80 400
Total	18 000 000





Treasurer's Report

As from the 1st of April 2025, the two voluntary associations namely

the Ubuntu Community Chest and the Community

Chest Section 18A Fund have been replaced by The Community

Chest Durban NPC and the Community Chest Durban Foundation NPC respectively. As such, the 2025 Treasurer's report will be the final report in the current format. Due to this reason, there have been a number of once-off transactions including set up costs incurred to facilitate the transfer, which were processed via the Ubuntu Community Chest income statement.

South Africa's economy has been declining over the past decade, with GDP increasing by an average of only 0.7% over the ten-year period. Despite a substantial improvement in electricity supply, South Africa's economy expanded by only 0.6% in 2024, compared with 0.7% in 2023. While growth is expected to improve in 2025, compared to 2024, it remains moderate, with forecasts ranging from below 1% to around 2%. Inflation averaged 4.4% in 2024 with an inflation forecast for 2025 generally expected to be around 4.5%, according to the South African Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

The funding pool for Non-Profit Organisations remains bleak. On top of this the withdrawal of USAID and PEPFAR funding in February 2025 has directly negatively impacted organisations working mainly in the HIV/AIDS and GBV sectors, and will undoubtedly exacerbate poverty.

During the year under review Community Chest Durban disbursed grants totalling almost R18 million to 109 Community Impact Partners, by 31 March 2025.

Donor-advised gifts to the value of R1.1 million were received (detailed later in this report). Donations in kind of approximately R300 000 in value were received and redistributed to qualifying beneficiaries. Total cash and donations in kind of R19.4 million went to 115 organisations.

111 Community Impact Partners are to receive R20 million in the 2025/2026 financial year, which is a 11.1% increase over the previous year.

We express our gratitude to the National Lottery and World Relief Australia who funded our critical Capacity Building Programme over the past year.

The Ubuntu Community Chest

Total income of R3.8m was received from Charitable trusts, corporates, workplace giving donors, individual donors and special events. This is considerably less than the previous year mainly due to the fact that funds previously included in this entity were donated to the Section 18A entity. Perpetual funds contributed R1.1 million which is included in our total income (detailed later in this report). Distributions to Community Impact Partners of R4 million were made, requiring a drawdown from our Distribution Equalisation Reserve Fund of R432 878.

Bequests of R250 569 were received during the year.

Expenditure of R7 032 137 million was incurred, which was a 40% increase over the previous year, this is due to the R2 307 683 transfer of our Fixed Property to the Community Chest Durban Foundation NPC. Without this transfer, expenses would have been aligned to the previous year.

After adding the positive fair value gains of R17 million on our portfolio, we ended the financial year with a surplus of R16.7 million which was significantly higher than the previous year's surplus of R7.1 million.

Fair Value Adjustment on Investments

Last year's favourable market sentiment resulted in a positive fair value gain of R17 million, which is more than the previous year's gain of R3.7 million. This amount varies from month to month and is not realised unless the underlying assets are sold.

The Community Chest Section 18A Fund

The Community Chest Section 18A Fund raised R15.8 million, this was R9 million more than the previous year. This is mainly due to the fact that funds previously paid into the Ubuntu Entity were paid into Section 18A. Net costs of R1.1 million were incurred and distributions of R13.7 million were made, resulting in a surplus of R902 830 for the year. This will be rolled forward into the 2025/26 financial year.

Donations in Kind

Goods and sponsorships to the value of R300 000 were received from Weavers' Nest, Edcon, Jet, Legit, National Security and Fire, as well as clothing and household goods from members of the community. These were distributed to the organisations that could make the best use of them.

General Thanks

I thank the members of the Board for their continued confidence in me and for their valued support during the past year.

My gratitude goes to our investment advisors at Sanlam Private Wealth, our Insurance Brokers, H W Brokers, our auditors Colenbrander Inc, and our bankers First National Bank for their assistance during the past year.

Finally, I thank the Community Chest staff members for their continued dedication over the past year.



Lingiwe Nyamande, Treasurer

Summary of Income and Distributions for the year

	COMBINED (R)	UBUNTU (R)	SECTION 18A (R)
Donations	19 520 025	3 857 278	15 662 747
Distributions*	17 765 530	4 060 440	13 705 090
Transfer from Equalisation reserve	0	432 878	0
Sundry Income	0	0	141 334
Costs Recovered	0	0	1 196 161
Surplus carried forward	0	0	902 830

*Distributions exclude: 1. Donor-advised gifts to the value of R1.1m 2. Donations in kind to the value of R300 000



Ubuntu Community Chest

NPO 002-143

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

	2025 R	2024 R
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	649 501	2 868 345
Other financial assets	141 165 724	127 547 345
	141 815 225	130 415 690
Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	12 000	24 000
Other financial assets	207 000	94 534
Cash and cash equivalents	9 214 872	4 250 290
	9 433 872	4 368 824
Total Assets	151 249 097	134 784 514
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Accumulated surplus	102 510 086	78 662 362
Distribution equalisation reserve	19 825 776	20 258 654
General bequest reserve	24 884 078	24 633 508
Specific funds	3 928 232	3 915 761
	151 148 172	134 588 254
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	36 869	68 878
Grant utilised	-	68 076
Provisions	64 056	59 306
	100 925	196 260
Total Equity and Liabilities	151 249 097	134 784 514

Statement of Surplus and Deficit

	2025 R	2024 R
Fundraising activities		
Corporate and private appeals	3 857 278	10 901 962
Distributions to member societies	(4 060 440)	(10 301 330)
Distributions - emergency relief	(146 788)	-
Donor awards and sundries	(82 928)	(75 284)
Transfer from (to) distribution equalisation reserve	432 878	(525 348)
	-	-
Other income		
Bequests received	250 569	11 159 104
Transfer to general bequest reserve -	(250 569)	(11 159 104)
Fair value gains - Sanlam Private Wealth Limited	17 018 845	3 790 127
Gains on disposal of assets	63 000	-
Interest, dividend and testamentary trust income	6 611 971	8 361 057
NLDTF grant income	68 076	24 100
	23 761 892	12 175 284
Expenses	(7 032 137)	(5 057 315)
Operating surplus for the year	16 729 755	7 117 969
Surplus for the year	16 729 755	7 117 969

Community Chest Section 18A

NPO 017-946

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

	2025 R	2024 R
Assets		
Current Assets	1 134 223	183 277
Cash and cash equivalents	1 134 223	183 277
Total Assets		
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	920 499	17 669
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	122 199	35 799
Other financial liability	30 000	72 533
Provisions	61 525	57 276
	213 724	165 608
Total Equity and Liabilities	1 134 223	183 277

Statement of Surplus and Deficit

	2025 R	2024 R
Revenue		
Interest received	141 334	25 962
Corporate activities and private appeals	15 662 747	6 290 455
	15 804 081	6 316 417
Other income		
Testamentary Trust - 2 000	-	2000
Operating expenses		
Accounting and audit fees	62 542	30 682
Bank charges	10 157	10 674
Fee income collection expense (Ubuntu Community Chest)	1 088 262	427 299
General publicity	35 200	73 344
	1 196 161	541 999
Available for distribution	14 607 920	5 776 418
Distributions to member societies	(13 705 090)	(5 823 190)
Taxation	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	902 830	(46 772)

The Road to raising a Million Rand through Race4Charity

We Did It! A Million Rand Milestone from Comrades 2025. Thanks to your belief, support, and commitment, we are thrilled to announce that through the Comrades Race4Charity campaign, we raised an incredible R1 000 754. This is a testament to a community working together to impact the lives of KZN children under the age of five.

This year, our Superhero runners were nothing short of extraordinary. Leading the charge once again was the inspirational Mahesh Ratanjee, who took the crown of overall top fundraiser for the second consecutive year with a jaw-dropping R320 000 raised.

We connected with thousands of runners and supporters at the Comrades Expo in Pietermaritzburg and Durban, generating R243 000 in sales.

A special highlight this year was our involvement in the Toyota Win-A-Car Competition, which brought in a

meaningful R105 000 - a welcome boost to our efforts.

To round off this remarkable season, we came together on Saturday, 12 July, at our offices for a Runners' Appreciation Event. Surrounded by our runners, volunteers, supporters, and friends, we didn't just reflect... we celebrated. We honoured every drop of sweat, every act of kindness, and every contribution that helped us cross the R1 million finish line.

Thank you for running with us, cheering for us, donating, volunteering, selling, believing, and being part of something much bigger than an ultra-marathon.



Our 2025 Superhero Runners

Mahesh Ratanjee
Tanya Cohen
Marc Cohen
Fiona Braithwaite
Marybelle Ferreira
David Masondo
Deepak Ramachandran
Sydwell Shikweni
Thandi Senoamali
Leon Mudaly
Bongani James Manana
Scott Macmillan
Thabo Ephraim Moeketsi
Zilma Rodrigues da Silva
Sara Mahomed
Jurie Bester
Songe Chisi

Suzanne Breevaart
Dieketseng Makhetha
Sharif Quiblier
Stian Saur
Ngobani Johnstone
Makhubu
Vinay Lakhraj
Mxolisi Mkhize
Busie Xulu
Ruwen Pillay
Grace Redden
Fiona Reardon
Jock Ferguson
Amisha Lahldas
Marc Matinise
Jain Reid
David Williams

Sibonelo Mashimane
Elsa De Bod
Nqabayesizwe Zulu
Thembela Ngcengeni
Tersia Odendaal
Charles Johnson
Lutfiyya Adam
Roger Comish
Shesha Msweli
Catherine Tshivhasa
Tulani Madavhu
Kgoloko Maripane
Simphiwe Gceba
Ratholo Matlala
Manqoba Msomi
Saziso Mzila
Avhashoni Maraga

Polelo Maduwa
Rathing Motloung
Mankwana Mmola
Mxolisi Mhlongo
Sabelo Buqa
Richard Harrison
Thembinkosi Simelane
Nkosithandile Mvelase
Yagvasen Govender
Scelo Thusi
Musawenkosi Mtshali
Thulani Gumede
Celumusa Mavundla
Simon Nngwenya
Paul Whitehead
Nato Amaral



Accommodation for Runners

The YMCA Runners Village, proudly sponsored by Government Employees Medical Scheme, is a Comrades Marathon Association (CMA) initiative to care for their assisted Runners by giving them a place to sleep, hot showers, warm meals, and transport to and from the start and finish at no cost. Community Chest hosts the Runners on behalf of CMA. The Precious Team is always applauded by the Runners for the hospitality they provide. This year, one of the Runners said, "This is a hotel experience," and another commented, "It's home away from home."



Community Chest's Refreshment Stations

To support runners and running clubs, the Community Chest has a team of volunteers who, throughout the year, join runners by waking up ridiculously early to host refreshment stations. We thank each of these passionate volunteers who support us and the running community.

Refreshment stations hosted include:

- 26 Jan - Revive PDAC 25km
- 23 Feb - KZN Capital City Marathon
- 16 March - Balwin Properties Marathon
- 18 May - Stella Royal with Discovery Vitality
- 8 June - Comrades Marathon
- 20 July - Amashova Cycle race
- 26 Oct - Sapphire Coast Marathon
- 2 Nov - SA Homeloans DHS Oldies
- 14 Dec - Westville Athletic Club Illovo Christmas run



Weavers' Nest Steps Up for ECD - Again!

Weavers' Nest Pre-Primary School has chosen to support Community Chest Durban for a second year. The school's 'Tons of Tins' campaign collected 190 cans of non-perishable food for Maphindela Creche and Pre-school in Hammarsdale. Headmistress of the creche, Mrs. Iris Sabela, visited Weavers' to thank the children and their parents for their generosity.

The giving will continue throughout the year. Term 2 saw the collection of stationery, Term 3 will focus on cleaning supplies, and Term 4 will provide Christmas gifts for every child at St. Joseph's. We are incredibly grateful for Weavers' Nest's continued support. Thank you!



Community Chest joins forces with Umduduzi for the 2nd Annual Golf Day

On Friday, 7 March Community Chest Durban and Umduduzi - Hospice Care for Children held our second annual Charity Golf Day at Royal Durban and it was

a resounding success. Not only were funds raised to help both NPOs continue the vital work we do in under-resourced communities, but awareness, understanding and compassion was inspired as well as fun and laughter. Thank you to our participants, sponsors and volunteers.



Capacity Building



To further our mission of empowering Community Impact Partners to sustainability, a capacity-building training programme is devised and facilitated for their benefit. Sessions include various topics such as good governance procedures, risk and financial management, industrial relations, completion of applications, and fundraising. Capacity building is one of Community Chest's key

investments, that contributes to enhancing operations at Impact Partners and guiding toward self-sufficiency. A total of 201 attendees received training and gratitude is extended to World Relief Australia and the National Lotteries Commission for funding our capacity building programmes.



Date	Workshop topic	Facilitator's name	No of attendees
09 May 2024	Completion of Income and Expenditure Report	Zama Masondo and David Charlton	16
13 June 2024	National Norms and Standards for Partial Care	Zama Masondo	23
19 July 2024	National Norms and Standards for Partial Care	Zama Masondo	7
21 August 2024	Capacity building training on Financial Management and Bookkeeping	Sandile Masilela and Phumlani Dube	21
22 August 2024	Capacity building training on Financial Management and Bookkeeping	Sandile Masilela and Phumlani Dube	15
05 and 06 September 2024	Capacity building training on how to manage disciplinary, poor work performance, grievances process and procedures	Lungile Zondi	32
06 September 2024	Capacity building training on how to manage disciplinary, poor work performance, grievances process and procedures	Lungile Zondi	34
10 October 2024	Application forms for funding	Zama Masondo	38
07 November 2024	Application forms for funding	Zama Masondo	15





90s Music for Almost 90kms

Music and dancing fanatics braved the traffic of a national soccer game to reminisce about their favourite music icons and songs from the 1990s at the Barnyard Theatre at Suncoast Casino. Whether you were a fan of powerful female voices like Celine Dion, Shania Twain, and Gloria Estefan, or you rocked out to male icons such as Robbie

Williams, Lenny Kravitz, and Ricky Martin, 90s Mania had it all.

All profits from the event went to our Comrades Superheroes Race4Charity profiles to support Early Childhood Development. Three birthdays were celebrated at this fun-raiser and a lucky guest walked away with a hamper of delicious treats. Definitely an event to repeat!





Teenagers Sell Car Tickets with Passion and Enthusiasm

Kearsney College and St Mary's DGS Kloof pupils sold a record number of car raffle tickets for R50 each to shoppers at Watercrest Mall during the months of April and May.

As an official Comrades charity, Community Chest has the opportunity to sell tickets and raise money for Early Childhood Development. The lucky ticket holder walked away with an amazing Toyota Corolla Cross, which was announced at the finish of the Comrades Marathon on Sunday, 8 June.



Day of Caring

For 24 years businesses and individuals have come together to help with maintenance at NPOs that Community Chest supports. This year we uplifted two of our beneficiaries who were so grateful for the support.

The team from Bo's Plant and Tool Hire assisted with the labour and installation of vinyl floor tiles at Ihlombe ECD centre in KwaMashu. The vinyl floor tiles were sponsored by Multi-Flor and was a much-needed improvement to the bare concrete floor. We are very appreciative of Multi-flor and Bo's Plant and Tool Hire for making this happen with such enthusiasm and joy.

An energetic team of eight ladies used their painting skills to create a fresh-looking living space at Wylie House, a child and youth care centre for vulnerable girls based in Morningside, Durban. Here the team scrubbed walls and painted the kitchen, living room and bedrooms of one of the cottages where the younger girls live. The paint for this project was once again donated by Dulux Specialist Paint Centre (Stamford Hill and Durban North) who have been sponsoring the paint for 'Day of Caring' since inception 24 years ago!

Thank you to everyone involved. 'Day of Caring' is dependant on the donation of time, skills, products and funds. It is a community effort which makes life so much easier for our NPOs and their beneficiaries.



Community Chest donors once again come to the rescue with 'Buckets of Care' for the Tongaat Relief Project

Everyone remembers 'that sound' when a tornado slammed into Tongaat at approximately 4.30pm on Monday, 3 June 2024. It was a terrifying, screeching, overwhelming sound, which left so many people destitute.

As always, Community Chest's donors kicked into action with donations of R75 000 from the Victor Daitz Foundation and R74 160 from The Roye and Wendy Palmer Foundation. Community Chest contributed R150 000 and water and non-perishable food items to the value of R20 000 were donated by Santam. Gelmar Stores became a collection point for second hand clothes and blankets, which worked extremely well.

Community Chest were able to donate 500 'Buckets of Care' filled with food items and hygiene packs as well as 199 blankets, which were distributed to Tongaat communities in Hambanathi, Nqabeni, Newtown (Sandfields), Burbreeze, and Magwaveni.

Creches also received food hampers, hygiene packs and blankets - Bayanda ECD centre, Sisekelo Sempilo, Qalokusha Creche, Senzokuhle Day Care, Breeze ECD, Zamani Creche, Langelihle Creche.

The Gelmar collected items, Santam water donation, and blankets were distributed to Zamasizwe Crisis Centre in Verulam.

Community Chest would like to thank these donors for once again coming to the rescue and providing relief to the hundreds of people who had lost so much as a result of this unexpected natural disaster.



Special Thanks

We thank the following donors who generously assisted with providing valuable products and donations in kind. Your kindness reduced our expenses significantly and simultaneously helped us raise much needed funds through our promotions.

- Aquelle
- Alley Cat Clothing
- Almar Container Group
- Bellevue Café
- Bo's Plant and Tool Hire
- Brigit Filmer Spa Skin Aesthetics
- Buddy's Designated Drivers
- Charlie's Coffee Shop
- Collingwood Firewood
- CC Food and Beverages
- Concord Access Solutions
- Crown Food Group
- Debbie Cameron Physiotherapy
- Desai's Meats
- Dulux Specialist Paint Centre, Stamford Hill and Durban North
- First National Bank
- Forest Fairies
- Fox
- Gelmar
- Greg Graham
- Glen Arum Farm, Barney's
- Haval Durban
- Headwear 24
- Hirsch's
- Hooter's, Florida Road
- Holland House Luxury Accommodation
- Holmes Brothers
- Investec
- Issy's Bakery
- Jennings Fine Foods
- Jennifer Eales Skin and Body Clinic
- Joekel's Tea Packers
- Jolly Meats
- Leisure Lounge
- Love-me Candies
- Mark Gold
- Mesmerize Lighting
- Mr Brown's
- Multi-Flor
- Next Chapter
- Nonna's Italian Kitchen, Florida road
- Northface
- Onomo Hotel
- Panbake
- Pure Beginnings
- Rodel Financial Services
- Roger Robert
- Romans Pizza, Westville
- Sirkhot's Butchery
- Sunstoppers
- SPAR KZN
- Spiga
- The Hub
- The IIE Varsity College Westville
- Toyota SA Motors
- Venga Juice
- Weavers' Nest

Other donors who generously supported Community Chest:

Edcon (Edgars, Jet, Sales House)
Donation of clothing, shoes and household goods
R120 000

Blue Security R7 200

Weavers' Nest R10 000

Media & Advertising

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 - The Berea Mail
 - Northglen News
 - The Highway Mail
- Tabloid Media
- The Rising Sun
- Independent Media
 - The Daily News
 - The Mercury
 - The Independent on Saturday
 - The Sunday Tribune
- Supersport
- SABC

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individuals across KwaZulu-Natal. Together, we can create a brighter future, filled with compassion and opportunity for all.

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