

2020/21

ANNUAL REPORT



**WESTLAKE
UNITED
CHURCH
TRUST**



**Our mission is to serve
the Westlake
community via our
Home Based Care,
Pre-school,
Child Protection and
Advice Office initiatives,
displaying God's love.**

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Chairperson's Report



We are proud to announce and congratulate those involved in the outstanding achievements reached during 2020. This has indeed been an extension of our success in 2019.

It was with great sadness that we bid farewell to Richard Saner, who made a fundamental impact in a short time at Westlake United Church Trust (WUCT), its Donors, Partners and the broader Community. His untimely passing has left a void that needed to be filled.

Veloshni Baker, assistant to Richard, was identified as the most suitable and skilful candidate to fulfil the General Manager's duties. As the first female General Manager for Westlake United Church Trust (WUCT), she has done a phenomenal job, proving herself a compassionate leader and upholding the Community's needs.

The year 2020 has also brought about the COVID-19 pandemic which was felt by all. Our thoughts are with those who have lost family members to the virus and with the many, many people who suffered from the consequences of the severe economic slowdown.

Our service delivery experienced challenges throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. With the 'new normal' we navigated through our President's announcement that South African citizens over the age of 60 with chronic illnesses needed to remain at home, thus leaving our team to deliver clients' medication. We soon realised that client's personal details on files had not been updated for years, presenting further challenges. Nevertheless, we overcame them and impressed with our committed team of Registered Nurses, Caregivers and Drivers, many of whom had their own co-morbidities. They continued to provide our clients the service they deserve, travelling for many kilometres on foot. We are pleased to report that an outstanding medication delivery success rating of 98% was achieved on a daily basis.

One of our biggest Partners, the Department of Health (DoH), assisted us with an additional budget for Registered Nurses and Carers. They also assisted with protective clothing which included, masks, visors and sanitising liquid for the staff. Furthermore, DoH assisted our community support drives with hand sanitiser and food parcels to combat the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Government launched its financial relief system, TERS, assisting community members and clients who had not earned a salary during this time.

WUCT's Educare department faced many challenges as well. The Emmanuel Educare and their administration team continued to avail themselves when possible although it was limited to the stringent lockdown restrictions. A Portuguese Poet by the name of Fernando Pessoa wrote the famous words "we do not know what tomorrow will bring" and in agreement, I believe there will be a tomorrow and that our work is not yet done.

A special note of appreciation is extended to our Partnerships without whom we could

not have achieved so much. In particular, generous donations were received from the DG Murray Trust and Elma Foundation towards the purchase of additional protective gear and extending our community food parcel. We are blessed and grateful to have you as part of our journey to serve with grace, compassion and love to the Community.

As we move into the 2022 financial year, we are changing gear. Last year we navigated our way through the pandemic, protecting our people while still serving our clients. Now we aim to grow and build fundamental relationships to scale up WUCT with the support of Veloshni and her team.

While we are still very much in a COVID-19 world, with economies reeling from the impact of the shutdowns, it does seem as if we are shifting into the next phase of the COVID-19 journey. It is crucial that we do not remain stuck in lockdown mode but rather prepare to go up a gear. We have delivered value for our clients since that fateful day in March. We've learnt a great deal about virtual engagement, managed to keep going and continue to prioritise our clients and our community. Some of us learned to cook better, grow our own veggies and re-discovered the importance of family. We, the team at WUCT, will continue to keep our composure during these uncertain times, with boldness and trust in God.

WUCT is in good-health, despite some Covid-related operational and financial challenges. Following our purpose to invest in a better tomorrow by building an efficient health care service continues to motivate us. I wish to thank all of you for what you have put into this organisation to make it the extraordinary NGO it is today.

We thank God for his hand of protection and ask that He heals the wounds in many families. We are not without hope. In God we Trust and with Him we will continue to overcome all adversities.

Harold Stemet
Chairperson Board of Trustees



Report from the General Manager



Going into Covid for the second consecutive year was incredibly challenging. While Covid in the beginning prepared us for a path of faith building, as the road lengthens, we have begun to accept this journey has become a marathon which needs to be well planned and prepared for with different contingency plans should the need arise. Good news is that as an NGO community centre, operating amongst the underprivileged in Westlake, our years of serving has given us the necessary tools for community development. In essence, there are already plans in place for disasters of every kind. It is true, Covid is one of the mega-challenges, albeit it the biggest pandemic we have ever faced. But just as David faced Goliath we are determined to overcome this massive giant, one pebble at a time.

Fortunately, like David who overcame his Goliath (the mighty Philistine giant), we have strong 'pebbles' in our slingshot. By this reference to 'pebbles', I refer to 'tools' – our tools are the fantastic people who partner and work with us to make our mission to assist Westlake successful. Our management and staff complement is our strongest asset. It is a pleasure to work with a team of amazing servants of the Lord who are led by their

generous hearts of compassion, excellent work ethic and passion for serving the vulnerable. Despite the challenges of operating under Covid restrictions, with the Lockdown Levels swinging from Level to Level this year, we struggled to juggle our services but never gave up. The Home based carers continue to work tirelessly delivering on average 500 boxes of medication monthly to the over 65 year age group, conducting outreaches twice a week in Westlake parks to register the residents onto the Covid database, Covid screening to over 3000 residents monthly, in addition to the regular healthcare package of care. Well done to Nicci, Lawrence, Louette and our Masked heroes who have performed wonderfully! Sadly, they have experienced death amongst the clients due to Covid and age related conditions. We were devastated by the untimely death of our cleaner and kitchen staff, Doreen Sampson, whom we will miss for her singing and joyful spirit. Our condolences go to David, Devin and the Sampson family. Rest in peace, dear Doreen! Thank you to Liz and Giltedge staff for assisting us with the funeral needs.

Despite the challenges, we give God the glory and praise for answering prayer and allowing us to perform our community services. We have adapted to the 'new normal'. Emmanuel Educare Pre-school continues to excel in education and once again have achieved the distinction of Top pre-school in maths in the Southern suburbs. We extend praise to Hazel and the dedicated and diligent staff team who work tirelessly to keep the school Covid compliant. They go the extra mile ensuring each child is given the best education and loving support. Our grade R's excel in their Grade one classes in the surrounding schools. We have received praise from St Mary's Primary, Zwaanswyk Primary, Westlake Primary and Norman Henshilwood schools for our children who enter their Grade 1 classes. We salute Hazel and her team for preparing the way for an educated future generation!

OVC team headed up by Co-ordinator Yvonne Nyamavaka, continue home visits and daily programmes to 75 orphans and vulnerable children at risk providing meals, outings and arts and culture programme. This year they have started a much needed support group for the 14-18 year olds to teach them career and life skills. It is a safe space to keep them away from predators and unsavoury elements as they enter the challenging teenage years. An amazing achievement by a remarkable team that conduct home visits on foot in all kinds of weather.

Alastair Grey, our bookkeeper works diligently to keep our financial records in impeccable shape. Debbie Parker started as our new Treasurer. Thanks to the hard work of Debbie and Alastair our finances are efficiently recorded. We are extremely grateful to Peter Prentice's faithful stewardship as Treasurer for over a decade, using the wonderful anointed gifts of accounting, generosity and amazing kindness.

May God bless Peter abundantly as he embarks on his next journey.

Our Sewing team led by Jenna Hill sewed countless masks which were distributed to the Westlake community. They made aprons, mattress covers, art aprons and jackets. What a talented team!

God has provided for us in the wonderful relationships we have built with our partners and the community. We had the privilege to be His hands to provide for so many! 'Fish and Loaves' is one of our truths – we share what we have with the community and the Lord will provide for the next day. "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9.

2021 saw us partnering with amazing individuals and organisations to perform exceedingly well. Alone we are limited but working together with our partner networks, church partners and sister NGO's we can scale mountains. Together with our faithful Trustees, SOUL, Amazing Grace, Silvertree Estate residents, Rotary Constantia, Christ Church Constantia, Common ground Church, Constantiaberg and Westlake residents we helped rebuild six bungalows which burned in a devastating Westlake fire. Together with Penny East and Thandi Mbotweni of the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme we assisted 80

Westlake families with 80 boxes of groceries. Together with Young Legends and the local soccer teams we are embarking on rebuilding the Soccer Club house. Together with Tokai Methodist Church we are assisting Mazivuke Food garden with essential items. It takes a village!

Community development involves engaging with people less fortunate than ourselves in devastating situations we cannot imagine navigating. Not everyone has the capacity or the strength and compassion to walk with the struggling and the "lost". It is indeed humbling to work with such an awesome team who consider this to be pure joy. An astounding 5108 food parcels which provided 186,662 meal, 6769 masks and 3650 soaps/sanitiser have been delivered from March 27th to date. Indeed, "Praise the Lord, we give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

Whatever the need is, it is important to retain a heart of compassion. Giving without expectation is the best kind of giving, showing acts of caring and kindness in times of adversity is so needed in a Covid world where new categories of 'vulnerable' emerge daily. It is our human duty to reach within and provide in any way we can, no act of kindness can be too big or too small. Three things have I learned in working in Westlake: faith moves, love abides, hope endure.....

To continue our work with the vulnerable we rely on partnerships which provide finances, donations of materials and service. We could not have impacted the vast numbers we have without our wonderful Board of Trustees, Churches, partner /sister organisations, service delivery partners, donors, CAN's (Community Action Networks), neighbours, volunteers and prayer warriors. Thank you for your faithfulness, loyalty, service to community and for your amazing support. Without you this marathon would not have made such enormous leaps. Let us keep working together, the race is not over. There is much to do. We honour you for joining us on a mountain moving, water walking adventure. God bless you! Ndiyabulela enkosi! Mag die Here jou seen!

Veloshni Baker
General Manager

Emmanuel Educare Principal's Report



It was with sadness to hear that another past pupil passed away at the age of 11. Our deepest sympathies to the family.

We are thankful for our staff who continue to give their very best to serving the children of Westlake. Our teachers, assistants, kitchen and admin staff have been faithful and dedicated to their duties. We would like to acknowledge two staff members who have left in the past year. We said goodbye to Carmelita Geduld at the end of 2020 and Priscilla Williams earlier this year. We wish both well in their future endeavors and are grateful for the impact that they have made during their time at Emmanuel.

Our staff are blessed with amazing opportunities to develop their skills. Five of our assistant teachers are able to attend Crawford College to gain their ECD qualifications. Our Grade R teachers had the opportunity to join in an online Lego Training workshop.

Our staff were included in the vaccine roll outs for Education Department and Social Development. This has given greater peace of mind to our staff as they interact with learners and parents on a daily basis. We continue to follow covid protocols with daily screenings, sanitizing and social distancing. We are grateful that our learners and staff have been safe during the third wave of infections.

We are thankful for an enthusiastic new Governing Body made up of several parents. They have been active in school matters, doing fundraising and assisting with collecting school fees. We want to especially thank our chairperson, Cordelia Wehr, for her leadership. We are thankful for the special events that we have been able to hold for our learners. These included a Valentine's Day celebration, Movie

If we had to use one word to sum up the past year, it would be thankfulness. During these difficult and trying times, we at Emmanuel Educare, have so much to be thankful for.

We are thankful for each and every one of the learners that walk through the doors in the morning. Our enrolment in 2020 was low owing to the Pandemic but we are grateful that many of our learners have returned.

Fortunately, we were able to welcome a number of new students for the 2021 school year. We now have 150 learners enrolled at Emmanuel Educare. Due to eased restrictions, our learners are also now able to come to school every day. It is pure joy to see full classes and hear the happy sounds of excitement and laughter.

We are thankful to hear good reports from the Grade 1 teachers at Westlake Primary about past learners who have excelled in the first 2 terms this year. It is always wonderful to hear that our students are flying our flag high! We were also excited to hear that a past pupil received a scholarship to Norman Henshilwood.

Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Cinema Day, Youth Day Extravaganza, Sweet Treat Day and Spring Day. Each of these special occasions were filled with enjoyable activities, yummy treats and lots of fun. What a pleasure it is to see smiles on the faces of our learners as they enjoy a break from the normal routines.

Space will not allow us to mention every act of kindness from private individuals, corporates and Churches. However, we want to give a special mention to Rochelle and IDU Software, Pick n Pay Steenberg and Tokai Methodist Church. Our words cannot express how grateful we are for your continued and generous support.

Praise God that we were able to replace our old vehicle with a pre-owned one. This has hugely impacted our service delivery, daily donation collections and our School Feeding scheme.

We are thankful that we can look forward to several exciting events coming up before the year end. Our Grade R learners will be having their Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony on

4 November and we will be holding our annual Nativity Play on 27 November. We will also be having a Christmas Party in December where learners will receive a special gift.

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High."

Psalm 9

Hazel Albertus
Principal | Emmanuel Educare Pre-school



Report from Home Based Care



While 2021 has still brought the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic, WUCT registered nurses and Community health workers (CHW's) work selflessly in the frontline on a daily basis. As the ears, the eyes and the feet on the street, the Home Based Care (HBC) team have continued to carry out the usual services in the Community such as care in the home in the form of bathing/showering clients, care for the terminally ill, wound care, care of pregnant women and maternal care for all women, weekly visits to our regular HBC (Home based care) data base clients, adherence support to HIV/TB clients and members of the Chronic Diseases of Lifestyle clients, supportive care to adolescents and the men in our community, and referral to the various Health Facilities.

All of the above services rendered have been undertaken using safe COVID-19 protocols i.e. the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and social distancing. We continue to have a good working relationship with Westlake Clinic and other Health Facilities including maintaining and building relationships with other NGO's and stakeholders.

The CHW's do continuous Health Promotion in the Community, distributing Health and Covid vaccine information, registration for Covid, distribution of masks and hand sanitisers and distribution of food packs, clothing packs and toiletries. We are pleased to announce that Home based care have specifically added on services to adapt to the new emerging community needs, due to the pandemic. These include Covid screening and home visitation to COVID Positive cases, referred by Department of Health (DOH). This service is to assess for safety of other family members and arrange for isolation to the various appointed isolation venues provided by DOH. Furthermore, to reduce the number of people visiting Health Facilities, HBC are now providing a house-to- house delivery service of medication packages to those over 65 years.

In 2020, we were mandated by DOH to deliver medications to all chronic patients attending government facilities, however that changed to specifically the over 65's in 2021, thus having an impact in 2020 to an average 1000 clients monthly, and in 2021 to 400 clients monthly. The HBC team have had to separate the CHW's into two separate work spaces to ensure their safety as well as adherence to safe social distancing practices. Although this was a challenge as it broke fellowship as a group, all have adapted to this.

We celebrated the appointment of a new Professional Nurse Louette Maccallum who brings a wealth of midwifery experience and has eagerly delved into the Community, developing much needed relationships with social workers and other external supportive services. Together with Professional Nurse Lawrence, and the team of CHW's we provide the vulnerable in Westlake and surrounding areas, with competent and compassionate

care. It has been a real challenging year in Westlake and all the areas covered by HBC by WUCT. Tragically we have had many people passing away, not just from Covid, but from age related illnesses. Our condolences to every person who has lost a loved one. May the Lord give you much strength and comfort at this time. Sadly, we said a final goodbye to Beatrice Matthews our previous CDL Coordinator and much-loved member of the HBC team who passed away.

HBC team also celebrated the appointment of a new General Manager who has brought stability to WUCT as a whole. Through her dedication to all integrated parts that comprise WUCT Veloshni has managed to raise funds which allow HBC to continue to purchase hand sanitisers, EPAP, a must for the nutritionally challenged, adult diapers, food parcels for needy families and as a support at times if disasters in our community. etc which are not covered by the DOH budget. Her efforts also made it possible for HBC to have a new Quantum for transportation thus limiting the previous challenges of regular breakdowns and maintenance etc.

Despite the various levels of Lockdown regulations WUCT have still held socially distanced Outreaches, often together with Westlake Clinic to reach the Community and assess the burden of disease and maintain the connection in the Community. Special celebrations were held on Mandela Day and Woman's Day, where we blessed the Community with Care packs and blankets. Our largest Outreaches have been those in the Westlake community parks and the surrounding Frail care facilities, setting up 5 days a week Registration sites for Covid vaccines: to register clients onto the Covid vaccine database and advise on the benefits of the Covid vaccine.

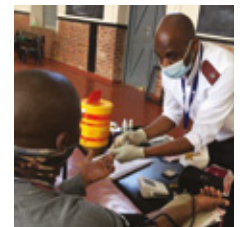
The highlight of this process was WUCT being declared an officially registered vaccine site with four different vaccine dates. We are delighted to address the urgent Covid vaccination needs of the community, keeping them safe in a site that is within walking distance.

Over the period of 2020 to 2021, to date HBC have distributed more than 1500 food parcels, 3100 hand sanitisers, 8500 medication parcels, 125 care parcels to new-borns consisting of knitted jackets, caps and blankets, 50 scarves and beanies to the elderly, 120 fleece blankets and almost 20 000 masks. A warm thank you to all the wonderful people who have assisted in knitting warm winter items that were handed to Mother-Baby clients, the elderly and vulnerable, and in providing much needed items for the food and care packs. You are truly angels to our clients!

Our community members who are impoverished need continued assistance with items that they are unable to afford, to provide them with a sense of dignity. WUCT fundraising efforts attempt to cover some of these needs, but donations of the following will always be immensely appreciated: Adult Diapers, glucometers, EPAP, food parcels, hygiene products such as toothpaste, facecloths, toothbrushes, soaps, deodorant, bath towels, sanitary pads etc.

We are grateful for all those who have supported HBC with bountiful provision so that those in the Community can benefit. Most importantly we thank the members of the Community who allow us into their homes and lives allowing us to provide the service and care as per our mission statement.

Sister Nicci Woodbridge
Project Manager | Home Based Care



Report from Child Protection Services



2020 was a year where the children had to adapt to a new Covid compliant environment viz. social distancing, screening, scanning, wearing masks and learning the correct 20 second hand washing technique. We are proud of our support group children who have adapted to the new protocol. In fact 2021, has been a better year and it has been a smoother transition as all our children have adapted to the 'new normal'. We started this year with an important topic entitled "Broken crayons still colour". This was a fantastic method of encouraging our children that no matter how broken you feel you are still of value and importance. Four new facilitators joined the team and were upskilled to be facilitators. We recruited new children for our grief and loss group. The life skills group were given insight into the demands and challenges of life lessons appropriate to their ages.

A wonderful Valentine's Day event took place in February, made possible with the amazing assistance of Pick n Pay and Food Lovers Market. This year's theme is keeping Westlake clean and beautiful. In keeping with the theme, on Freedom Day children painted a wall in Westlake and decorated it with their hands. There was a discussion on the importance of

helping others and how can they offer help as children. George Smith, an OVC Facilitator, Fire and Light, the OVC team and Every Nations members painted the wall with brightly painted prints of their hands.

To recognize Child protection week, children made banners and cards that encouraged people to stop child abuse and protect children's rights. A well supported Peace walk took place with a great response from the community.

Art and culture programme has resumed – we were blessed with professional facilitators for the art, chess, dance and drumming programmes. The children enjoy their lessons with Andile for drumming, Nicky for dance, Peace for art, Helene and Ashley for chess. The children enjoy this programme as part of their life skills therapy. Our goal is to encourage them and motivate them to continue doing it. We were blessed to have this much needed therapeutic project sponsored by Grant in Aid via the City of Cape Town.

Some of the children attended a special excursion to Kirstenbosch botanical gardens where they were educated on nature and sculptures. Photos were taken to inspire their artwork which is of a very high standard. Many budding artists are emerging. However, we are looking for sponsorship of paints and art material as this is very costly.

There was great joy for the big communal birthday parties that are held quarterly. It is a time of encouraging a warm, safe homely environment and the children thrived on the love and attention displayed by the facilitators. For Mandela Day, OVC's received warm blankets from the Sewing room and wrapped and delivered them to Home Based care to hand out to the destitute in the community. For 67 minutes they picked up litter as part of their bit in cleaning up the community spaces. Of concern, we discovered that children who

leave support group at the age of 13 fall into negative patterns. As they transition into the difficult teenager years without the necessary guidance, they tend to fall through the cracks into the hands of predators and unsavory elements. To address this urgent need, we began a new support group for the 14 – 18 year olds. Currently topics of career guidance, peer pressure, high school and tertiary guidance is taught. Excellent attendance is noted and the children absolutely love this new safe leaning space. The challenge is that it is a costly project. Any assistance will be humbly appreciated. This group has brought much positive thinking and support for our Westlake teenagers. A warm thank you to Fundisile, Zonke, Shane, and Pastor Wayne for volunteering to help through out the year with different topics.

As the OVC team we are always proud when one of our children becomes a success. One of our facilitators is a product of OVC support group. Daphne attended support group when she was young. She says this has helped to shape who she is and who she has become as an adult. Support group helped her in so many



ways in areas, no one could have assisted her. Today she is one of our facilitators giving help and encouragement to our kids and using her life story as a perfect example that no matter what situation you are in there is always a way, especially when you are surrounded by people who love and care for you.

Our future need are donations for our annual Christmas party, Santa shoe boxes for all our children. painting equipments for art and more drums for the drumming group.

Despite all our challenges the OVC group feels blessed in so many ways, we are grateful to everyone who helps us. A BIG THANK YOU to Zelly, Daphne, Thandi, George, Jennique and Frank for their cheerful spirit and hard work in assisting to make this year's programme an enormous success.

God bless you all.

Yvonne Nyamavaka
Child Protection Coordinator



Our newest addition to our Child Protection team is Daphne Darries. Daphne brings a new dimension to the team in that she used to be in the support group as a child. Her warm, caring experience is what stuck with her. Her positive experience is the reason why she is passionate about working with children, in particular support group children. In looking back to her childhood, Daphne describes her joy coming home from school, quickly doing the housework so she could rush over to the Trust to be part of a lovely space with meals, life skills lessons and friendly, caring facilitators. The children look to her as a positive role model and it gives them hope in a dark place. They are encouraged that they, too, will overcome their bad situations. We are so proud to have been part of Daphne's journey! Well done Daphne!

SERVICES:

Community Advice Office

Our Advice Office provides services to all, regardless of age, gender, race and religion. Our services include photocopying, faxes, scanning, Curriculum Vitaes and venue rentals. Additional services involve assisting with advice for water and electrical faults, job applications, theft of wheelie bins and assistance with fire disasters. The Advice Office assisted with food parcel packing and distribution to the new vulnerable, that emerged as a result of the ongoing Covid pandemic. One hundred and twenty food parcels were distributed via community leaders and organisations each month from January to July. We were pleased that we could help the community during their time of need. Home based care has taken on the task of handing out food parcels to those in need. Fire disasters continue to happen due to electrical problems and failure to put out candles. Advice office assisted with 3 fires by contacting disaster relief for flat pack zinc structures, collecting and distributing food, toiletries, clothing and household goods to the fire victims.

In collaboration with SOUL, Amazing Grace, Penny East, Westlake residents, churches, Silvertree Estate residents, Rotary Constantia, WUCT trustees and private individuals we were able to work together to miraculously assist in rebuilding 6 bungalows after a tragic fire burned down homes in Restio Park. We are deeply grateful to all those who went the extra mile to assist in so many different ways to rebuild the destroyed homes 3 days after the rubble was cleared from the property. The owner and tenants are thankful to all the donors that assisted.

We are pleased to follow strict Covid compliancy regulations. It starts with screening and scanning all visitors and insisting on wearing masks and social distancing. Working together with Westlake Clinic and City of

Cape Town Health department, we hosted Covid vaccine days. We were thankful to bring awareness to the Westlake residents and help to alleviate the infection rate, which is our goal from March 27th 2020.

There were three robberies leading to major expenses, our doors, windows and gates were vandalised. We appeal to the Westlake community to be vigilant and to work towards ending crime in the community.

Our job creation continues in terms of assisting with Curriculum Vitaes and partnering candidates with organisations seeking employees. We are grateful to the City of Cape Town for hosting a campaign to sign people onto the Indigent grant to assist with housing queries.

San Parks assisting cleaning up our gardens and painting our Hall. We are honoured to have such good partners.

Without God in the midst of our community work, we would not have accomplished all that we did. We bless Him for His favour on Westlake and honour Him for provisions that brought happiness and comfort to the multitude.

Scan this code for more details on our work



Advice office



Helping victims build 6 homes



Donations for fire disasters

Tributes



Beatrice Matthew

Beatrice Matthew, ex-Home based carer, sadly passed away earlier this year. She will be fondly remembered for her dedication to the elderly support group of the Home based care unit and for her compassion to the sick in the community. Our condolences go to her family as they heal during this tragic time.



Doreen Sampson

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Doreen Sampson as they navigate their way through the shock of her sudden passing. Doreen, will be dearly remembered for her joyfully singing as she conducted her duties and her helpfulness in the community.

While we mourn the two beloved ladies, we also extend our deepest sympathies to all of you who have lost loved ones, whether it be due to the pandemic or other factors. May the Lord give you the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Help us continue our mission

Our second-hand store is in need of items such as furniture, clothing, shoes, linen and household items.

You can also make an annual or a regular donation with your name as a reference. Please see the back page for our banking details.

Email veloshni@wuct.org.za for more information and for regular updates.



SERVICES:

Assisting the Community



Protecting the children



Handing out food parcels



Educating on the environment



Feeding the hungry



Handing out blankets

The Sewing Project



Help support our Sewing project, which uplifts and empowers the ladies who create the most beautiful items. Jenna Hill, Cynthia Thompson and Lizzie Plaatjies and their team of talented beaders and versatile designers are ready to take your orders. T-shirts and jackets are their latest product.



To support this wonderful initiative please email your orders to: wuctsewing@gmail.com

Impact and Thanks from the Community



Well done! I salute you! Says Westlake resident, Laura Smith.

The Westlake United Church Trust also plays a major role in the community, especially Sister Louette. She is really an angel sent by God to the Trust. Mr Lawrence also goes the extra mile and people are still talking about him using his own vehicle to take terminal patients to the Hospital. He admitted a recent terminal patient just before she passed away and the family is still speaking of him highly for what he did for their loved one, just before she passed away, says Laura Smith. She is full of gratitude for her relationship with Louette and Lawrence, both registered nurses at our Home based care unit.

Laura Smith was one of the first batch of Home based carers trained in Grassy Park by the Trust in 2006. Laura says she is

grateful for the training up to Level 5 (initiated by Di Forrester) which enabled her after three years, to find employment at a Home for the Elderly. There she studied and passed victoriously as an enrolled nurse. Helping the sick is her passion and she works close with Lawrence and Louette to assist the community with dog bites, wound care and dressings. Laura is a sterling example of our empowerment model. She took the training and experience gained from the Home based care unit and went on to study further. Her enrolled nurse qualification now enables her to actively use her nursing gifts in the community. What a fantastic example of a successful story! We whole heartedly thank Laura for partnering with us to make a difference in the lives of people who are sick.

God bless you Laura!

Westlake United Church Trust

Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

General Information

Country of incorporation and domicile	South Africa
Type of trust	The Trust is a non-profit organisation, which is dedicated to helping the poor in Westlake by providing community advice.
Trustees	Harold Stemmet (Chairman) David Walsh Ann Albrecht Diana Forrester Chris Heiberg
Registered office	Westlake Community Office, Cnr Egret Close & Westlake Drive Westlake, 7945
Business address	Westlake Community Office, Cnr Egret Close & Westlake Drive Westlake, 7945
Postal Address	PO Box 30113, Tokai, 7966
Bankers	First National Bank Limited
Auditors	BDV Platinum Chartered Accountants (SA) Registered Auditors
Trust reg. number	IT409/2002
Tax ref.number	0014/437/15/6
NPO number	030-186-NPO
PBO number	18/11/13/100
Level of assurance	These annual financial statements have been audited in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Trust Property Control Act 57 of 1988 and the trust's Deed of Trust.

2020 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT:

Westlake United Church Trust

(Registered number IT 409/2002)

Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Trustees' Responsibilities and Approval

The trustees are required to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements satisfy the financial reporting standards with regards to form and content and present fairly the statement of financial position, results of operations and business of the trust, and explain the transactions and financial position of the business of the trust at the end of the financial year. The annual financial statements are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied throughout the trust and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The trustees acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the trust and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the trustees to meet these responsibilities, the trustees set standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly

defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the trust and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the trust's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach.


The focus of risk management in the trust is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the trust. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the trust endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

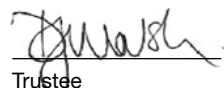
The trustees are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The going-concern basis has been adopted in

preparing the financial statements. Based on forecasts and available cash resources the trustees have no reason to believe that the trust will not be a going concern in the foreseeable future. The financial statements support the viability of the trust.

The annual financial statements have been audited by the independent auditing firm, Advantage Accountants Inc., who have been given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings. The trustees believe that all representations made to the independent auditor during the audit were valid and appropriate. The external auditor's unqualified audit report is presented on pages 4 to 5.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 8 to 16, and the supplementary information set out on page 17 which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the trustees and were signed on 30 June 2021 on their behalf by:


Trustee


Trustee

2020 INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT:

Westlake United Church Trust

Independent Auditor's Report

To the trustees of Westlake United Church Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Westlake United Church Trust set out on pages 8 to 16, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Westlake United Church Trust as at 31 December 2020, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the trust in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for

Registered Auditors (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Trustees for the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going

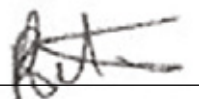
concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAS, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.



R.A. Letcher
Director

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

30 June 2021

Advantage Accountants Inc.
33 Brommaert Avenue, Constantia, 7806

INCOME STATEMENTS & BALANCE SHEETS:

Westlake United Church Trust

Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2020

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2020	2019
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	2	5,908,747	6,056,017
Current Assets			
Trade & other receivables	3	271,403	231,100
Cash & cash equivalents	4	1,636,431	1,601,571
		1,907,834	1,082,527
Total Assets		7,816,581	7,138,544
Equity & Liabilities			
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		1,136,274	1,062,355
Non distributable land & buildings reserve		4,845,142	4,845,142
Total Equity		5,981,416	5,907,497
Special Funds	5	983,143	383,974
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts & other payables	6	137,956	394,650
Deferred income	7	714,066	452,423
Total Current Liabilities		852,022	847,071
Total Liabilities		1,835,165	1,231,047
Total Equity & Liabilities		7,816,581	7,138,544

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2020	2019
Revenue		5,045,568	3,977,957
Other Income		97,225	-
Administrative Expenses		(216,476)	(194,047)
Other Expenses		(4,852,398)	(3,763,170)
Surplus from operating activities		73,919	20,740
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Surplus for the year		73,919	20,740

A deep and sincere appreciation to our Donors & Supporters

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who have contributed towards the work of Westlake United Church Trust during the year.



Churches

- Bergvliet Congregational Church
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- Christ Church Constantia
- Mountain View Baptist
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of South Africa
- Tokai Methodist Church
- Tokai Community Church
- St Martin's Church

Organizations & Trusts

- A. E. Susman & S Susman
- A. G. Trust
- A. Byrne
- B. Henrico
- B. Tozer
- C. D. Heiberg
- City of Cape Town Health Directorate
- Commonground Church, Constantiaberg
- Commonground Church, M5
- Constantiaberg Bulletin
- Constantia Valley Estates
- Councillor Penny East
- D. G. Murray Trust
- D. G. Store
- Elma Foundation
- Food Lovers Market
- Foreshore Equipment & Services
- Frederick Wartenweil Trust
- Giltedge Africa
- Gravit 8
- IDU Software
- J. Lamprecht
- The Jupiter Drawing Room
- K. Day
- Lakeside Community Action Network
- Lydia de Nobrega
- Lewis Stores
- L. Watson
- Little Oaks
- Kirstenhof Primary School
- M. Lashbrooke
- M. Parker
- Mama Africa
- Orphan Care Foundation
- Parker Family
- Nedbank Private Wealth
- Noakes Family Charitable Trust
- Pick n Pay Steenberg
- P. Trengrove – Jones
- P. Goodwin
- Reddam House Constantia
- Rondebosch Boys School
- Rotary, Constantia
- Rotary, Greater CT
- R.B. Hagart Trust
- SAN Parks
- Suzan Stehlik Trust
- Sh'zen
- Silvertree Estate Community Action Network
- Steenberg Golf Estate
- SOUL/Xchange Connection
- The Mapula Trust
- The Sowers Trust
- Transtrade International
- Tokai Lions
- Yuppie Chef
- TMC (Tokai Methodist Church) Congregants
- Western Cape Dept. of Education
- Western Cape Dept. of Social Development
- Western Cape Dept. of Health (Province)
- Woolworths Blue Route



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Account Number : 62019764184
Account Type : Current