



Marsh Memorial Homes

Nurturing children and transforming lives

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Foreword

The 2018 Conference of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa met under the theme: “Shaping tomorrow – today.” The Scripture reading used at the Opening Address was Matthew 18:1-20, and verses 2, 5 and 6 have the following words from the Message translation; “He called a little child and had him stand among them... and said ‘Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me... But if you give them a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simply trust, you will soon wish you hadn’t.’”

The above words are a strong call on us to act in ways to demonstrate our welcome and care of children, and also a strong counsel against neglect and actions that make children’s lives difficult. Marsh Memorial Homes has demonstrated their commitment to this call – of ‘nurturing children and transforming lives’ over a long period of time. The ministry of Marsh Memorial Homes is commendable and worthy of being seen as a flagship project of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. It demonstrates what the spirit of generosity and credible stewardship of resources can do in shaping the future.

I commend the distribution of this report and trust that it will generate further support of this work and replication of similar initiatives around the Connexion. Of special note and reason for celebration is the dedication of the members of the Board, the Management and staff. We continue to pray for the children entrusted to our care and all those involved in this crucial ministry. The partnership and support from the Department of Social Development as well as various donors will ever be remembered with much appreciation.

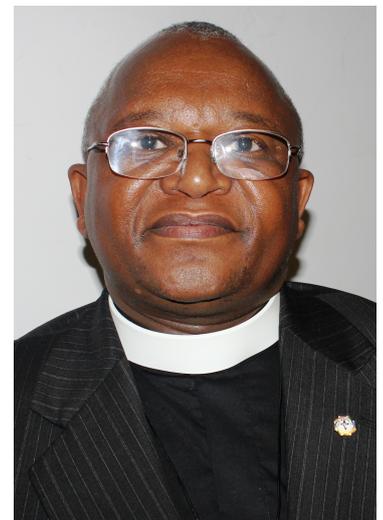
I end with a quotation from Thomas Long (in his commentary on Matthew 1997 page 202): “The Church is the leaven of mercy in the loaf of the world’s misery.” We are indeed the solution to what ails the world, and proactive action on our part can enable us to create a better future for all. It is our prayer that this ministry continue to flourish.

Peace and Grace!



Ziphosihle D Siwa

**Presiding Bishop
The Methodist Church of Southern Africa**



“Shaping tomorrow – today.”

Board Members

Chairperson



YVETTE MOSES

An ordained minister of the MCSA in her 31st year of ministry holds a Masters Degree in Theology from Stellenbosch University. She has served as a Community Development Project Board chair in Beaufort West. Presently she is the Acting Bishop of the Cape of Good Hope Synod. She is married to Stafford and has two adult daughters, Melanie and Bethany.

Vice-Chairperson



JANE LAWRENCE

Retired English and Professional Studies lecturer (Foundation Phase). She is still actively involved with NGO's 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



TOMMY BUNGUZANA

Tommy Bunguzana is an admitted advocate of the High Court of SA and has twenty five (25) years of legal practice experience. He is currently employed as a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa, based in Cape Town. Is the General Secretary of the Young Men's Guild in the MCSA Connexion .

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



LESLEY MOSTERT

Marsh Homes forms a significant part of Lesley's childhood as a "manse child". She now brings to the board a background in Chemical Engineering, experience working across cultures with churches in Thailand, time as the South African National Director of an international mission organisation, and current work in research writing and curation.

Member



LYNELL MASSEY

Is a retired Educator with experience in Primary and Adult Education. She is currently the Cape of Good Hope Women's Auxiliary Synod President.

Member



**GRAHAM
GOODWIN**

Ordained minister of the MCSA with a degree in Health Sciences and Social Services, registered as a Social Worker. Served for 10 years as the chair of the Amanzimtoti Welfare Organisation for the Aged and for 5 years as the manager of a Residential Aged Care Facility.

Principal



**KEVIN
NEEDHAM**

An ordained minister of the MCSA and a registered Social Worker with a degree in Social Work from Wits.

Has served on various NPO management committees while ministering to the Methodist people in Rosebank, Wynberg and Bergvleit

Minute Secretary



**SHIRLEY
LOWNDES**

Born into a Methodist family. Educated in Gauteng and then trained as a teacher in Cape Town. One of the schools I taught at was Marsh Memorial Homes School. I was also secretary at Rosebank Methodist.



Chairperson's Report

Marian Wright Edelman, American lawyer, civil rights activist and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, writes: "If we don't stand up for children, then we don't stand for much." When the late William Marsh bequeathed half of his estate to his son, Rev. Thomas Marsh, "to be applied to the founding and maintaining of a Home for destitute white children ... to be called Marsh Memorial Home", he could not have foreseen that this would make a difference in the lives of children for more than a century, from its opening on 12 January 1903 to the present, some 116 years later. While many changes have occurred in these years, including the opening of the Home to children of all race groups, the move to a family cottage style system, and new child care practices and policies, Marsh Homes still seeks to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children, with the emerging vision "that every person who has been part of this community leaves having experienced healing and transformation through a beautiful physical and relational environment within a Christian ethos".

At the start of the 2019 National Child Protection Week, Dee Moskoff, Executive Director of the non-profit collaborative Connect Network, consisting of 96 Cape Town organisations, reported that the state of children in South Africa is bleak, with almost 1 000 children murdered in the last financial year and as many as 500 dying as a result of abuse and neglect, most of these being in the Western Cape. Further, she states that about 3,5 million children in South Africa are orphans, while only 1 033 were adopted in 2018. According to the Children's Institute, as many as 500 children die annually of abuse and neglect, while crime statistics show that 985 children were murdered in 2017/2018 (cited by Tammy Petersen on News24, 9 June 2019). These shocking statistics represent the horrifying reality of our most vulnerable gift to our South African nation. Marsh Homes represents a drop in the ocean in responding to these and the many other challenges facing children in South Africa, but we can never underestimate the difference it makes in the life of every child that is touched by the ministry of this special place.

Fulfilling the vision of Marsh Homes does not only take a dream but dedication, practical hard work, endless conversations, meetings and planning, finance, resources, staff and volunteers undergirded by an enormous amount of faith. The various reports represent the hard work, commitment and sacrifice of so many who make up Marsh Homes, with its staff, programmes, governing structures and resident children. I am happy to report that the Board has made every effort to fulfil its responsibility of accountable governance and financial management in order to ensure that all involved in the practical running of Marsh Homes are well supported, encouraged and held accountable for their work. Huge effort has been made to ensure compliance to the requirements of the Department of Social Development, with monthly Board meetings and quarterly strategic planning days. A huge debt of gratitude is extended to all those who serve on the Board, considering that they do so on a voluntary basis. Special thanks is extended to the outgoing Chair of the Board, Rev. Michel Hansrod, following his appointment as Connexional Mission Enabler in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, as well as Rev. Nkosinathi Geja, Ms Gaynor Fisher and Mr Tshidi Seane. We welcome the participation of the new Board members, Mr Tommy Bunguzana, Ms Leslie Mostert and Ms Lynelle Massey. As a Board, our ongoing commitment is to offer the best management and governance structure possible, undergirded by our own involvement and prayer, so as to enable the practical work of Marsh Homes to continue well.

We are deeply grateful to the many donors, contributors, organisations, churches and faith communities who have offered resources, participation, and guidance over the past year. We recognise that without this Marsh Homes would cease to function. The Department of Social Development remains our critical partner in the financing and development of the meaningful programmes of Marsh Homes.

The Board recognises the invaluable gift of the staff and volunteers whose dedicated service and love for children truly astound us. In particular, we applaud the unceasing dedication, sacrifice, hard work, integrity and compassion of our Marsh Principal, Rev. Kevin Needham whose visionary, yet practical leadership, has seen Marsh Homes through yet another year.

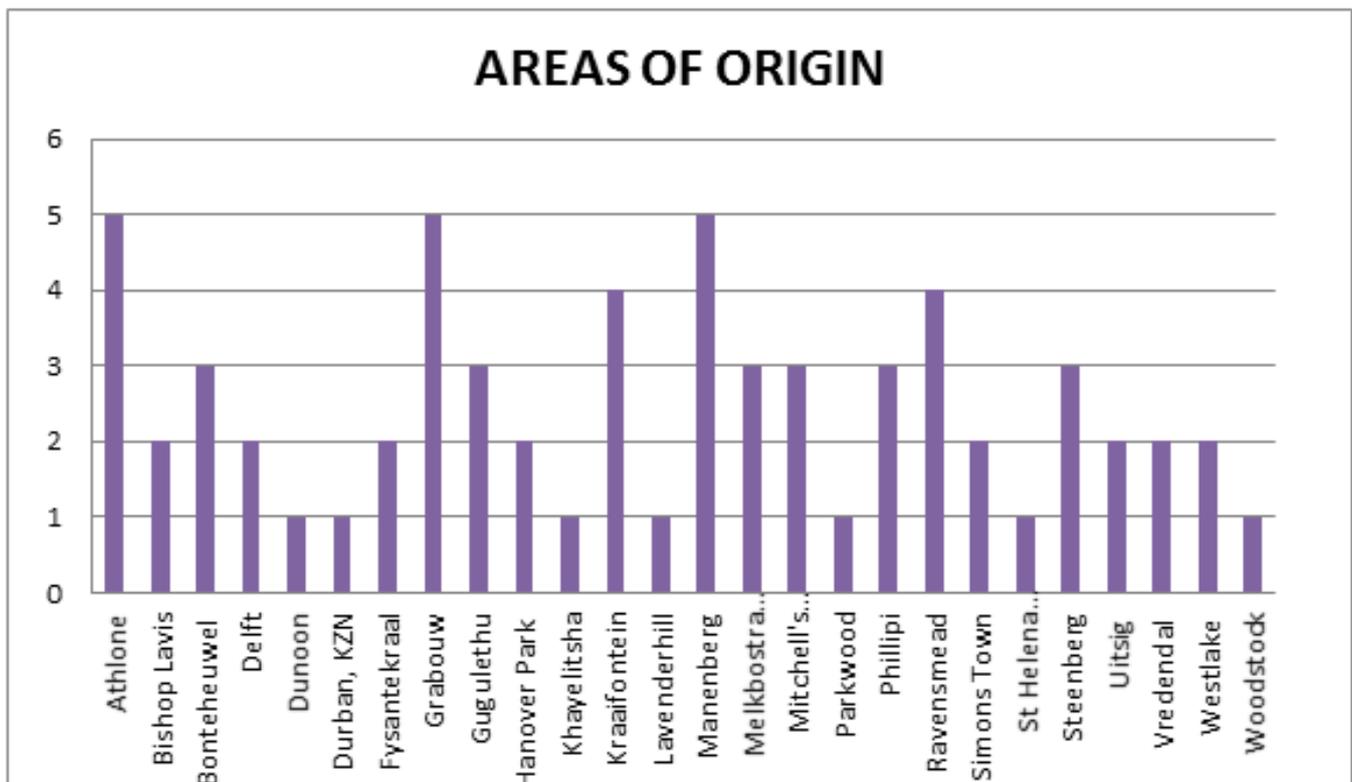
On a personal note, I have come to appreciate the gift of Marsh Homes through a family member who, more than 70 years ago, was one of the children who spent her formative years in the care of the Home and who described it as “the best thing that ever happened in my life as I experienced the love and care that I never knew before”. The greatest joy in serving as Chair of the Board of this incredible Home is knowing that in a small way, I am making a difference in the life of a child who may one day also say, “This was the best thing that ever happened in my life.”

God bless the ongoing vision and work of Marsh Memorial Homes.

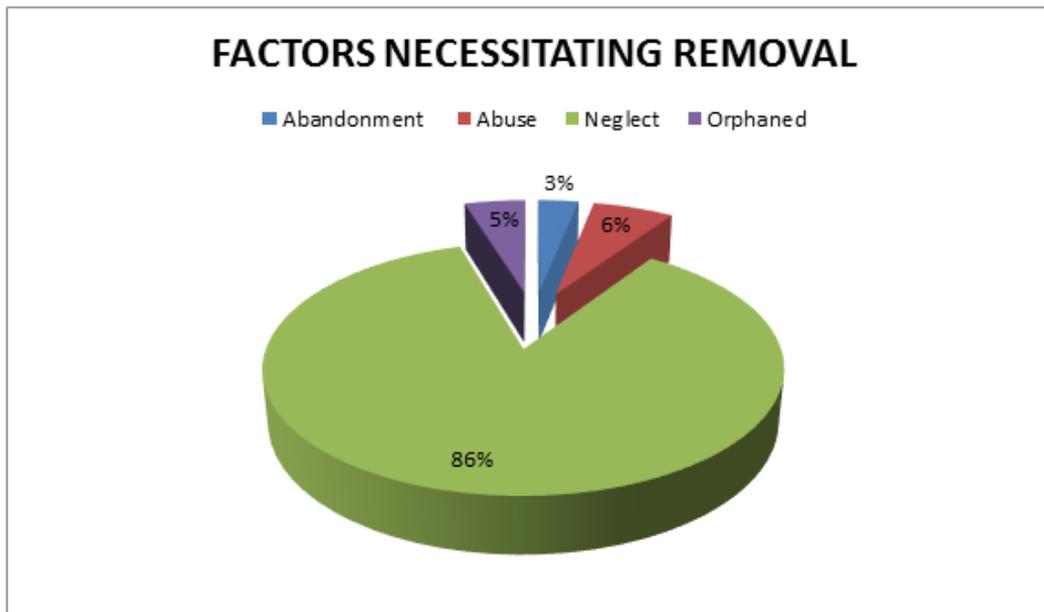
Rev. Yvette Moses

Social Work

Census 2011 reported 1 739 425 children between the ages of 0 – 17 years in the Western Cape. Of this, 64 children were placed in the care and protection of Marsh Homes. The children in our care originate predominately from the Cape Flats, however, there are few from as far as Vredendal on the West Coast. The children residing in our care are aged between 5 and 18 years.

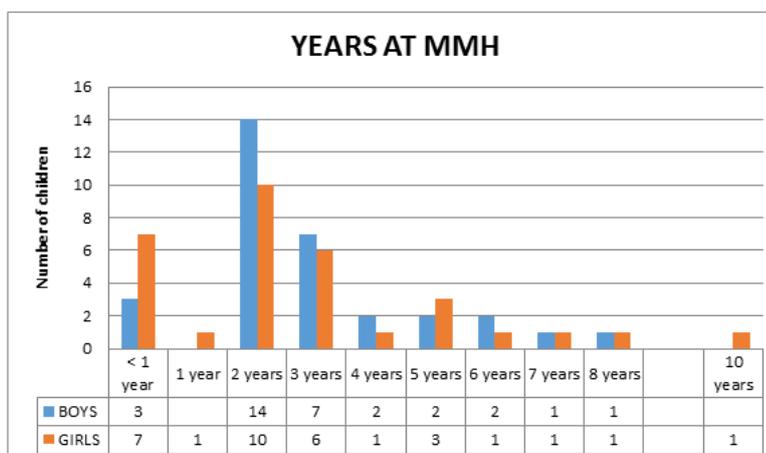


A plethora of social problems, ranging from abuse to abandonment, aggravated by social crime made children vulnerable and placed in our safe-haven. Substance abuse remains the biggest risk factor threatening the wellbeing of children within families. Eighty-six percent of the children removed from their families were removed due to substance abuse. Once in our safety and protection, our multidisciplinary team ensures the provision of comprehensive developmental and therapeutic programmes that strengthen and capacitate children and their families to build resilience and live sustainable livelihoods. Children who come into our care are fragile as a result of trauma witnessed or personally experienced therefore we endeavour to give them back their childhood through nurturing and transforming their perspective interpersonally and intrapersonally.



The objectives for the Social Work Department are

- to provide psychosocial counselling and support and groupwork to children across the continuum of care to enable and empower them to be integral members of society.
- to assist with reunification through networking with stakeholders and families ensuring that children placed in our care for the shortest period. Our core purpose is to reunify and reconstruct the relationship between the child and their families through
 - * rehabilitating and engaging with the child and family
 - * facilitating court-ordered requirements ie specialised programmes



Marsh Homes is proud to report that, during the past financial year, we nurtured and transformed sixty-four delicate lives of which five were reunited with their families. This number holds steadfast to the words of our late former president, Nelson Mandela, when he said: "There is no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way it treats its children."

Childcare

Achievements and challenges characterised the past year. We addressed the challenges by doing life space work and by executing a range of programmes approved by DSD to guide and support the children and the Childcare Team.

The main programme, the DAILY CARE, RULES and ROUTINES programme, includes times for going to bed, waking up, having meals and doing homework. This schedule sets the tone and provides structure and security for the children.

Some of the other programmes which were successfully implemented include

* **Education:**

The children attend school, do homework, attend extra lessons and are involved in extra murals.

* **Health and well-being:**

Therapeutic interventions are administered.

* **Spiritual needs:**

Children attend church services, Sunday School, and join discussions on topical issues.

Daily devotions take place in all the houses.

* **Development Programmes:**

Social Skills and Life Skills like healthy living, bullying, teenage pregnancy, manners, communication and attitudes are dealt with.

Children's Forum

Develops leadership skills and offers an opportunity to have a say in the running for the Homes.

Sports

Athletics, soccer and swimming happen on site, children are encouraged to participate in school sports.

Arts and Culture

Making of cards, collages and papier-mâché items is encouraged.

Performing Arts

Choir, drama, dance and drumming are participated in.

Outings

to the Science Centre, the Two Oceans Aquarium, as well as picnics in parks and at the beach take place

Free play with a purpose (board games) is encouraged.

Outreach Activities promote generosity.

The children sing carols and hand out self-made Christmas cards at Woodside Village Frail Care.

Funder, donor and volunteer driven interventions include gifts and lunches to interacting with games and sporting activities such as drumming and yoga.

The children are encouraged to improve themselves personally and academically. For this reason, each term, children received awards in the form of certificates for good behaviour, attitude, and academic and sporting achievements.

Without the help of volunteers, the programmes and interventions would not have been as successful as they have been, thus the need for volunteers to assist with the various activities continues.



Estate

April 2018 to March 2019 was a year of great achievement on the Marsh estate.

The Eveleigh House (office block), Gregory House, Norton Hall and Milner House had extensive work done. The interior of Gregory House was a labour-intensive project that lasted approximately six months. The cooler room floor was tiled and new curtain fitted.

Seventy trees were planted around the estate.

Because of the water crisis in our city, all leaks were detected and repaired. Three 2,000 liter JOJO tanks were installed to harvest rain water off roofs.

The PABX telephone system was replaced with a more cost effective one.

Generous gifts led to a sparkling swimming pool in time for the December holidays.



Financial Report

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.

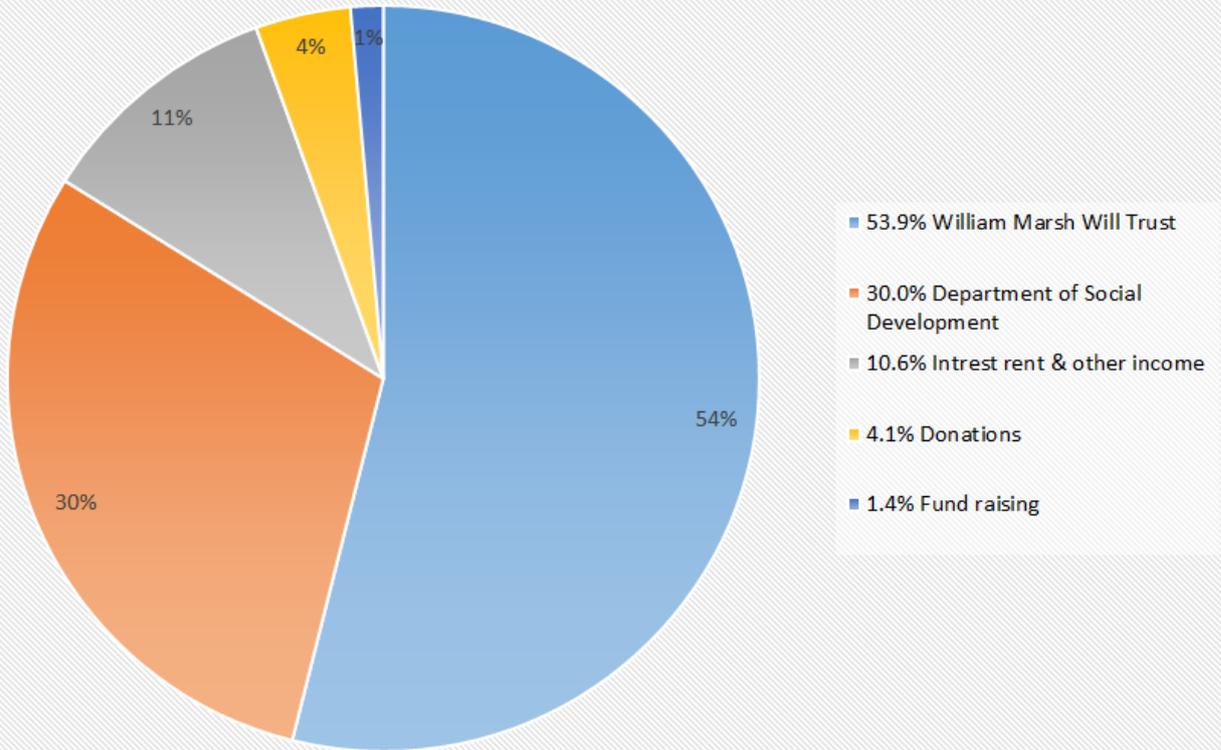
In addition, funds are generated through the rental of properties, fund-raising activities and interest earned on funds invested.

The operations for the year ended 31 March 2019 reflected an operating deficit of R99 000 (2018 deficit R290 000). In previous year's, income received relating to specific projects was brought to account in the year that the funds were received, even though the expenditure may have been carried over into the following year. This led to significant fluctuations in the reported surpluses and deficits. During the current year the board changed the accounting policy so that only that portion of the income as related to the actual expenditure is accounted for in the current financial statements. The balance of the income will be brought to account in the new year when the expenditure relating thereto is incurred.

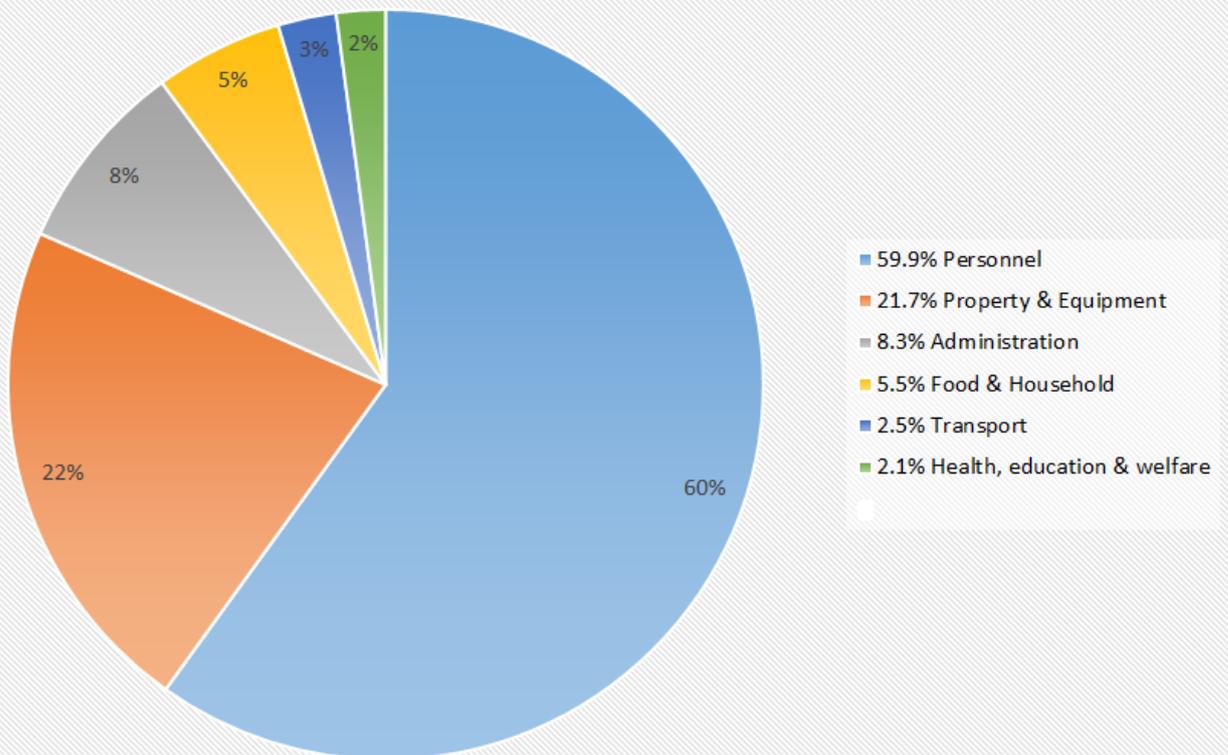
Our appreciation and thanks is extended to all those who have continued to support the Home during the past year, both financially and in time given selflessly in raising funds.

Fred Jenkins
Treasurer

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We would like to thank our loyal donors, funders, supporters and volunteers for their valuable contributions to our work (not all of whom can be mentioned, but are equally appreciated):

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