



Marsh Memorial Homes

Nurturing children and transforming lives

ANNUAL REPORT

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Foreword

Jesus said, "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the Kingdom." (The Message translation) Addressing the Annual Children's Celebration event, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela said, "the event is a reminder to us all that the needs and well-being of children must be on top of all agendas. It is simply the sincere desire to make society more familiar with smiles of children than their tears."

The words of our Lord in Mark 10:13 are a deep call for our ministry and mission to and with children. Mandela's words are very profound words from a Methodist whose faith and discipleship led him to sacrifice so much for the well-being of others. The seeds of well-being that we plant today will touch lives in many generations to come.

The above few words capture, in my view, the mission of Marsh Memorial Homes. The work was triggered by the gift of one person, William Marsh, whose heart responded to the needs and well-being of children. It is an encouragement to all of us to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we read these reports and make an effort to visit the Marsh Memorial Homes in order to witness what generosity of spirit and love can give birth to.

I pray that the contents of this booklet and many other stories of the work of Marsh Memorial Homes will inspire all of us to contribute in ways that make this dream grow bigger, more fruitful and touch more lives. May this work be replicated throughout the Connexion and Southern Africa, and may we move towards the realisation of the vision given by God to the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, that of "A Christ-Healed Africa for the Healing of Nations". I further pray that God may grant you peace and grace, and warm your heart towards partnering with this initiative.

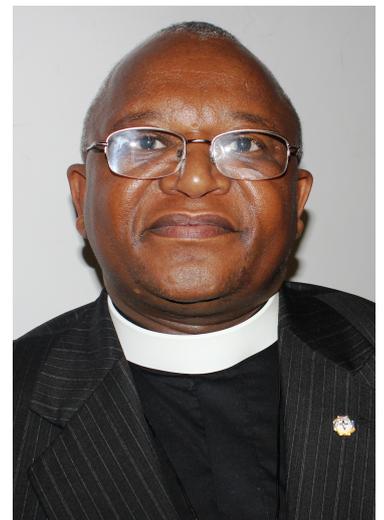
Peace and Grace!



Presiding Bishop
The Methodist Church of Southern Africa
President: South African Council of Churches

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more familiar with smiles of children than their
tears."**

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela



Board Members

Chairperson



**MICHEL
HANSROD**

Ordained minister of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in his 30th year of ministry. He trained for ministry at Fedsan and later at Birmingham University in the United Kingdom. He presently serves as Bishop of the Western Cape. Michel is married to Tania, and is a father to an 8-year-old daughter, Tamia.

Vice-Chairperson



**JANE
LAWRENCE**

Retired English and Professional Studies Lecturer (Foundation Phase). She is still actively involved with NGOs and organisations, facilitating Literacy in Early Childhood Development and primary school settings. A practising Christian, her qualifications include a B.A., HDE, B.Ed, and M.Ed.

Treasurer



**FRED
JENKINGS**

45 years' financial experience in JSE-listed companies. Formerly CFO of Paramount Property Fund and Tower Property Fund. He is currently Director of Ovland Management Services, an accounting, tax and secretarial service provider.

Member



**PAUL
DE GROOT**

Retired Production Manager/ Account Executive and Creative Services Director for Y&R Advertising and Promotions, and Manager at Caltex SA. He operated Uncle Willy's parties on Marsh property for 32 years. He is past president of two Rotary clubs, and founding director and national board member of Reach for a Dream.

Member



**NKOSINATHI
GEJA**

Minister of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, superintendent of Dumisani Circuit, and serving Langa society. He is passionate about pastoral care, child care and children's ministry.

Member



**PHULMA
SATYO**

Teacher, head of the English department, Deputy Chief Education Specialist for English, and Director for Curriculum Studies: FET. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Methodist Women's Manyano in the Dumisani circuit. She is the Education Desk Co-ordinator of the Cape of Good Hope District.

Member



**GAYNOR
FISHER**

Retired bank manager, Gaynor is currently the District President of the Methodist Women's Auxiliary, Cape of Good Hope.

Member



**TSHIDI
SEANE**

Non-practising admitted attorney. He has overseen governance as well as mergers and acquisitions of public, private entities, and multinationals. On the Marsh Management Board, he contributes to policy formulation on institutional governance, and broader co-operative relations with Marsh stakeholders.

Chairperson's Report

Warm greetings to all

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian, once remarked that the soul of a nation is determined by how it treats its children. This was a sentiment often expressed by our beloved Madiba whose 100th birthday we celebrate this year. This, indeed, effectively determines the well-being of a nation.

Marsh Memorial Homes celebrates over a century of care to vulnerable children, confident that our work and ministry contribute to the well-being of our nation, despite the various challenges that confront us politically, economically and socially. We make a sincere attempt to offer holistic care to the children placed among us. We seek to offer the best possible nurture, care and healing to enable them to participate meaningfully in society once they return to their families or upon reaching independence.

The task of the Board remains one of active and practical support to everyone involved in the operation of the home, specifically to offer sound advice on governance and best practice models, and to ensure effective financial management. The current Board members are drawn from a wide spectrum of both professional and religious individuals who generously and voluntarily commit their services to the Home. Indeed, we remain deeply grateful to them for the expertise and services rendered. During the year under review, the Board has met monthly to deliberate on the state of the Home through reports offered by the Principal, Social Worker and finance officers, and through engagement with the children representatives to the Board. Each of the Board meetings served as a conduit and opportunity to reflect deeply, compassionately and resolutely on the various aspects of governance and operation of the Home.

As a Board, we remain in awe of the huge and valuable contribution made by the staff, serving in various capacities, in seeking to fulfil the overall mission of the Home. The volunteer corps, as well as generous donors, individually and corporately ensure a stable and sustainable programme at the Home. We remain deeply appreciative of our various donors and contributors who offer time, money, resources and generous guidance to the Home. The Department of Social Development remains a critical partner, and their support financially and practically enable us to run a meaningful programme.

We welcomed Mr Fred Jenkins, our new treasurer, to the Board and through his guidance are hoping to use the resources available to us optimally in our constant quest to offer better, more efficient and meaningful care to all our children. We bade farewell to Mr Richard Browne who served Marsh Homes faithfully in various roles, spanning over three decades. His contribution to the running of Marsh remains invaluable and his selfless service is deeply appreciated. Mrs Gaynor Fisher also retired from the Board as representative of the Women's Auxiliary and her compassionate, generous spirit and work are acknowledged with grateful thanks.

The Board wishes to place on record its sincerest appreciation to all staff members ably led by our principal, Rev. Kevin Needham, for their selfless and dedicated service to the Marsh Children's Homes family, and we continue to pledge our support for their work.

Rev. Michel W Hansrod

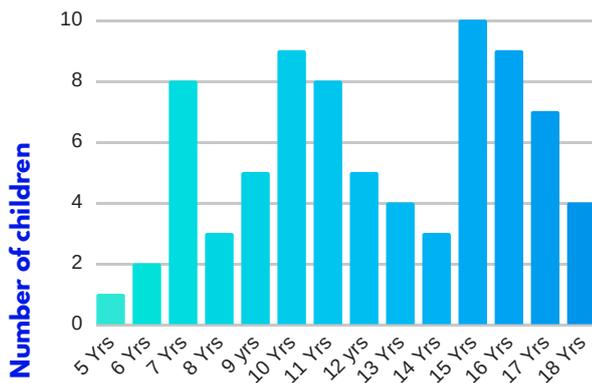
Beneficiaries

Marsh Memorial Homes operates in terms of the Children’s Act, No 38 of 2005. In terms of the Act, we are currently registered as a child and youth care centre with accommodation for 60 children who have been found to be in need of care and protection by the Children’s Court.

While the majority of children in our care originate from the southern suburbs of Cape Town, some come from as far as Vredendal. We believe that ideally all children should live with families in their communities and are committed to keeping their stay with us as short as possible.

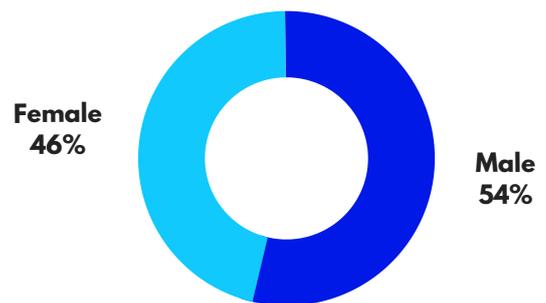
During the year under review we nurtured 78 children, with 23 new admission. 30 children were reunited with their families.

Age of children

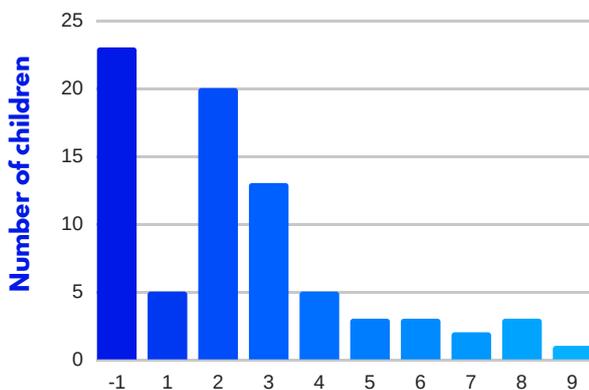


Age of child

Gender

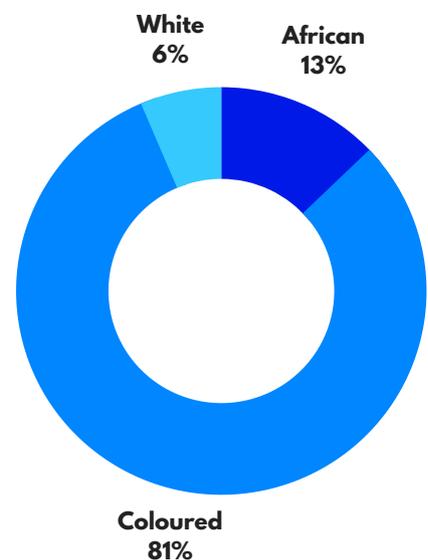


Number of years in our care



Years at Marsh Memorial Homes

Race



Estate



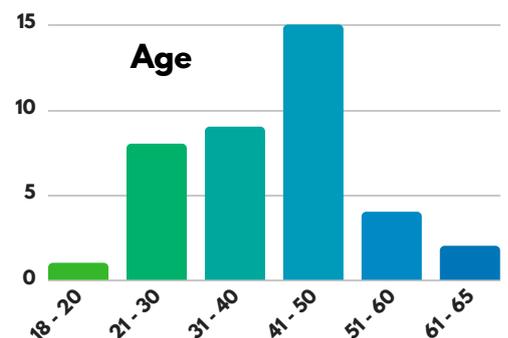
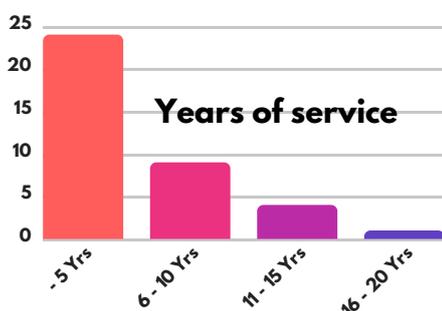
The year saw the closure of the Parker/Perth complex (left) which, over the years, has become run down and in need of urgent repairs. Plans are afoot to raise the necessary funds to renovate the complex so as to be able to accommodate an additional 20 children.



We celebrated the complete refurbishment of the Whalley/Gregory complex (left), which was transformed from offices and staff accommodation to now housing 20 boys.

Human resources

Without the dedication and passion of our staff, Marsh Memorial Homes would not be able to nurture children and transform lives. For the first time in our history, all of our childcare workers are trained and registered. A long-service award system has been put in place to honour those with 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Marsh Memorial Homes receives the bulk of its income from three main sources:

- The Department of Social Development
- The William Marsh Will Trust and
- Donations from various sources.

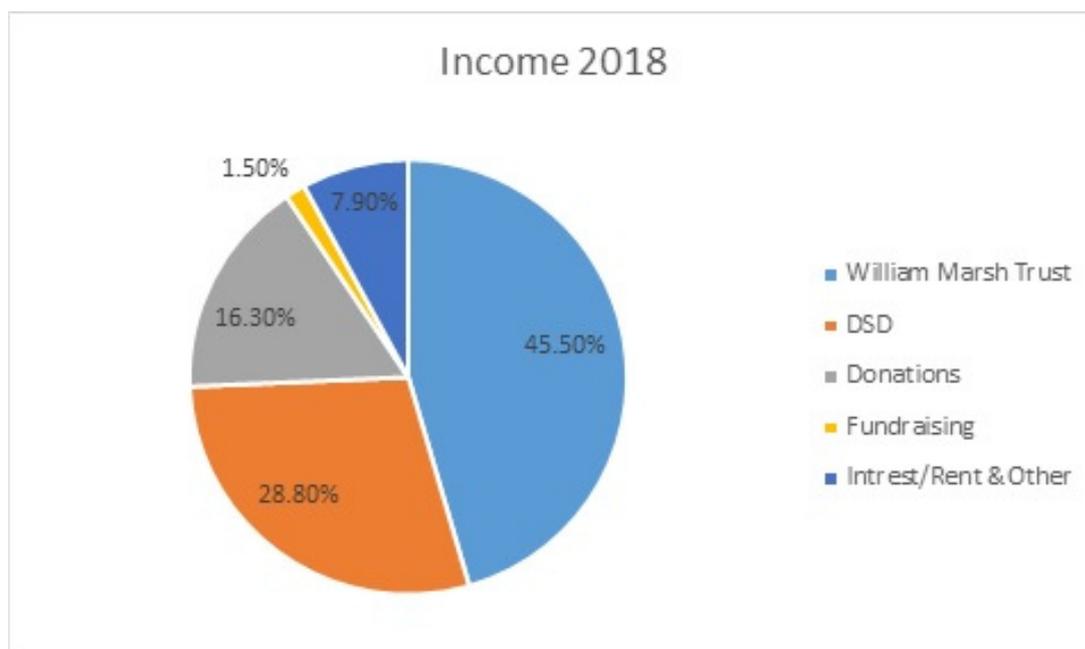
In addition funds are generated through the rental of properties, fund raising activities and interest earned on funds invested.

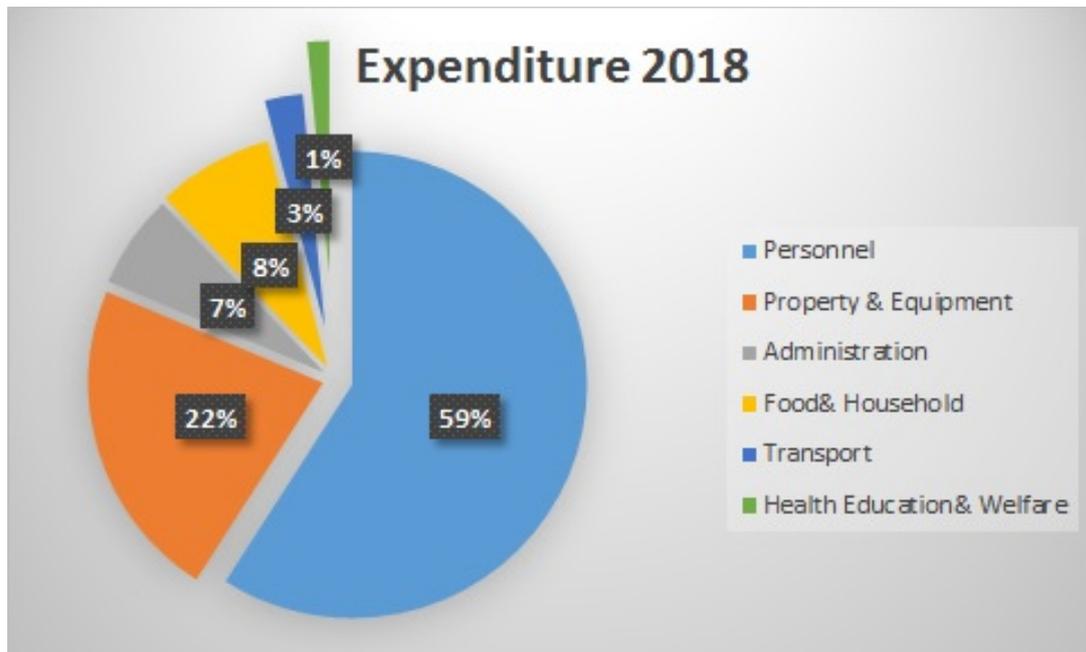
The operations for the year ended 31 March 2018 reflected an operating surplus (unaudited) of R 332 606 (2017 audited deficit of R 14 869). Unfortunately, a fraud was perpetrated during the year by the Home's bookkeeper, resulting in a loss of approximately R 622 965. A forensic audit is currently under way to determine the exact quantum of the loss, and whether any of it is recoverable from insurers. From a prudency point of view the entire loss has been accounted for in the current year.

Our appreciation and thanks is extended to all those who have continued to support the Home during the past year, both financially and in time given selflessly in raising funds.

Fred Jenkings
Treasurer

Note: Copies of the Audited Annual Statements are available on request from principal@marshmemorial.org.za





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