



Marsh Memorial Homes

Nurturing children and transforming lives

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Foreword

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these".
(Mark 10: 13-14)

From its beginnings, the Methodist Church has sought to emulate the love of Jesus for children. From John Wesley's time - Methodist churches have offered homes, care and education to countless children, especially those neglected and disadvantaged by the social and economic standing of their parents. Marsh Memorial Homes has been a centre of ministry to the vulnerable children for 116 years! The Methodist Church of Southern Africa is proud of the long standing commitment of the Home to its ministry!

At this time when the future and the lives of the children of South Africa are under attack-where children as young as three years are raped and stabbed to death, it seems like we have become a nation that is hindering children to come to Jesus. As the whole world suffers the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, children are amongst the most vulnerable. With so many neglected, poor, hungry and abused children in this nation, whatever is done by one church or institution will never be enough! Be satisfied and encouraged, however, that you are doing the best you can to heal and transform the lives of those children under your care!

The MCSA continues to be guided by the theme of "Shaping tomorrow - today". The ministry to children in Marsh Homes contributes directly to shaping a better future for the children at the home, their families and indeed their communities. Our gratitude goes to the principal Rev. Kevin Needham and the staff, whose hard work, sacrifice and commitment make the home to be what it is. To the board that has ensured support on the governance of the home, thank you! To all who have contributed their resources- donors, organisations churches, businesses etc., your contributions are highly appreciated and your continued support will enable the Home to do much more!

May the good Lord continue to bless Marsh Memorial Homes!

Rev. Purity Malinga.
MCSA Presiding Bishop – August 2020



"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 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. Served till 18 May 2020

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 she taught at was Marsh Memorial Homes School. She was also secretary at Rosebank Methodist.



Chairperson's Report

"If the moral test of a nation is how that nation treats its most vulnerable members, especially its children, then history will not judge us kindly."

(Zama Mboyisa and Richard Chelin, Mail & Guardian, 12 July 2020)

The Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa states that "every child has the right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation." (Section 28d). Yet statistics suggest that on average, in South Africa, 3 children are murdered every day, with significantly high numbers recorded in the Western Cape. More importantly, these numbers do not reflect the number of children who are abused, neglected, abandoned or subject to violence on a daily basis. Shocking newspaper headlines remind us that children are indeed the most vulnerable of our citizens. Marsh Memorial Homes, with its purpose "to provide, within a Christian ethos, best practice residential care and comprehensive development programmes focused on vulnerable children from all background" serves as a ray of light and hope to our nation, especially for the many children who have been placed within our care for over a century.

The Marsh Board has worked meticulously from a governance perspective in order to ensure that the overall vision of Marsh Homes is achieved in every sphere of its work. Monthly Board meetings are held in order to ensure good governance, compliance, appointment of staff, strategic planning and support of the principal in his managerial role of Home. I am confident that the reports presented at the AGM fulfil the mandate given to the Board, and are an accurate reflection of the sterling work done by the Home over the year under review. My sincerest gratitude is expressed to all Board Members for their hard work and commitment in the management and governance of the Home. The resignation of one of our Board members, the Revd Graham Goodwin, is noted. We thank him for his knowledge, skills and laughter which he brought to the Board in the time that he served among us. The vacancy will be filled at the AGM as per our constitutional mandate.

Appreciation is extended to all who contribute to the well-being and functioning of the Home in any way, with particular recognition offered to the Department of Social Development as our critical partner in the financing and development of meaningful programmes for our children. The Board has worked on the premise that any person connected with the Home, whether as a resident, or as staff, volunteer, church, organization or donor, becomes part of the extended Marsh family. We are immensely richer through this wide family whose generosity supports, sustains and enriches the lives of the children entrusted in our care.

The past few months have been incredibly challenging, with Covid 19 situation impacting every aspect of our life at Marsh. The Marsh staff have shown great fortitude and commitment over these months, with needing to learn new skills particularly in homeschooling, multitasking as well as working extra shifts, in order to ensure that the quality care of the children continues with as little disruption as possible. This journey continues to be demanding on all, and the Board is deeply grateful for the dedication and gift of the amazing Marsh staff team. We applaud the excellent leadership, tireless dedication, and compassionate care of our principal, the Revd Kevin Needham, who has steered this Home through the turbulent storms of these past months.

Nelson Mandela once said, "Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." This is the gift that Marsh offers every child that is entrusted to our care. It is a privilege to be part of the Marsh family as Chairperson of the Management Board. I commend the ongoing vision and mission of this historic home to all, trusting that every child's life that is touched by the care given at Marsh, may reach their full potential and become a beautiful testimony of God's transforming grace.

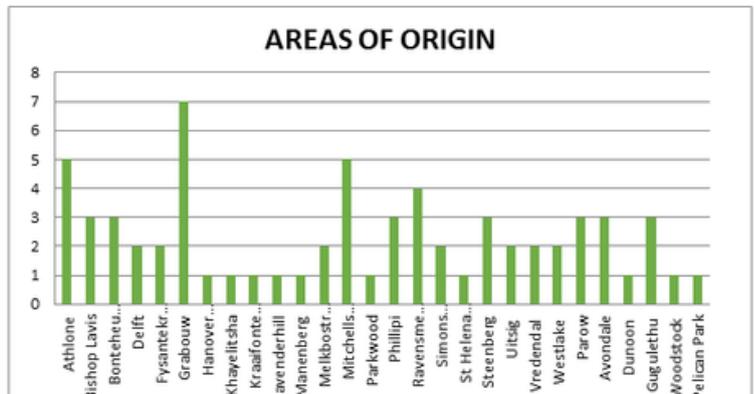
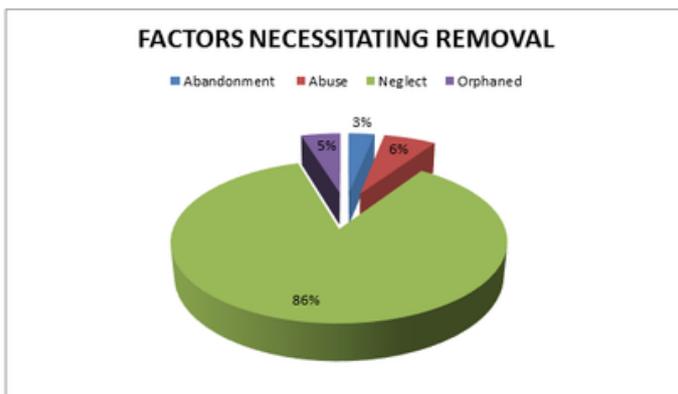
Rev. Yvette Moses

Chairperson – Marsh Memorial Homes Board

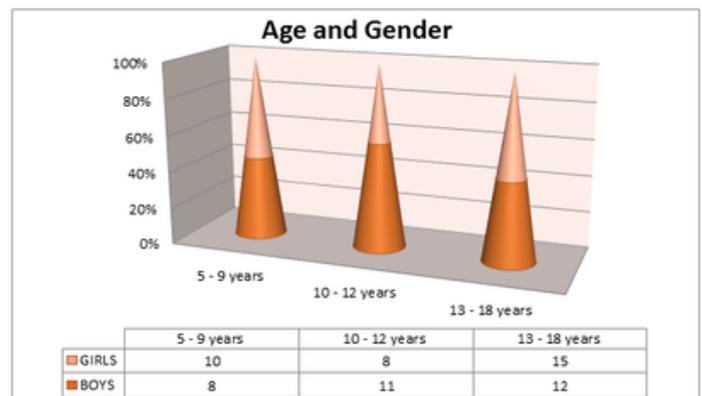
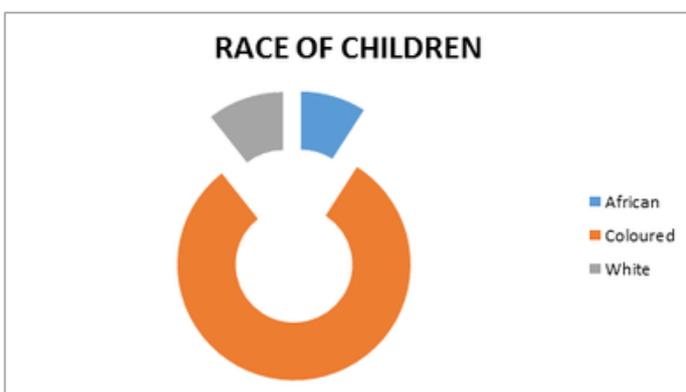
Social Work

Promoting the importance of human relationships in order to strengthen generations to come

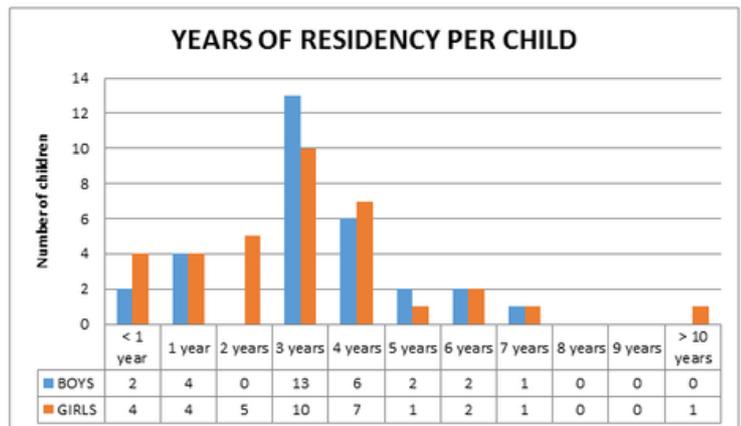
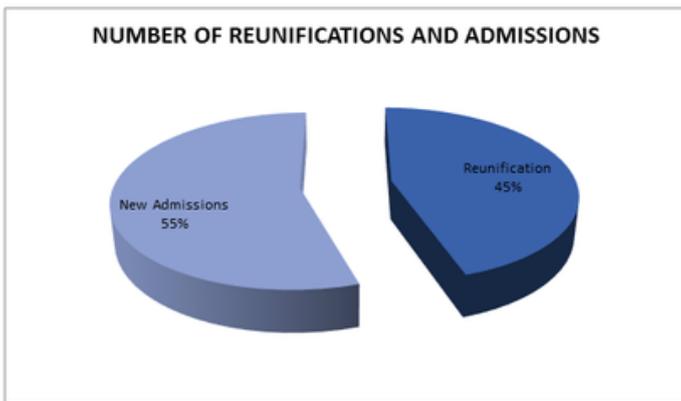
Accounting for 5,822,634 of people in South Africa, the City of Cape Town boasts sophisticated urban areas parallel to severely impoverished areas such as the Cape Flats. It is inescapable that families living on the Cape Flats are confronted with an array of social problems accelerated by multidimensional poverty that notably impact on their children. Undeniably substance abuse remains the main determinant of dysfunctional families that catapult children into alternative care. Marsh Memorial Homes is a sanctuary for children struggling with the aftermath of a distressed and unstable family environment.



The Department of Social Development Western Cape reported that there are 2300 children placed in alternative care outside the family environment. During the past financial year Marsh Memorial Homes provided care to 66 of those children from diverse backgrounds found in need of care and protection in terms of the Children's Act 38 of 2005.



Social Work forms one of the core pillars in nurturing and transforming children through rebuilding, reshaping and restoring a promising childhood. Our developmental and therapeutic interventions aim to dismantle gender stereotypes embedded in social issues and uplift children’s rights in order to create leaders of tomorrow. Our late President, Nelson Mandela asserted that “children have the entrenched right to be whatever they want to be and they can achieve this only if they are given a space to dream and live out their dreams”. Through strengthening, empowering and instilling resilience in our children we are able to encourage generations to become stronger and break the vicious cycle of poverty. This is crucial because our objective is to support children for the shortest period possible. For this reason our social work services include enhancing family ties through reunification, rehabilitation and reconstructive work with children and their families. This holistic approach recognises the importance of human relationships that cultivate and enrich children’s interdependent relationships for successful outcomes.



Marsh Memorial Homes strives to be a catalyst of change and for the children in our care to be the change they want to see. “There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged [only] to find the ways in which you yourself have altered”. President Nelson Mandela

Jerusha Raghubar
Social Work Supervisor

Childcare

Marsh Memorial Homes strives to address the challenges that some of our children experience within the Western Cape by doing Life Space work, using each moment to mean something in their lives. In order to achieve this, we provide structured age and developmental stage appropriate programmes, approved by the Department of Social Development.

The programmes successfully implemented for the Year April 2019 to March 2020 are:

- **Structured daily living programme.**

The daily living programme sets the tone and provides structure and security for our children. This includes basic routines with time - frames and chores, which happen throughout the day from waking up until bed time.

- **Developmental Programmes** are clearly defined programs such as:

Education: Children attend schools, have extra lessons, participate in extra - mural activities and are assisted with homework.

Health and Well Being: Attention is given to the children's medical needs such as doctors' visits, dental and eye care, as well as the administering and recording of medicine intake.

Social Skills and Life Skills: Learning through activities which focus , for example, on healthy living, general and ethical behaviour, attitudes and communication, eloquence and hospitality, which normally take place on Saturdays and school holidays.

Children's Forum: A platform for children to discuss matters and trends pertaining to matters about themselves.

Sport: athletics, soccer, swimming, etc.

Arts and Culture: Children are encouraged to be creative by making, for example, cards, collages, paper mache, etc.

Performing Arts: Children participate in various activities such as choir, drama and dance.

- **Recreational Activities** include :

- (1) **Outings** - Science Centre, ice skating, visits to Two Oceans Aquarium, picnics at parks and beaches

- (2) **Free Play** and free times: reading, various board games, spelling games, culturally relevant games.

- **Outreach Activities** which promote and encourage generosity, serving breakfast to childcare workers; getting alongside the residents of the Woodside Frail Care Centre.
- **Funder / Donor and Volunteer driven activities**, which includes gifts and lunches as well as participating in games and sport activities.
- **Volunteers** the generosity and help of volunteers, the programmes and interventions which they offer are greatly appreciated.

Johanna Boshoff
Programme Coordinator

Estate

We are happy to announce that our estate staff are in good health considering the current lockdown in our country.

At the beginning of the financial year we bade farewell to Peter Van der Heyde and welcomed Andre Peacock as our new maintenance man.

Hardy Hall and Parker/Perth house were extensively used as locations for film and advertisement production as a means of fundraising.

After many years Starting Blocks vacated the school premises. The school was then revamped and painted. Windows were refurbished and brick paving installed.



Projects that have been completed since the beginning of the financial year include:

Total refurbishment of the play - park which required the following:

- varnishing, replacing of all broken parts and all equipment made safe.
- laying of artificial grass with a brick border.
- building a new sandpit with a 1.2 metre rubberised border.
- laying of 280 square meters of Cynodon dactylon, also known as Bermuda grass, in the play - park and area in front of Picton House.
- building a water retaining wall in front of Picton House and brick paving between Madeleine House and Picton House.

A new vibracrete wall with an electric fence was erected on our perimeter with Greenways Road.

A new 14 - seater Toyota Quantum bus was purchased from Protea Toyota, Bellville.

To all those who contributed unselfishly to the nurturing and transforming of our children's lives by making these projects possible, we say thank you. We covert your continued prayers and loyal support.

Nazeem Adams
Estate Manager

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.

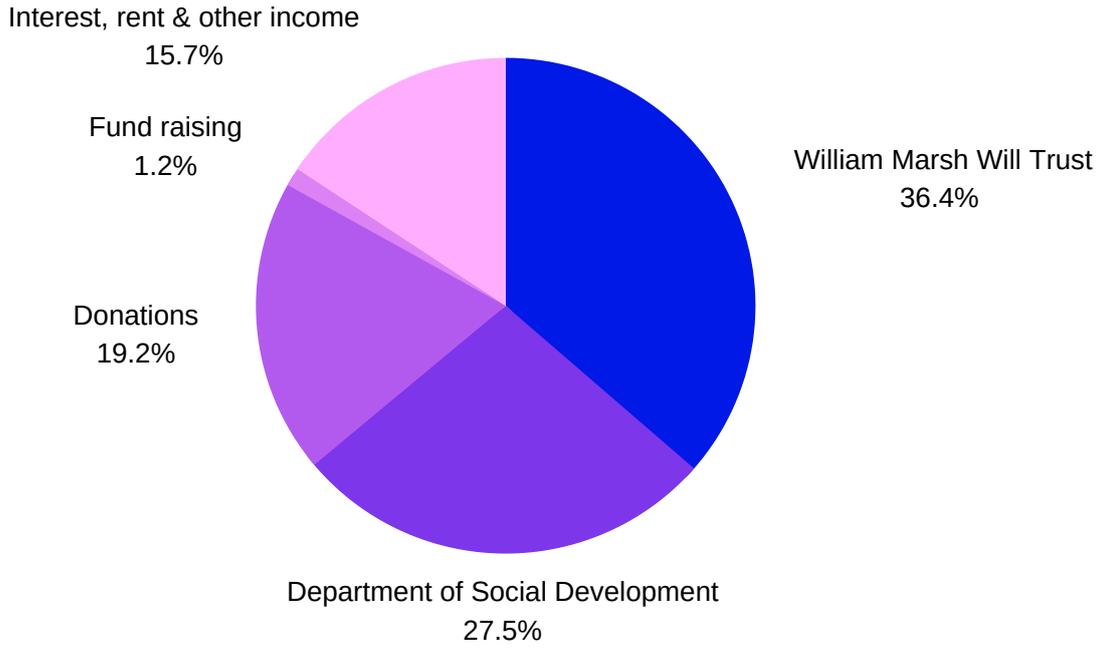
In addition funds are generated through the rental of properties, fund raising activities and interest earned on funds invested.

The operations for the year ended 31 March 2020 reflected an operating surplus of R 42 000 (2019 deficit R 99 000). As reported in 2019, donations received for specific projects are only brought to account as and when the expenses related to those projects are incurred. In terms of this policy an amount of R 132 000 dedicated to the refurbishment of one of the houses has been carried over to the 2021 financial year.

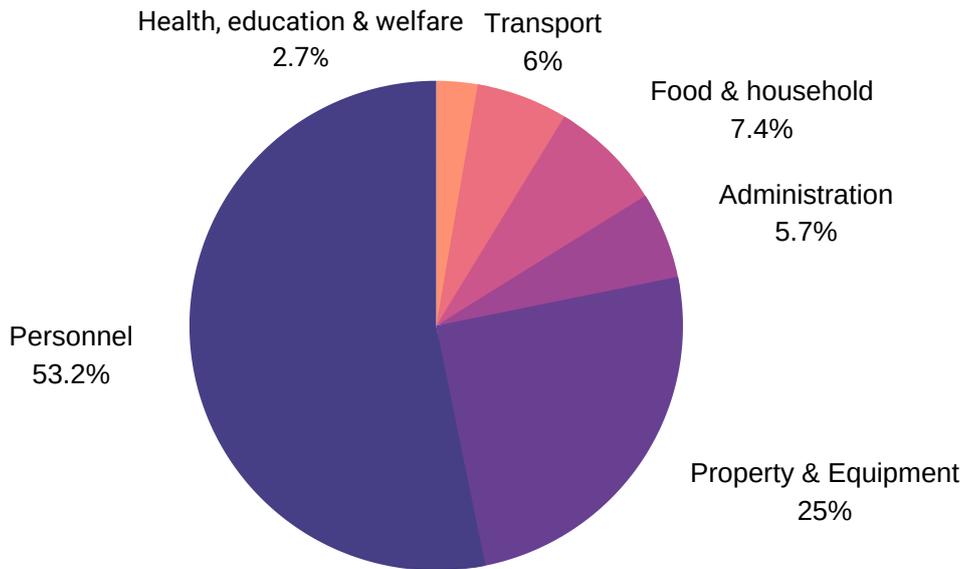
Our appreciation and thanks is extended to all those who have continued to support the Home during the past year, both financially and in time given selflessly in raising funds.

Fred Jenkins
Treasurer

Income 2020



Expenditure 2020



Donors and supporters

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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Anderson, B	Fine, J	Martin, K	Sleigh, M
Aploon, S	Fisher, G	Massey, L	Smart, B
Astrop, K	Fitzmaurice, G	Maxwell, H	Smith, J
Avril	Fredericks, A	McBride, R	Smith, JP
Baldwin,	Gadd, M	Mcleod, G	Southern, L
Bamurekje, S	Ganie, S	Methodist Church circuit 109	Starke, S
Barends, M	Gibbs, C	Methodist Pinelands	Straughan, M
Barrett, S	Gobat, J	Methodist Pinelands Link	Surtees, B
Batt, L	Goodwin, G	Methodist, Synod	Swart, AP
Becker, N	Greef, L	Christmas Day	Taylor-Alston, S
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Come Hike	Leslie, J	Pillay, R	Woodside Village Birthday fund
Damstra, M	Lloyd, J	Pinelands Athletic Club	Woodside Village Carol Service
de Jager, A	Lock, D	Porter, J	Woolworths My School
de Kock, H	Lock, M	Rabe, D	Woolworths, Belvedere Square
de Vries, M	Lund, C	Reddy, M	Woolworths, Rondebosch
Departmetn Social	Macdonald, N	Redelinghuys, B	Worthington-Smith, P
Development	Mafokwane, M	Roberts, E & E	Wortmann, M
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