Blue sky
SOCIETY TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

LETTER FROM THE *Founder*

A very big heartfelt Greeting to you all!!

As we reflect on 2019, I am filled with an immense amount of gratitude and pride for what was planted, sustained and flourished. Faced with a depressed economic climate, and the ever-growing community needs, we still managed successes in various areas of BSST.

Our commitment to our projects strengthened even further with the great feedback and appreciation that we continuously received and saw first-hand, the impact that our efforts have in our communities. We have seen an offshoot benefit in the growing interest and interaction by the general public in our programmes, and we link this directly to the media relationships that we have built over the years. We focussed a lot of our time and energy in 2019 in creating new media partnerships and building on existing relationships. It is vital to us that the support we receive from businesses and donors is woven into our incredible stories and told to the world. We made Media Partnerships/Relationships one of our highest priorities in the growth of BSST.

As we are all aware, without your ongoing support, and securing more CSR partners, these projects would not be able to continue and would leave a huge gap in the lives of the communities. The choices that I made when I founded BSST have led me to meet humanity in a way that I never imagined. The generosity and deep levels of caring from local businesses, alliance partnerships and the general public allows me to retain my faith that regardless of the challenges in economics, diversity and politics, we will never leave the vulnerable to fend for themselves…Not on our watch!

One area of growth that I feel, needs to be mentioned, apart from our other successes, is the growth of JWP. The Journey's with Purpose platform has truly rooted itself in a unique section of the travel industry. It offers travellers, life changing opportunities whilst raising money for the many conservation and community efforts across Africa, that I have committed to assisting. I was very honoured to be invited to talk at the London Travel Expo in January this year and used this opportunity to make much needed contacts with Agents, Media and other conservation platforms. I returned home with a renewed sense of urgency and excitement, and have some wonderful expeditions structured and out for bookings for 2020.

In closing, I would once again like to offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your outstanding and ongoing support.

Kind Regards,
Carla Geyser

BLUE SKY SOCIETY *Trust*

OVERVIEW

Blue Sky Society Trust is an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to conservation, wildlife protection, community upliftment, and ecotourism in Africa.

We believe that every act of kindness can have a positive ripple effect, and even the smallest contribution can make a big difference. Our mission is to protect, preserve, and improve life for people, wildlife, and communities in need.

Our vision is to identify and manage projects that people and companies can support by giving their time, expertise, ideas and funds.

Our philosophy is that there is no limit to what we can achieve if we work together. There are infinite opportunities to make a meaningful difference – which is why we want to partner with individuals, schools and organisations to work towards building a better world.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees is passionate about Blue Sky Society Trust's role in building a better world and making a difference. Our trustees come from all walks of life, and bring a variety of talents, experiences and expertise to Blue Sky Society Trust.

They are all passionate about conservation, wildlife protection, community upliftment, and ecotourism in Africa, and the role that our organisation plays in protecting, preserving, and improving life for people, wildlife, and communities in need.

As the custodians of Blue Sky Society Trust, our trustees help guide and shape the direction of the organisation.

Carla Geyser – Founder Trustee

Nicky Rutherfoord – Trustee

Bronwyn Laing – Trustee

Andre Liebenberg – Trustee

PROJECTS ACHIEVED IN *2019*

Environmental *Projects*

Trees4KZN

Umhlanga Women Achievers (UWA) donated Money towards BSST and we chose to plant trees at Stanger training centre and to pay for two days at WESSA Twinstreams facility. See details below

Donation: R40 000 + R1500 (November 2019)

WESSA

Stanger Training centre

Upasana and KP Hira (principal) + Children

Stanger training centre has been going for 35 years as a facility that takes care and educates children who are severely intellectually impaired with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and epilepsy. Their ages range from 6 to 18 years of age. They have 252 children at the school in total. STC has been part of WESSA Eco Schools since 2007. Principal KP Hira has been principal for 21 years.

WESSA LEAF Project

A collaboration between WESSA Education Centres and WESSA Schools, where schools register annually to become LEAF Schools. As part of the process, the students focus on the importance of protecting indigenous vegetation through a set of CAPS aligned programmes, that focus on subject-specific activities and programmes that teach the students a set of themes and skills through experiential learning. The students also plant an indigenous garden at their school and use it as a learning tool.

At the same time, the students need to do an outdoor nature-based programme where they visit a forest and learn about trees in their natural environment. For this section, they visited WESSA Twinstreams, where they learned about the pristine indigenous coastal bush in the area and related this to the abiotic and biotic factors found in this forest.

By gaining an understanding of the biodiversity and pristine environment, these students then gain an appreciation for the importance of protecting these integral natural resources.

Trees planted - Natal Mahogany and plants for indigenous garden

Eco - School one: Date: 10th June 2019

Approx. 40 children plus 6 teachers from Stanger Training centre to WESSA Twinstreams

Eco-School two: Date: 24th July 2019

Approx. 30 learners and 4 teachers from Veleshowe Primary school to WESSA Twinstreams

Mustek - WESSA Project

In 2019 BSST did an introductory link up between Wessa and Mustek computers to supply an educational facility in July 2019.

A substantial monetary value of stock was donated by Mustek to WESSA to help with their environmental educational work. Mustek also donated R10 000 money towards Blue sky society trust to facilitate this project in June 2019.

Litterboom Project

BSST Donated R3000 in April 2019 to supply staff to do a clean up Blue Lagoon area after one of the big rains. The litter that comes down from the Inanda valley is disgraceful and the Litterboom project is doing everything in its power to prevent that mess from ending up in our Indian ocean.

Humanitarian *Projects*

Soul2Sole

Our CSR Corporate partners on this project are Lion Match Brand and Aramex Logistics South Africa. Soul 2 Sole was started in 2015 and to date we have gifted over 8000 children with new and previously loved school shoes in and around South Africa.

Soul2Sole2019 brought smiles to the faces of nearly 3 000 children from poverty-stricken areas in KwaZulu-Natal, gifting them with school shoes, socks and Lion Quality shoe polish to the value of more than R330 000.00.

Soul2Sole is a corporate-community initiative that sees the iconic South African brand, The Lion Match Company, partnering with NPO, Blue Sky Society Trust, to make a significant impact one school, one child and one pair of school shoes at a time. Now in its fifth year, Soul2Sole delivers more than new and gently loved school shoes to children in KwaZulu-Natal who have never owned a pair before. It also delivers dignity and restores hope to little ones whose lives are wracked by poverty.

The Lion Match Company our headline sponsor for Soul2Sole 2019 purchased 932 pairs of new school shoes, 3500 tins of Lion Quality shoe polish and 3500 pairs of socks for the project. Aramex South Africa sponsored transportation costs, and assisted with the collection, storage and distribution of the shoes. While Blue Sky Society facilitated the entire process, tapping into its on-the-ground network to ensure that the shoes went to deserving schools.

This year, it was heart-warming to see more schools across KwaZulu-Natal - from The Midlands to Durban Central and Durban North - rallying to the call for help. A total of 14 schools generously donated their shoes to less-fortunate learners during the campaign that began in July 2018. The Soul2Sole team was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support when they visited the schools. Children gave selflessly, excited to take off their shoes and put them into the collection boxes so another child could benefit.

Schools who donated previously loved shoes:

KZN Midlands

Hilton College

Michaelhouse

Maritzburg College

Durban North and Umhlanga

Danville Park Girls High School

La Lucia Junior Primary

Virginia Prep

Chelsea Prep

Our Lady of Fatima

Reddam House

Durban Central

Clifton College

Orient Islamic School

Durban Girls College

Durban Girls High School

Al Falah College

This year, teams from The Lion Match Company and Aramex took time off from their schedules for a hands-on Soul2Sole experience, helping package all the previously-loved shoes at the Aramex warehouse in Riverhorse Valley, Durban, ready for distribution. It was an invaluable and memorable experience for everyone involved in the packing process, as it brought home the sad reality of the vast number of children in KZN for whom school shoes are a luxury, not a necessity.

The recipients of the shoes:

KZN Midlands

Jabula Primary School

Thembelihle School

Lions River Primary School

Curry Post Primary School

Crystal Springs Primary School

Hlanganani Primary School

Greater Durban

Sanele Primary School (Ndwedwe)

KwaSimamane Primary School (Ndwedwe

Empilweni Primary School (Botha's Hill)

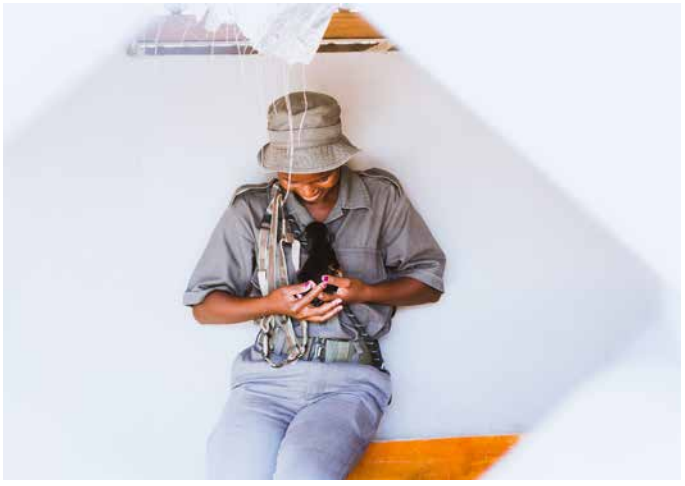
St. Martin's Diocesan Home for Children (Glenwood)

This year, a first for us, we worked in conjunction with the SABC and donated 1000 pairs of the previously loved shoes collected in conjunction with Motsweding FM and SABC radio station to 5 schools in the North West. With all the previously loved shoes we donated a tin of shoe polish and a pair of socks. The remainder of the previously loved shoes were distributed to schools within the Transkei area, Camperdown and the KZN Midlands.

Finally, we had a wonderful and unexpected end to the year with Aramex South Africa, sponsoring Empilweni Primary School in Bothas Hill with 400 pairs of previously loved school shoes, socks and donated Lion Quality shoe polish from The Lion Match Company 2 days before break- up day! A fantastic way for these learners to be able to prepare for their new school year in 2020.

Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved with the project in 2019, we are so excited to see the continued growth of Soul2Sole!! This would not be possible and could not happen if it was not for our sponsors and partners. Until next year, where 2020 really does promise to be our best year yet for Soul2Sole with the project expanding Nationally.

Conservation *Projects*



JWP Expeditions *2019*

Journeys with Purpose (#JWP) connects ethical adventure travel with the purpose of making a difference. These adventures are organised and led by Carla Geyser, the founder of the Blue Sky Society Trust (BSST) who has, to date, led many successful trips into Africa. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who is passionate about conservation and takes life as it comes, then this is for you! #JWP brings together like-minded people from around the world on trips that focus on visiting and raising funds for wildlife initiatives along the route.

JWP South (JWP01)

R10 000 donation was raised to help with food and supplies for a Baby orphaned elephant found in Maputo Elephant Reserve in May 2019. Sadly, the baby didn't make it due to illness and weakness. Elephants are such emotional creatures and the survival rate of orphaned babies is not very good. They literally die from broken hearts when their mothers have been victims of human wildlife conflict or poaching. This journey saw a team of 5 ladies travel from South Africa, through Eswatini and finishing in Mozambique. We covered a distance of 2042km in order to visit 14 organisations, such as, Elephants Alive where we tracked elephants with the researchers, met the ladies from the Black Mambas, visited schools in Eswatini with the team from the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation project to distribute our wildlife educational booklets, and lastly spent time at the South African Wildlife college where we met with the K9 anti-poaching unit.

JWP Mozambique North (JWP02)

Africa without wildlife is hard to imagine until you see it. Driving through Mozambique's Gilé National Reserve, which has been poached to the edge of its existence, was a stark and terrifying insight into how tragic that future could look. We realized how delicately the continent's wildlife is teetering on the brink.

Our five-woman team hoped to help change that reality. We drove 2,113 km over 17 days in support of Mozambique's threatened wildlife. We saw firsthand the important role that tourists can play in bolstering the incredible efforts of committed conservationists in Africa.

Our team raised R60,000 to fund the collaring of a threatened elephant in Gilé, distributed 8,000 educational booklets to local schools to ignite student's excitement about wildlife conservation. Along our journey, we were privileged to meet with passionate people fighting to protect wildlife in Mozambique, listened to their stories, and learned how to support their essential work.

Our expedition began in Gilé National Reserve, where we were invited to go behind the scenes with the elephant collaring team. We joined the fantastic scientists from Elephants Alive, skilled wildlife vets and an expert helicopter pilot as they battled against the ongoing challenges to protect Gilé's elephants.

From Gile we headed to Gorongosa National Park. Not long ago, Gorongosa faced the same challenges as Gilé does today. Its wildlife was nearly wiped out by Mozambique's civil war, and tourists no longer flocked to this once-famous park. But a partnership with the Gregory C. Carr Foundation sparked the ambitious Gorongosa Restoration Project, which envisioned a future in which Gorongosa could be a "human rights park". The passionate team planned to restore the park to its former glory by improving the lives of the people who live around it.

The project has since opened schools, set up mobile clinics, supported sustainable farming practices, and provided economic opportunities to these communities. The park now employs 617 locals, supports 375 community health workers and 5,000 small farmers, and runs Girls' Clubs for 2,000 children. We spent hours talking with Vasco Galante, Gorongosa's Director of Communications, who fervently believes that the best protection for wildlife is to be surrounded by a community which sees tangible benefits from conservation.

We left Gorongosa and headed for the coast on a high, feeling optimistic about the success this approach to conservation can achieve. We spent our final days in Mozambique visiting another beautiful park hoping to follow in Gorongosa's footsteps.

Bazaruto Archipelago National Park, a string of tiny islands off the coast of Vilankulos, is home to a stunning array of sea life. We spied dolphins, flamingos, tropical fish in every color of the rainbow, and even elusive dugongs during our day exploring the sea. Unfortunately, as in all of Mozambique's protected areas, Bazaruto's wildlife is threatened.

The park is in its first year of a partnership with African Parks, which plans to overhaul its management in order to protect this unique ecosystem. We met with Pablo Schapira, another committed conservationist who in charge of Bazaruto's operations. He hopes to see the parks boundaries expanded, locals (particularly women) hired and trained as expert rangers, and communities living on the islands supported in moving toward sustainability.

Our journey through Mozambique showed us two options for the future: A vast forest empty of both tourists and wildlife, threatened by anyone hoping to profit off its resources; or a glorious park that has fought back from the brink through partnership with the community around it. As tourists, we have an incredible privilege - by visiting Africa's parks and conservation projects, we help ensure that their work will continue. We get to choose which future we want to become reality.

Wildlife Educational *Booklets*

In 2016 one of the main focuses on our 'Elephant Ignite Expedition' was on wildlife education. We distributed over 20 000 educational booklets to children living in rural communities adjacent to these wildlife areas . The idea is to get into the hearts and minds of these children, for them to spread the conservation message. Education is crucial to the survival of our wildlife. To date we have handed out over 90 000 wildlife educational booklets thanks to the support of Tanglewood foundation.

Donor: Tanglewood Foundation

Donation: R180 000.00

- 40 000 books printed. Sponsored by Tanglewood Foundation
- Distributed to Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana, & South Africa
- This year Books were translated into Zulu and Portuguese as well as English
- City Logistics donated trucks for logistics of book distribution in South Africa

List of Organisations involved

South Africa:

- Babanango Game Reserve
- Mayibuye Game Reserve
- Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation
- Elephants Alive / Black Mambas
- Nyathi Anti-poaching

Eswatini:

- Mhlumeni School + Youth Environmental Ambassadors Programme

Mozambique:

- African Parks
- Gorongosa NP
- Gile NR
- Maputo ER - (Limpopo, Zinave, Bahine)
- Limpopo Nature Reserve

Zambia:

- African Parks - Bangweulu Wetlands
- Liuwa Plains + SL (Zambia Carnivore Programme)
- Conservation South Luangwa
- Game Rangers International
- Conservation Lower Zambezi

Botswana:

- Earth Awareness
- Children of the Wilderness

Dtours expedition:

- Peter Eastwood and teams

FEEDBACK FROM WILDLIFE ORGANISATIONS ABOUT *Wildlife Educational Booklets*

Peace Parks Foundation – *Mozambique*

Federica Ferrari

Socio-Economic Development Manager

"We just want to thank you very much for the Portuguese's booklets you donated to Maputo Special Reserve and Limpopo and Zinave National Parks.

The children and the professors had a great time reading and compiling them and it was an opportunity to talk about many things about nature and animals, about elephants and pangolin that many did not know. Several children understood that when uncontrolled fires are set in the forest, not only them and their homes are in danger, but also many animals can die along with the devastation of their environment.

I would like to thank you even more because it was an important lesson also for us on the team, we learned to use the booklet together with school children and we saw its power in raising awareness among children and their families. In fact, the children were so excited that they said they would tell their parents everything and explain the importance of preserving nature and animals.

We received three boxes of booklets and have used them extensively for local school visit as well as for the Peace & Changemakers Generation Project to date (the photos sent earlier refer)."

Herewith attached detailed baseline with school names + numbers making up P&CG Programme attendees – it gives a good idea to the extent of this programme and what an important part these booklets play. A shortened version of the Schools involved find in Table below:

Area	No. Schools	Some of the school names involved
Massingir	33	Mavodze, Bingo, Machamba, Chimandue, Tihovene, Bairro, Cubo, Chinhangane, Chibotane, Machual, Madingane, Macuachane, Maconguele, Macaringue, Macavene, Banga, Chitar, Zulo, Manhica
Chicualacuala	21	Pafuri, Mbuzi, Munguambane, Chitsutsine, Salane, Mbeti, Matsilele, macandezulo, Mondlane, Litlatla, Dumela, Mawene, Bacanhamadla, ChicualacualaB, Mawene, Madulo, Macassane, Chihondzoene
Mapai	27	Lissenga, Tchokwe, Panhane, Hassane, Chicumbane, Lhecane, Hocuane, Mafacitela, Harriane, Mazamane, 16 de Junho, Regua, Mepudzi, Ligomo, Chifongo, Chilemane, Buiela, Mapai Ngala, Chissapa, Dombe, Chidulo, Mahochane
Mabalane	49	Psitima, Cumba, Chinhezane, Tlavene, Chimangue, Nhimba-Yinwe A+B, Chitlavanine, Nwadzo, Chireta, Ndope, Macuve, Matsambo, Zulo, Hassane, Matafula, Chicondzo, Muxaxa, Hochane, Mungaze, Mabuiaphanse, Chaves, Nhone, Macarrale, Jasse, Nwamandzele, Mungige,
Magude	60	Chichuco, Mananga, Chichachadunco, Mangolene, Chovane, Nhongane, Chipene, Guarrimbene, Mbanhel, Tlemo, Bobe, Magude, Chobela, Mawandla, Graca Machel, Mondlane, Mbangana, Matchabe, Simbe, Duco, Ungucha, Nguinhane, Malemane, Chissano, Marrule, Panjane, Chiacane, Mucota, Mucombo Pfunguine
TOTAL	**190**	**They have requested more books for 2020 as they are working well with the program**

For Maputo Special Reserve and Ponta do Ouro Marine Reserve and Zinave National Parks this activity is planned for February when schools reopen for the 2020 school year start.

Conservation Lower Zambezi – *Zambia*

By Besa Kaoma

Environmental Education Manager

I received the books when the EEP 2019 was about a month to end.

Nevertheless, the books were distributed during the 2019 chiawa inter- schools quiz competition and each school received 50 copies.

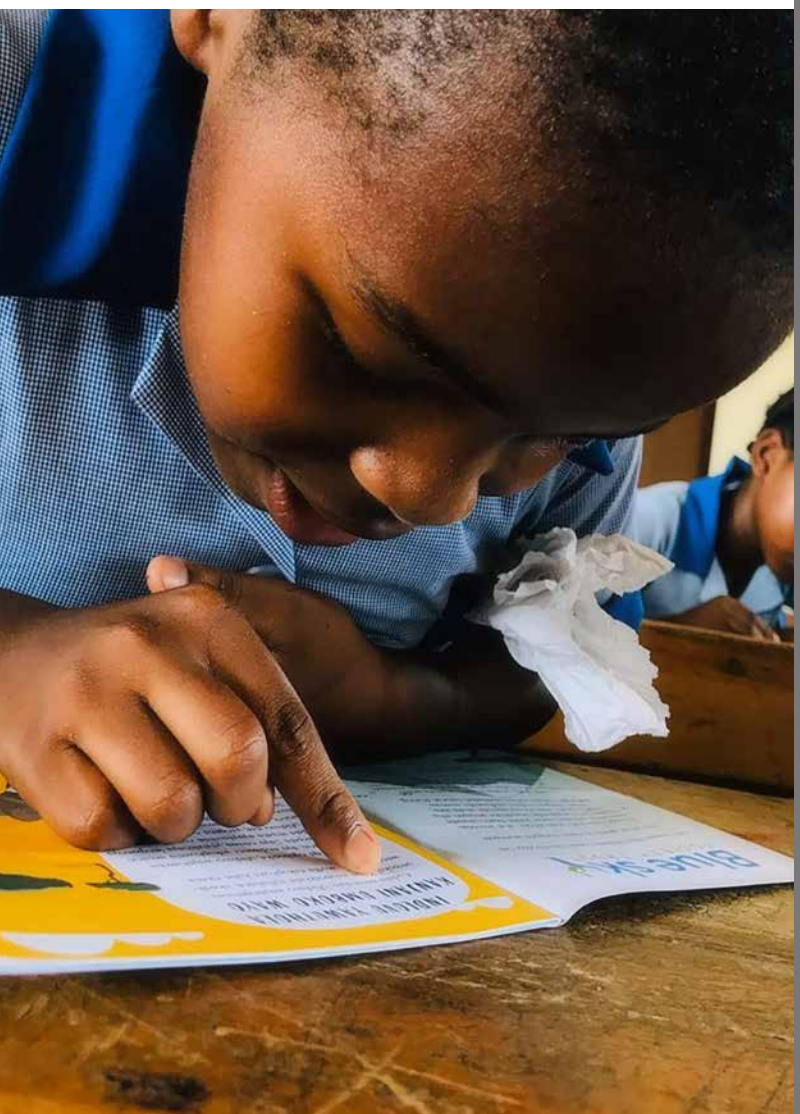
I distributed about 500 books to 10 schools within Chiawa project area.

I also distributed 450 books to 9 schools during the last schools camp visit from chinyunyu project area.

A total of 950 booklets were distributed to 19 schools of chiawa and chinyunyu project areas.

Teachers responded that through our education programs, they will teach the children about the importance of conserving elephants and pangolins and the wide-spread effects elephants and pangolins can have on their ecosystem.

I will distribute the remaining booklets to other project areas of Luangwa, Chongwe and Rufunsa in the 2020 EEP and will need more if it is possible.



Gorongosa National Park – *Mozambique*

By Larissa Sousa

Associate director for education

In August 2019 we received 1750 Portuguese wildlife brochure from Blue sky society.

From August to October we distributed these brochures to the following 43 clubs in 4 Districts:

- Gorongosa (24 communities).
- Nhamatanda (14 communities).
- Cheringoma (2 communities)
- Dondo (3 communities).

And the remaining 30 brochures where we kept on the Community education Center –CEC in the park, which were then distributed to other kids (from Eco-clubs) that came around the center for other activities. The brochures are part of additional material the girl club member receive along the year, and this a being fun learning material the girls were really happy and excited having these along. After some time the team was able to get some feedback from the girls and they mentioned that they really liked them because of the following:

- The fact that there is a specific place for them to write their personal details: name, school and community in the front page.
- The activities inside the brochure, specially the activities 1, 2, 6 and 9 because they were easier to understand and they had done before, and they also mentioned that the others made them think a bit more which is good.
- They are able to improve their reading skills, write stories and poems.
- There is a lot of colours and stories about animals that they know and are learning.

In partnership with Children in the Wilderness and the Masego Community Conservation Trust, we distributed approximately 2200 wildlife educational booklets to six primary schools in the area throughout the year. Children in the Wilderness aims to protect pristine wilderness areas through educating and uplifting the rural children of Africa to understand the importance of conservation and its relevance in their lives.

Earth Awareness Consulting/ Children of the Wilderness / Elephants Alive

- Botswana & South Africa

By Isabel Wolf Gillespie

Education facilitator

Masego Community, Botswana:

Distribution of booklets to six primary schools in the Bobirwa Region, Tuli Block - The Masego Community Conservation Trust was formed by community members from the villages Mabolwe, Semolale and Gobojango. The villages experience severe conflict with wildlife predominantly elephants, and the booklets provided the perfect platform to engage in the topic in a fun way. The various activities and creative games are informative, engaging and the booklet can be taken home to show and educate family members. The elephant art piece always provides a great opportunity for an art competition, creating that extra bit of enthusiasm and excitement for the children. Earth Awareness is a philosophy, a way of life driven by an intrinsic passion to leave a valuable legacy behind ensuring the survival of this planet, its rich biodiversity and a better life for all. Based on mutual respect, we work with non-profit organisations or communities on environmental and humanitarian projects we truly believe in. Our operating principles are built on sound ethics, believing that our work is valuable beyond financial gain. We get involved in projects focusing on environmental education at grassroots level, social empowerment through skills development as well as nature-based learning experiences.

Elephants Alive, Hoedspruit:

Elephants Alive, a research and science organisation working tirelessly towards ensuring the survival of elephants, strongly believes that the long-term preservation of free-ranging elephants is linked to empowering, informing and involving local communities. As part of the organisations' community outreach efforts, in partnership with the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve, we visited two school adjacent to the APNR (Associated Private Nature Reserve to Kruger National), Sigagula Child Support Afternoon School and Tsakane Special Needs school, distributing the Wildlife Educational Booklets and facilitating an elephant art competition. Booklets were distributed to approximately 300 children, proving a great opportunity for lots of fun, laughter and of course learning.

Dargle School Outreach, South Africa:

Booklets and Spekboom Visit - In November we visited a small school in the Dargle Valley as part of our 'Trees for my Future' initiative. This initiative is focused on educating and planting indigenous trees, mostly at schools and/or the schools' Enviro Club. Essentially youth from disadvantaged communities' plant/grow/nurture trees and trade 'tree care points' earned with partner organisations for livelihood supporting items or a higher education bursary fund. As part of the tree planting of Spekboom saplings and vegetables for their school vegetable garden, the children were given booklets to have fun and learn more about the environment they live in. The school is fairly small school, hosting and educating only 30 children.

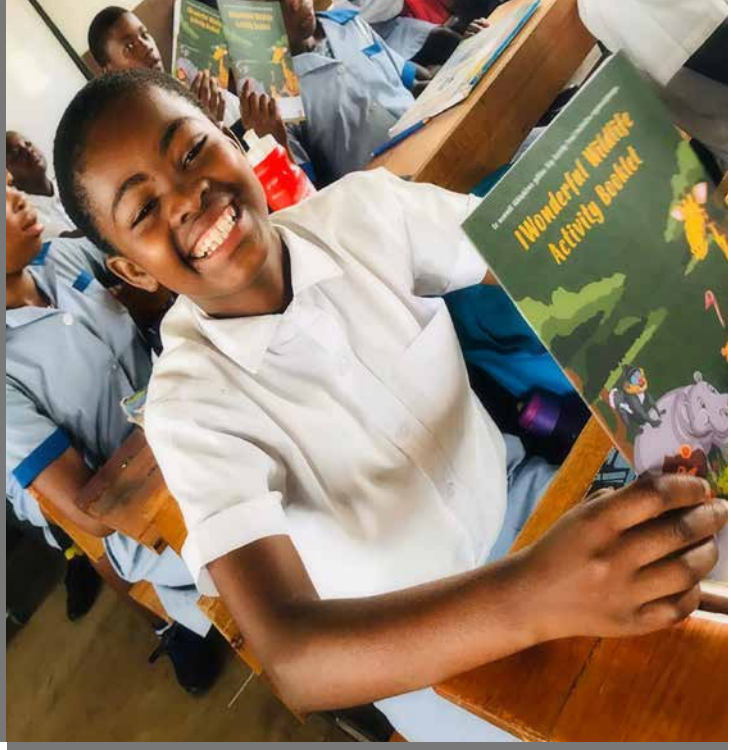
Joyful Centre, Botswana:

Bringing joy to the orphans of Mathathane - Christmas came early (on the 16th December to be exact) for the 65 children from the Joyful Centre in Mathathane. In partnership with Good Hope Volunteers and other donors we organised gift parcels, which among items such as toys, books and clothing, included the Wildlife Activity Booklets donated to us by The Blue Sky Society Trust. The Joyful Centre is a day care facility for mostly orphaned children and youth from the Mathathane Village, North East Botswana. Our mission is to create a brighter future for those less fortunate, who have often through tragic circumstances lost one or both their parents. The orphan rate in the village is considerably high due to HIV/AIDS, a disease that has taken many lives in the past. At the Joyful Centre our focus is play, laughter and fun facilitated in a safe space, providing support and a sense of belonging to the children. Our aim is to bring joy, as well as educate on important matters such as nature, environment, wildlife, hygiene, english, technology, future and career and other.

Bush Babies Report - Elephants Alive, *South Africa*

By Sandra Mahlobo

What an amazing day made by the Elephant Alive team at Ballanoto Primary school. Elephant Alive team members visited the Bush babies and gave them an exciting experience before the school holidays. Our Bush Babies were painting salt dough and creating an art drawing of elephants with different colours. Our Bush babies loved and enjoyed playing with the colours show casing their art. Lewyn and Katherine Burns explained the whole process to the kids and there were filmmakers doing a documentary. One of our Bush Babies, a young girl, did a poem about BAPHALABORWA, expressing her feelings of pride about being a Pedi speaking person. Later our Environmental Monitors attended the Elephant Alive Auction in Hoedspruit where the team learnt more about elephants and their active roles in ecosystems. The wildlife educational booklets were handed out to the children.



Report for the outreach for *World Elephants Week.*

By Joel Sithole

On the 12th August 2019 Elephants Alive team and The Bush Babies went out to Bolloanoto Primary School in Phalaborwa to give a talk and interact with learners. We had two hours to present to 89 kids divided into two classrooms, where each class had an hour of laughter while learning about Elephants. Here are some of the topics we shared with the learners.

- What Elephants Alive is all about
- What is conservation
- The importance of Elephant in an ecosystem
- What Elephants need (Food & Water, Safety and Family)
- What makes Elephants suffer
- How EA follow Elephants and why
- Ways to prevent crop-raiding
- Protection from poaching
- People, Elephants, Bees and Trees working together and help each other
- Products EA gain from bees
- How kids can play their part in protecting Elephants.

Learners were also given booklets each (THE WONDERFUL WILDLIFE ACTIVITY BOOK) to broaden their understanding of Elephants and wildlife in general. This gift brought lots of smiles to their little faces. During the lessons all kids listened and showed lot of love and understanding to what they were learning. It was an unexplainable joy for me to share all the goods stories about Elephants with the future warriors of conservation. I couldn't ask anything more than seeing the eyes for conservation open right in front of me. This was the best and time well invested. Hope that few if not all will carry the message across to their friends and eventually to their family members if that happens the conservation world would have won.

Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation, *South Africa*

By Yvette Taylor

I wanted to thank you so much for providing us with booklets again this year. The books are very appreciated by the schools and lays down a basic understanding of the environment and conservation. We currently have 9 educational Environmental Monitors who visit the schools in the area, who talk to the learners and convey the conservation message, their job is made so much easier with the booklets.

We have also targeted schools that are included in our weekend camps. The first step is to visit the schools that are participating in the school camp project and talk to them about conservation and the school camp. At this talk they are given a booklet and they are also briefed on the environmental camp. The booklets have become such an important part of the process.

We handed out Wonderful Wildlife Activity Booklets to the following schools:

- Mabhila Combined school-250 booklets
- Insimangwe Primary School- 215 booklets
- Esiqhinqini Full-Service School-92 booklets
- Nonqanda Primary School-255
- Ntukuso Primary School-185 booklets
- Othweba Primary School-282 Booklets
- Ingcindezi Primary School-301
- Nkanyezini Primary School-500 Booklets (2 boxes)
- Nonfihlela Primary School-82 Booklets
- Asizenzele Primary School-325
- Ngidi Primary School- 326 Booklets
- Indunakazi primary school – 250 booklets
- Mvini primary school -250 booklets
- Mkhathini Primary School – 250 booklets
- Nomfihlela Primary School – 250 booklets
- Asizenzele Primary School – 250 booklets

Our Business Partners, Sponsors *and* Donors

Our heartfelt love and gratitude go out to those individuals, schools and organisations that sponsor and support our projects, initiatives and mission. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting us in 2019, seeing hope and opportunity where others see negativity! It is through your selfless support that we have made – and continue to make – a significant, meaningful difference.

PLEASE NOTE: We have listed donors and sponsors below. If we have somehow left out anyone, we humbly apologise. It is through your kind donations that can help animals and people in need – and that is truly priceless!

Name	Item (Cash/Product)
Aramex	CSR Project / Sponsor
City Logistics - Tessa Geyser	CSR Project / Sponsor
Lion Match Products	CSR Project / Sponsor
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Hirt & Carter	Discounted rate
Outdoor Warehouse - Kobus Potgieter	Discounted rate
Stanley's Stationers	Discounted rate
Mondi Limited	Discounted rate/Donation
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Unearth Women	Discounted rates - advertising
Frontrunner - Jaco Nel	Discounted rates / Product roof rack x 2
Alan Hounsome	Donation
Antoine Mason	Donation
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Delia Harris	Donation
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Heather Gill	Donation
Keep Hillcrest Beautiful Association	Donation
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Nicola Sheehy	Donation
Rick Southam	Donation
Umhlanga Wowen Achievers	Donation
Woodgrove Retirement Village	Donation
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Babanango Game Reserve	Donation - Booklets
Mustek - Vineshree Pillay	Donation / WESSA computers
Tanglewood Foundation - Peter Eastwood	Educational booklets - 40 000
Cathryn Gill	Expedition
Catriona Macrae	Expedition
Remke Lasance	Expedition
Tammy Tommaseo	Expedition
Tori Bohn	Expedition
Virginia Scholes	Expedition
Emily Scott	Expedition
Marie-Paule Schaijes	Expedition
Thea Litschka	Expedition JWP01 (meal)
Chris Botha	First Aid Course
Snomaster	Product donation
Thule	Product donation / Prize
Anomomous - Hilton School	Soul 2 Sole
Nick Larson	Soul 2 Sole