

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is divided into two sections, general maintenance, and special projects. General maintenance is done by our dedicated team. We have an initiative-taking approach and work on a tight budget. It includes, cutting of lawns, gardening, structural maintenance, painting, and general repairs.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Electricity upgrade: Elim home managed to upgrade the electricity of the institution.
Elim Home was supported by Katarina Krohnbach and friends who initiated the Solar project. The Church of Hessen and Nassau made an outstanding contribution to finish the first phase of the solar project.
The system is up and running and is making an enormous difference in supplying constant power during loadshedding to reassure our clients and staff safety at night. The system ensures 24-hour medical care to our clients.
It also assures with the running cost and sustainability of the organisation. A generator to supplement the solar system was sponsored by Kinderfonds Mamas.



We upgraded our fleet with the addition of a Ford Torneo donated by SAMCT Trust.
We humbly thank you for your patronage

Garden upgrade – The maintenance team developed a new image in the walkways of Elim home to bring about a new facelift. It gives joy and is indeed a pleasure to enter the workplace



ELIM HOME AGRI

Elim Home Agri welcomed the new Supervisor for the Department, Heinrich Joemath, as Supervisor for the project and Lee Ann Europa as general worker.

The project was able, through financial assistance by Growing together/Kinderfonds Mamas, to restore a tunnel and bring it back into production. This has increased the available tunnels from 6 to 7 of the nine production tunnels installed.

Unfortunately, with the current state of the other tunnels, damaged by severe weather conditions this year, has rendered their productivity inefficient.

A shift in crop priority is being made to reduce the production of tomatoes as the excessive cost to produce outweighs profitability. Beans are more dependable and cheaper to produce. The olive trees have been tended to and new growth has been noted. Plans to invest and secure this future crop are still in progress.

We are thankful that the project is well supported through sales by local establishments as well as regular individuals both in Elim and outside.



A BIG THANK YOU

to all our donors.

We often forget that there are people praying for us and supporting us emotionally. Our sincere thanks to :

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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise: give thanks to Him and praise His name." Ps. 100:4

Thanks to our Heavenly Father for 60 years of love and caring for Elim Home.

We at Elim Home wants to thank all our International and Domestic partners for being part of such a wonderful institution. Thanks for your partnership with Elim Home and the contributions you make. Thanks for the staff and their love for our children. Thanks for always being willing to walk that extra mile.

Elim Home has become part of our daily lives and we will always put her children first.

We thank our Lord to be in a position to help and support Elim Home.

May our children be safe in the care and love of Elim Home.



Walter Linnert

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S PEN

Gen 16 :13 "You are a God who sees me"

We are once more reminded by the scripture that we serve a living GOD to whom we are all very special. God sees our conditions in which we must work. He sees our shortcomings and our strengths. Even in times when we were down, He raise us up. He formed us, build our faith, empowers us, and gave us strength to continue. He works in the hearts of people to support us in one way or another.

We are His chosen people serving the children in our care.

For 60 years He witnessed and safeguarded Elim Home even at times when we were with our backs against the wall, He was totally in control. At times we were overwhelmed by our challenges, God took control. This is a sign that God has empathy with His children when they struggle to keep the faith.

There is nothing that can radically change a person when you experience that God "sees" you and you are important to Him.

His power is beyond our understanding, he sees and provide according to our needs. In our good times and in our bad times God saw us serving with humbleness, diligence, and love.

Elim Home is a living witness of God's promise. He makes His face shine upon us and gives us peace.



Lesinda Cunningham

GOVERNANCE

Elim Home is Governed by a Board consisting of 9 members of which Mr. Walter Linnert is the chairperson. The Director Lesinda Cunningham together with the middle management team, supervise the daily operation of the Home.

RESIDENTS

We are glad to report that all clients are in a good physical and healthy state, even though frail. Government doctor does weekly visits to assist the medical team to ensure the best medical care the clients need.

Admissions – 4 Discharges – 3 Deaths – 2

IN MEMORIAM

Residence - Jermaine Albertus , Byron Swart
Staunch supporters - Stuart Swart, Michael Rea

STAFF MATTERS

At Elim Home we serve with diligence. Each staff member has a designated work area and primary health care is of utmost importance. The team is hardworking and committed.

We thank all for your hard work, may your lights keep on shining.

TRAINING

The Department of Health started a training program to assist the non-profit organisations with training in the deferent work areas, e.g., Housekeeping, medication management, health, and safety as well as palliative care. Elim Home benefitted by the trainings.

Department of Education Initiated an "Inclusive solution" accredited training for the staff working directly with the clients. Training runs over a period of six months. After a short period of time amazing intellectual developments are noted.



The training gives confidence and meaning to the staff and was initiated at a time when it was most needed.

VOLUNTEERS / FRIENDS

We currently have 3 volunteers who supplement the permanent staff. We want to thank them for sharing their expertise and being part of the team.

There is a saying "You will be known by the friends you have." We are privileged to have had so many friends visiting, emailed, WhatsApp and phone calls during the past year.

They give us strength and power to continue at a time as this.

CHALLENGES / OPPORTUNITIES

Our biggest challenge we faced in the past budget year is to closely monitor the expenditure and ensure saving measures. The escalation in basic needs increased by average 30 to 40 %. The high fuel price which directly impacted on the supply of electricity during loadshedding had a negative impact on the budget as well as electric appliances. The snowball effect it had on the daily cost of basics like food and clothing not to forget the impact the basic needs.

GANSBAAI OUTREACH

The day care centre is fully functional and delivers a professional service to the most challenged persons in the community. We were privileged to be sponsored by the South African National Bank to upgrade the facility. An additional classroom, a store-room and a tearoom for the staff was added.

The service was relocated to the Apostolic church in Gansbaai for the building period.

We thank them for their hospitality and support.

The asbestos roof was replaced by a Chroma Deck IBR roof. The security of the building was upgraded by a Solar system to safeguard the centre during electricity fallouts.

The clients were entertained by several individuals and groups.

We currently care for 21 clients.

We thank the team for their loyalty.



Celebrating 60 Years of Service to the Disabled Community in the Western Cape



BREDASDORP OUTREACH

The day care centre is fully functional and delivers a professional service to the most challenged persons in our communities. Bredasdorp boast with a fully functional food garden which provides seasonal vegetables for their kitchen as well as selling vegetables to supplement the income of the centre.



During the year "Varsmark" "greengrocer was visited by the children and the expression on their faces shows their joy.

The children and staff partook in the NAMPO day at Bredasdorp. The clients were entertained by several individuals and groups.

We currently care for thirteen clients.

We thank the team for their loyalty.

