

**beautifulgate**

Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

# 2011 - 2012 **Annual Report**



**beautifulgate, south africa**



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## Our Mission

**Beautiful Gate South Africa seeks to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community.**

We are a non-denominational Christian organisation that demonstrates the love of God by helping all those in need, no matter what their background or faith. We believe that children grow best in a family, and the best people to support families are their local community. We therefore aim to build community networks while caring for children and supporting families.

# Reports from the Chairperson & Director

## Chairperson

We reach the end of Beautiful Gate's 19th year of service to vulnerable children with so much to give thanks for. We acknowledge God's provision in all areas of our work: for our financial support - through individuals who are moved to support what we do in their personal capacities, or through the companies they work for; for the skilled individuals that He brings to us and for the opportunities He provides for Beautiful Gate to care for and protect children, preserve and empower families, and mobilise the communities of Crossroads & Philippi.

Together with the Boards of Beautiful Gate International, Lesotho and Zambia we are thrilled to be able to offer to Toby and Aukje Brouwer, the founders of Beautiful Gate, a sabbatical year after nearly 20 years of unwavering dedication to this work. They are both using this time to further their studies, and so we pray that this will be a year of refreshing (and plenty of rest and relaxation!).

Last year we reported that in order to protect the organisation from the effects of economic downturn, we focused our attention on other innovative ways to deliver our services and generate income to support our work. This has resulted in us starting several exciting initiatives with like-minded partner organisations who can provide complementary services from our site in Lower Crossroads and who share our vision to strengthen families in this community.

In conclusion, the Board would like to acknowledge Vaughan Stannard for his capable leadership and stewardship, and also the management team who so ably assist him, all of whom commit their unique skills and energy to serving those in need.

**Susan Farrell, Acting Chairperson**

## Director

What an exciting year! Following the period of focus on sustainability, we have emerged with clearer vision and stronger programmes. The programmes we offer from the Child and Youth Care Centre to the Resource Centre continue to be a growing success. More young (and old) people benefit from our services every month. One thing is clear - the community of Crossroads is hungry for development. In order to facilitate this, we have been led to establish and strengthen a number of partnerships.

We have realized the power in working with partnerships and we are excited about the new opportunities this offers. Kidzpositive Family Foundation have joined us in our family preservation services to provide specialist medical support and Bridge for Hope, a well-matched organisation, is providing computer and life skills for young adults. All in all, these partnerships help us to reach our goal of seeing empowered, self-sustaining families able to care for their children and have hope for the future. During this year we were able to continue with our quality improvement processes with our network partner, CONNECT Network and were certified by VIVA. Also, thanks to the Department of Social Development for providing training for our child care workers.

I would like to thank all the Beautiful Gate Staff and Board that I have the privilege to work with every day. They make Beautiful Gate what it is. Also, a special thanks to all our partners, especially those not mentioned above. And lastly, we are grateful to God for giving us vision and sustaining us in this journey of trying to walk as Jesus would have in this place, at this time.

**With gratitude, Vaughan Stannard**



# Community Support

The Child & Youth Care Centre has continued to be a place of hope for vulnerable children needing a safe place. Child protection is at the heart of our work and when we see smiles on the little faces we see the fruit of our work.

The Centre offers opportunities for children to grow physically, spiritually and socially. We also place an emphasis on child education and our team of child development workers offer extra support through a programme of homework and lifeskills. The Child & Youth Care Centre’s occupancy rate has averaged 36 children for the year lower than last year at 40. This is due to our improved re-unification process. Towards the end of the year we reunified more children creating space for new admissions.



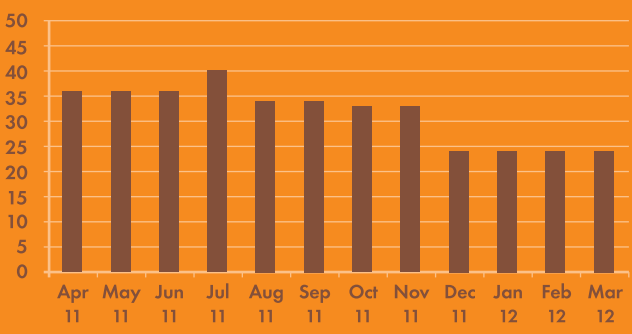
## Child & Youth Care

We are excited about improvements planned for the Child & Youth Centre.

We have begun by renaming all the cottages from just numbers to names of flowers. We now have names like ‘Sunflowers’, ‘Roses’, ‘Protea’ to signify our values of caring – love, life, passion and fun.

In our desire to keep the Child & Youth Centre services accessible and maintain a close knit team we have decided to move the Children’s Activity Centre and offices closer to the cottages. The Activity Centre, which focuses on Child Education and Development, will also allow children easy and safe access to their homework and play space away from the public visiting the Resource Centre.

CHILDREN IN THE CHILD & YOUTH CARE CENTRE

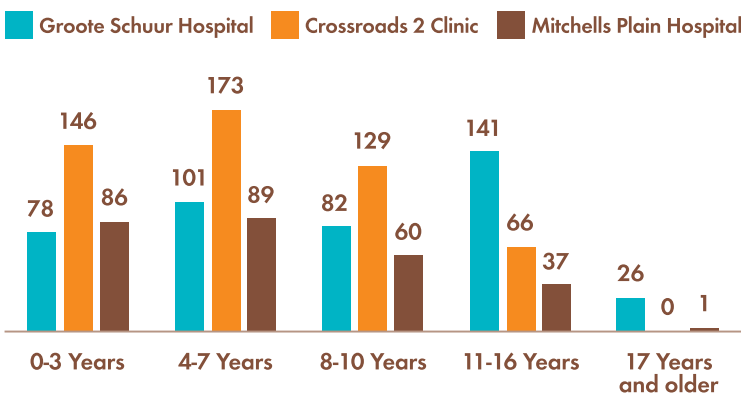


## Medical Support

Access to health services is paramount to the wellbeing of children and most of our children constantly need medical care.

We had an average of 10 clinic appointments and 6 hospital appointments per month with 70% of children from the Child & Youth Care Centre requiring and accessing ARV treatment. Our nurse resigned early last year and for a number of months we struggled to find a replacement and had to use an outsourced nurse. We are happy to now have a fulltime nurse. This is an area where we need nursing volunteers time and again.

CHILDREN ON HIV TREATMENT



The Crossroads partnership clinic presently provides HIV treatment to the largest number of children in the Province. Beautiful Gate continues to provide medical (doctors and nurses) and admin staff as well as practical and communication support.

## Reunification

Some of the most momentous moments in our work is seeing a child leaving and settling in a family. It brings a wave of emotions within us and our caring staff – joy, sadness & relief.

This year we reunified 13 children, higher than the previous year of 10. We are so excited by this impact as we see more and more children finding a permanent and loving home.

During the year a number of families also played a wonderful role by hosting our children over the weekends and holidays; and we see how the kids love it by the smiles on their faces when they come back. Due to consistent weekend placements and outings, children maintain hope that they will one day also find a family. We had our first adoption for one of the children this year and now he is in a loving family.





## Key achievements for the year

### Viva Verification

Following completion of the **6 Quality Improvement System modules** (Governance, Project Planning, Child Protection, Child Wellbeing, Financial Accountability and People Care) our standards have been verified by UK based international child care organisation – VIVA (www.viva.org)



### Improving skills through training:

**15 Child Care Workers completed 4 modules of Further Education and Training in childcare** with the National Association for Child Care Workers (NACCW), thanks to Dept of Social Development funding. They were joined by the Social Worker in the behaviour management module.

### Documenting child protection guidelines:

The Child & Youth Care Centre now has a number of **new and updated policies and processes** in place that have been reviewed and developed during the course of the year. The major policy updates being the Child Protection Policy, Medical Standards and Procedures, Psychosocial Support and Bereavement, Care of Dependent Children with chronic illnesses and Family Reunification.

### Continuous Improvement:

We are currently a **1 star member hospice of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA)** and **working for our second star**. Our standards, such as documentation of activities in the lifespan of the child, building of child-parent relationships and our general record keeping and ability to communicate with families and partners have tremendously improved. We are actively applying the government's Children's Act and HPCA guidelines.



# Community Development

**Issues of unemployment and family stability remain some of the main needs in our community. Without addressing these, we are not going to change the situation for future generations of children.**

This year we focused on integrating the three units of Community Development – Youth Development, Strengthening Families and the Resource Centre. We are excited about the potential of the new programme structure along with a new manager appointed in May 2011 to provide a wider matrix of services to our beneficiaries. This has also led to a review of the programmes and a strengthening of the team through staff development and team building sessions. The Youth Development team attended a one week facilitation course conducted by Community Development Resource Action (CDRA). This year the team benefited greatly through the engagement with a consultant (Theresa Le Roux) in implementing an improved planning, monitoring and evaluation system.

The outcome is a comprehensive package of services which has been developed and implemented to include services such as assessments, referrals, counselling, parental skills training and succession planning. During engagement with each individual, the family unit is prioritized and family preservation is seen as part of a comprehensive approach to community development.

## Resource Centre

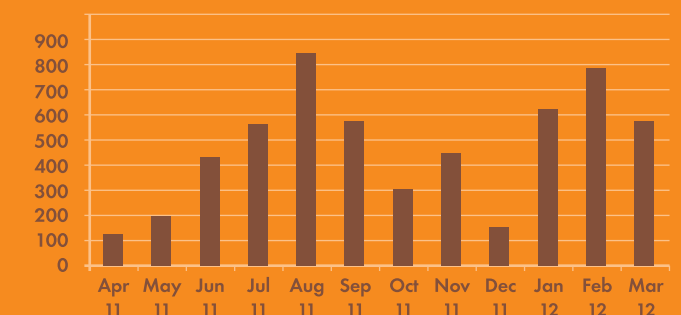
**Due to the increasing demand for our services, we extended the opening hours of the Resource Centre from 4 days to 5 days to include Saturdays. Our new partner on board, Bridge for Hope now conducts a young adult life skills course. Early in 2012 we linked students who are completing Grade 12 with Kopanong Education Academy.**

During the year we served a total of 5639 visitors to the Resource Centre including repeat visitors. Though the Resource Centre started the year on a quieter note with just over 100 visitors, the numbers increased sharply month on month during the first half reaching a peak of 856 visitors in August. In the second half it was a downward trend, with holidays and exam preparations for students largely determining the down and up swings (Refer to graph below).

This year we have seen a general increase in the utilization of our services in the Resource Centre and we are grateful for being of great service to our community.

Challenges: Receiving feedback on the success of interventions is a challenge with not all beneficiaries providing us with feedback of success stories regarding work or study opportunities accessed. We are looking at a system to address this.

NUMBER OF VISITS TO THE RESOURCE CENTRE





## Youth Development

There is a great need to invest in youth development in our community. We have seen that teenagers in particular need guidance and support as they face tremendous pressure from their peers, society and within themselves.

Our aim is to journey with them during this complex transitional phase into adulthood. Our services offer them hope and help to build their character through active and often fun learning opportunities in personal development, skills training and accessing resources.

**This has been achieved through the following activities:**

- 3 holiday clubs **reaching 471 children**
- 4 camps **reaching 67 teenagers**
- 86 life skills sessions **reaching 100 teenagers**
- 4 career workshops for **42 young people**



## Strengthening Families

At Beautiful Gate we have a passion for preserving families; the family is a basic unit of a society and nationhood.

The breakdown of the family structure has resulted in erosion of values in communities with serious social consequences. Providing family and home assessment, counselling and access to basic services like social grant application assistance are part of the services. While a total of 477 food parcels were distributed to 159 needy families who are awaiting grants, shifting our focus from dependency to development, is key.

This year we introduced four parental training workshops in order to help parents focus on preventative strategies to strengthen their families. This includes understanding God's heart for parents and children, knowing parental and children's rights, how to communicate with children and discipline without violence. The initial courses reached 92 parents with an overwhelmingly positive response and next year more parenting courses are being planned.



# Organisational Support



## Finance & Fundraising

**Donors have continued to be very supportive of our work providing valuable contributions throughout the year.**

Total income received was R4.63m against total expenditure of R4.7m creating a small deficit of R76,271. We however managed to carry some restricted funds of about R679 000 into the next financial year 2012/13. Both income and expenditure were lower than last year.

One exciting development over the year has been the drafting of our new financial policies and procedures in July 2011. We now have an updated comprehensive financial policy that guides us in financial decisions and activities compliant with VIVA and Hospice standards.

Throughout the year fundraising initiatives continued including proposal writing, promoting our work and connecting with our ambassadors. The Cape Argus Cycle Sponsorship ride has become a key calendar event which ran for the third year with great success raising R250,000 with 49 riders cycling to raise funds for Beautiful Gate. We want to thank our sponsors: Tullow Oil SA, Rennies Travel, Reeds Motor Group, Deloitte, Schlumberger and their staff along with our special celebrity, Dr Michael Mol for supporting this event.

We will also aim to continue generating non-fundraised income through rental of our offices and facilities. Though generating income creates other challenges in managing our projects, we believe in creating a sustainable model to ensure the much needed services can continue. We want to thank God for financial provision for the year 2011/12 to make our work a reality.

## Facilities

**During this year, the board also decided to put the Muizenberg property on sale.**

This decision was prompted as a result of numerous financial sustainability assessments over the past few years looking at the pros and cons of keeping or selling the property. The proceeds of the sale will be invested in order to generate income for the ongoing projects in Crossroads.

We are grateful to Reeds Motor Group who continue to provide us with a minibus to transport children. The bus is very useful and it has alleviated our transport needs, being used as a utility vehicle to provide school transport and carrying supplies. This year we replaced some equipment in the kitchen whilst reducing our maintenance costs and we will continue to look for sustainable energy options.



# Financial Information

Beautiful Gate South Africa  
Summarised Annual Audited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2012

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income		
	2012 R	2011 R
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>4,628,110</b>	<b>5,046,713</b>
Unrestricted Donations	1,537,819	1,843,141
Restricted Donations	1,936,169	1,900,984
Government Grant	852,028	912,528
Contributions for Services	247,546	330,020
Interest Received	54,548	60,040
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,704,381</b>	<b>5,018,707</b>
Child & Youth Care – Crossroads Children’s Home	3,039,071	3,266,419
Community Family Support	67,358	350,195
Community Medical Care	711,160	701,548
Youth Development	678,481	467,800
Community Groups Development & Resource Centre	196,311	220,709
Audit Fee	12,000	12,000
<b>NET SURPLUS (LOSS)</b>	<b>(76,271)</b>	<b>28,006</b>

2. Statement of Financial Position		
	2012 R	2011 R
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Non-current Assets	12,562,170	12,562,170
Current Assets	1,564,280	1,564,453
	<b>14,126,450</b>	<b>14,126,623</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
Accumulated Funds	12,705,562	12,781,832
Restricted Funds	679,923	755,174
Reserve	597,000	501,000
Current Liabilities	143,965	88,617
	<b>14,126,450</b>	<b>14,126,623</b>

3. Summarised Report Of The Independent Auditor		
I have audited the annual financial statements of Beautiful Gate South Africa for the year ended 31 March 2012. These financials are the responsibility of the board members. My responsibility is to report on these financial statements.		
In my opinion the annual financial statements fairly represent the financial position of Beautiful Gate South Africa as at 31 March 2012 and the result of it’s activities for the year then ended in accordance with the records and information supplied to me.		
<b>GEORGE W CLOETE, Registered Auditor</b>		

# Sponsor a Child

Will you join us in making a difference to a child’s life? Your monthly gift allows us to find and strengthen families for children who need them, while you get to know more about the children in our care through regular updates.

For more info Email: support@beautifulgate.org or Phone: +27 (0)21 370 2500 and ask about the ‘Sponsor a Child’ Programme.



# We thank you...

for your valuable support and generous donations. Your gifts keep us going and inspire us to continue bringing hope to the township communities of Crossroads and Philippi. To our regular donors and Sponsor a Child supporters - your unwavering commitment makes a difference!

# Acknowledgements to our major supporters in 2011-12:

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Standard Bank, Blue Route branch (branch no. 02 56 09)

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