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USING THE POWER OF SPORT TO BUILD PEACEFUL AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES



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MISSION

To unite, educate and inspire youth from divided communities through sport.

CORE VALUES

- **Seeing people as people**
Seeing the needs, wants, and desires of others as being as equally valid as one's own.
- **Inside-outside transformation**
Looking inward first to question assumptions and prejudices that lead to practising blame and dehumanisation that perpetuates conflict.
- **A culture of collaboration**
A commitment to finding solutions that meet the needs of both parties when faced with conflict.



THEORY OF CHANGE

CHALLENGES

South Africa is rated by the World Bank as the most unequal country in the world. There are deep racial, socio-economic and gender divides, and the majority are vulnerable to multiple stressors.

PEACEPLAYERS INPUTS

Engaging children and youth from diverse communities in sustained Life Skills Through Basketball programming, led by committed local coaches grounded in leadership development and mentorship.

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

Participants gain the skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviours that enhance their ability to become leaders who make positive life choices, challenge stereotypes, and are advocates for peace and social transformation.

IMPACT

Barriers to exclusion are dismantled, and physical, human and social capital rise in a more peaceful, prosperous and equitable society.

PILLAR 1

Through sport

Health & Wellbeing - Increasing Access to the lifelong benefits of sport for youth who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity.

PILLAR 2

Developing leaders

Education & Empowerment - Leadership and life skill development on and off the court.

PILLAR 3

Bridging divides & changing perceptions

Peaceful Communities - Safe and enabling environments to put skills to practice, foster conflict transformation, and leverage social change.

PILLAR 4

Bridging divides & changing perceptions

Collective Action – we cannot do this work alone, we collaborate with diverse stakeholders to create this shared future where young people can play together, live together, and thrive together.

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CHAIRPERSON'S LETTER

Rita Mizrachi

Chairperson



Dear PeacePlayers Family,

I am so proud to address this letter to you all. In the financial year under review, spanning July 2023 to June 2024, we have done incredible work. We have been grateful for our collaboration with PeacePlayers International which has afforded significant support and helped facilitate opportunities for international funding for us.

Many programme areas were cut back last year due to budget constraints, so we are thrilled that programmes such as our Cross Community Peace League Games, where kids from different communities and backgrounds are put together to play and learn from each other, are once again possible thanks to new donor partners, including the SOL Foundation.

Not only basketball, but also life and leadership skills are taught by our coaches, 90% of them being alumni of the programme themselves.

When our participants leave school, we don't just send them on their way into adulthood, but supply them with opportunities through the Coaches Development Programme. This Programme further develops their mentorship, life and leadership skills to reach their potential, often rising above dire socio-economic challenges such as gender-based violence, which affect so many lives in South Africa on a daily basis.



Sadly, PPSA programming is in the majority of cases the only sport presented at our partner schools, and the communities they serve have low access to sports resources and to after school mentorship. We create safe and enabling environments to put skills into practice, fostering conflict transformation, leveraging sports for social change, and supporting access to sport and the life-long benefits of sport for youth who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity. We are actively nurturing physical and mental wellness through play and sports. We are very proud that we have an 80% year-on-year retention rate amongst our core programme participants.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Alison and the team for their dedication, perseverance and devotion in the face of adversity, their can-do attitude showing through in everything they do.

Challenges still exist especially when it comes to unrestricted funding to provide for our administrative costs and to properly compensate our team. We would like to appeal to you all to make donations, no matter how small, to support the incredible work they do.

We recognize we cannot do this work alone, it requires institutional partners, and diverse stakeholders, to create this shared future where young people can play together, thrive together, and lead and collaborate across lines of difference. We thus wish to thank all of our stakeholders, including our funders, the friends of PeacePlayers, for their unwavering support and never-ending dedication to our cause. May the next year see us going from strength to strength.

Kind regards,

Rita



FROM THE DESK OF THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Alison Misselhorn

Executive Director



Dear Supporters and Friends of PeacePlayers,

As I reflect on another transformative year at PeacePlayers, I think of the challenges alongside the progress and growth we've witnessed - all of which continue to define our journey.

The sport-for-development sector, particularly in regions like ours, faces many obstacles: from limited resources and infrastructure to socio-economic disparities that often overshadow the potential of our youth. Despite these challenges, I am proud to report that our programmes have continued to thrive, thanks to all our partners, our team, and the spirit of our participants.

This year, like every year, our children have shown up, not just out of obligation, but with enthusiasm and a hunger to learn, grow, and connect. They've come from diverse backgrounds, each bringing their unique strengths to the table.

Through the power of sport, we've watched them develop into leaders, peacemakers, and friends. The playgrounds and courts have turned into arenas where peace, understanding, and mutual respect are not just taught but lived.

To all our partners, your collaboration has been invaluable. Together, we've navigated the complexities of community work, ensuring that our programmes are not just sustainable



but also rooted in community values. I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our donor partners, whose support is the backbone of our operations - your belief in our mission fuels our efforts and amplifies our impact.

To our incredible team of staff and coaches: you are the heart of PeacePlayers. Your commitment to our youth is what turns our vision into reality. You've not only coached basketball and life skills, but have mentored and celebrated with our young participants, shaping them into the leaders of tomorrow.

Finally, to the participants themselves—our young athletes and ambassadors of peace—thank you for your courage, your laughter, and your tears. You teach us as much as we teach you. Your stories of growth, your friendships across divides, and your personal victories are the true measure of our success.

As we look forward to the coming

year, let us continue this journey together, with renewed vigour and a



shared commitment to fostering peace and development through sport.

Together, we are not just playing a game; we are building a better future.

Kind regards,

Alison



CORE LIFE SKILLS THROUGH BASKETBALL

AGE: 9-18 YEARS

Sustained twice-weekly Life Skills Through Basketball sessions with 500+ primary and high school children from diverse communities across the programme year.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LDP)

AGE: 14-18 YEARS

20 high school leaders who have shown their dedication to our core values of equality, and peace leadership meet monthly in sessions focused on equipping them with leadership and team-building skills that they can use throughout their lives.



OUR PROGRAMMING



CROSS-CUTTING EVENTS AND TOURNAMENTS

AGE: 9-18 YEARS

Major events where all our participants get an opportunity to play competitive sport, including the biannual City Wide Tournament and the annual Girls Basketball Festival.



LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE

Coaches
Development
Programme

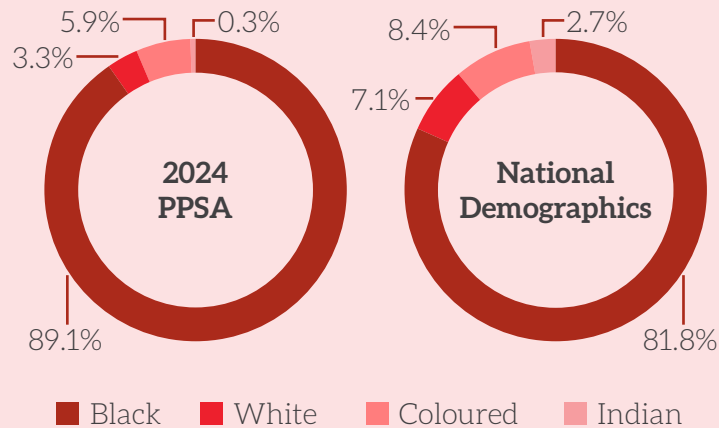
AGE: 18-25 YEARS

20-25 coaches - most of whom are High School Programme graduates - are supported with a stipend as they further develop their youth mentorship skills.



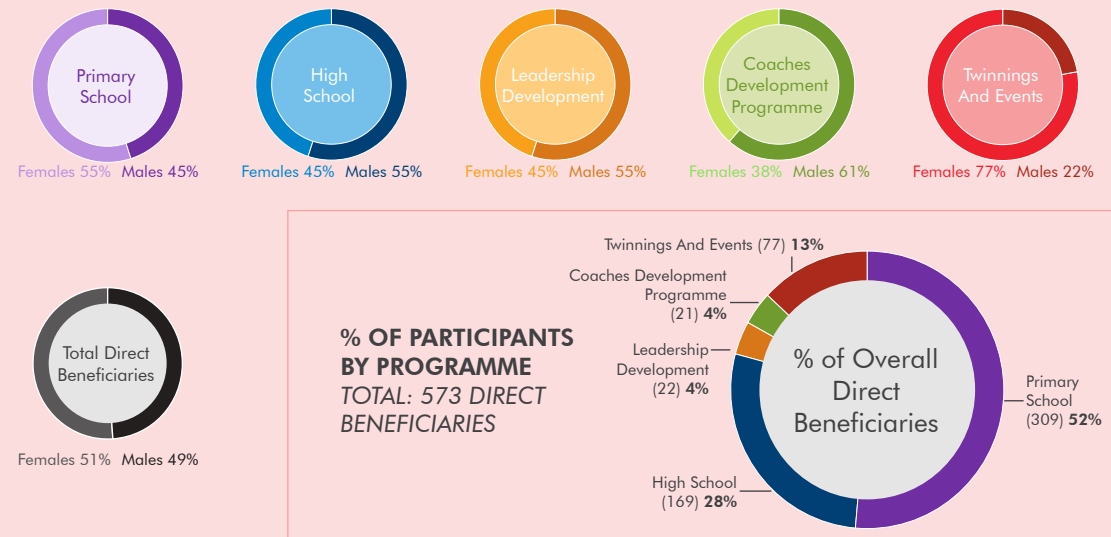
2024 AT A GLANCE

DEMOGRAPHICS BY RACE



DEMOGRAPHICS BY GENDER

We aim for all our core programmes to have a 50/50 gender split of boys and girls - this varies year on year.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Over the years the prestigious Northwood High School has not only opened up opportunities for our coaches to expand their coaching, but also scholarships for our participants. Awande Chiliza (Umlazi), Darsi Niyonkuru (Carrington) and Michelle Chinedu Igboegwu (Inner City), were all recipients of Northwood Scholarships this year - affording them access to incredible new opportunities in education, sport, and new friendships.

OUR IMPACT

PARTICIPANTS

At least **80% of our school-going participants** continue with our programme year on year. A recent impact study revealed that participants who began our programme in 2023 showed enhanced engagement with individuals from diverse communities and racial backgrounds 12 months later. **Significant improvements** were observed in their willingness to interact, levels of trust, and involvement in conflict resolution with these groups.

STAFF



OUR TEAM



Dr Alison Misselhorn
Executive Director
& Board Member



Nasiphi Khafu
Director of Strategy
and Partnerships &
Board Member



Sifiso Mthembu
Programmes Manager



Noluthando Msweli
HR Manager &
Leadership for Life Coordinator



Phindile Ndebele
Bookkeeper and Office
Administrator



Sanele Zondi
Area Coordinator



Enicia Tshibanda
Area Coordinator



Thobani Ngubane
Area Coordinator



Martina Shirichena
Global Leadership
Academy Intern



OUR BOARD



We bid farewell to two valued board members this year - with appreciation for their service - and welcome a new Treasurer!

NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



Rita Mizrachi
Chairperson



Ntando Phewa
Treasurer



Maimoona Salim



Clive Thinane



Sibongile Maputla

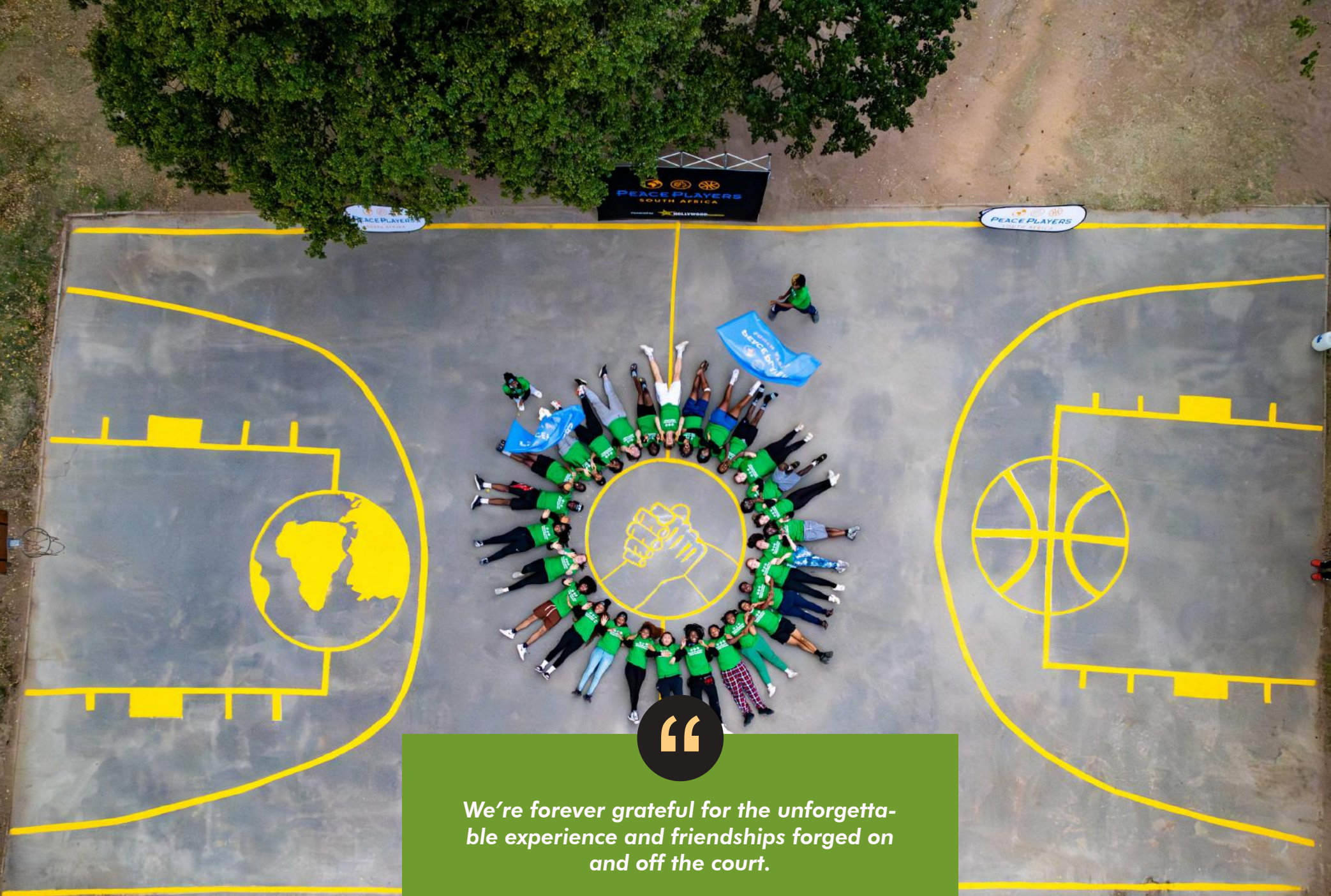
FAREWELL TO



Justice Foloko
Treasurer



Mpho Nhleko



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We're forever grateful for the unforgettable experience and friendships forged on and off the court.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Thobani Ngubane

AREA COORDINATOR

Umlazi, Upper Highway, Verulam and Scottburgh

Schools (total participants): Cwebezela Primary School(20), Sukuma Primary School(20), Sekelani Primary School(20), Emnthethweni Primary school(20), Umlazi West Community Team (20), Scottburgh High School(20), Highbury Prep School(48), Liv Village PSP(20), Liv Village HSP(20)



Anele Nxumalo
Emnthethweni Primary School



Fezile Hlongwa
Sekelani Primary School



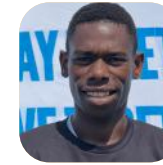
Lungisani Mkhungo
Umlazi West



Menzi Ngidi
LIV Village School



Philani Zondi
Scottburgh Secondary School



Sanele Lukhozi
Sukuma Primary School



Thandeka Mhlongo
Cwebezela Primary School

Umlazi

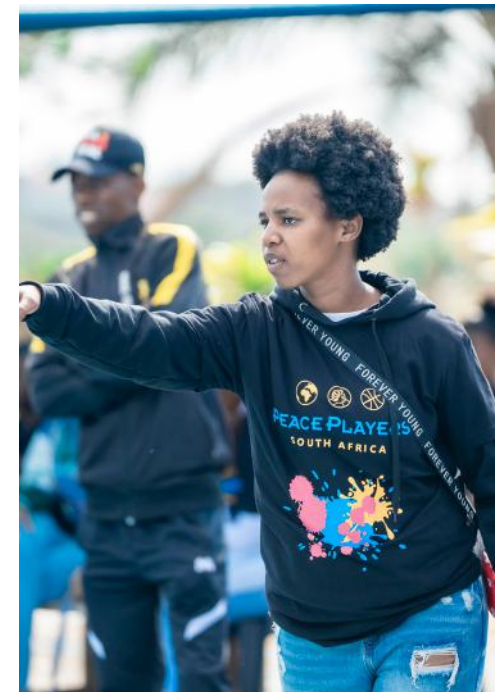
In a heartwarming display of cultural connection, a group of Global Exchange participants recently led a thrilling basketball session at a Sukuma Primary School in Umlazi. The enthusiastic visitors, hailing from diverse nations, shared their passion for the sport with eager local participants. As they guided basketball drills and life skills, cultural divides were bridged, and camaraderie and team work developed. The Umlazi school community beamed with pride and gratitude, thanking the global ambassadors for their infectious energy and valuable skills. "This exchange has opened our eyes to new possibilities," said

School Principal, Mrs. Makhaye. "We're forever grateful for the unforgettable experience and friendships forged on and off the court."

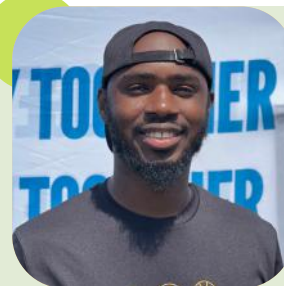
Scottburgh

The new PeacePlayers programme based at Scottburgh High went from strength to strength during the year. Coach Philani Zondi spearheaded the drive to construct a state-of-the-art basketball court and his relent-

less advocacy and unwavering passion ignited a remarkable transformation, taking basketball from an unfamiliar novelty to a beloved fixture within the Scottburgh school community. The court's inception drew scores of enthusiastic students eager to join the team and participation soared, fostering a culture of teamwork, discipline, and camaraderie.



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derie. As the programme flourished, so did the participant's skills, confidence, and character, a testament to Zondi's exceptional coaching and mentorship.

Coaches Development

In our coaches programme, Coach Lungisani Mtshali, who coaches the Umlazi West community team, brought together participants and other stakeholders to repaint Cwebezela School's basketball court, drawing on their own resources. The court is an invaluable resource, not only for the school but also PeacePlayers participants. Collaborating with School representative Mr Sandile, they transformed the dilapidated surface into a safe space for multiple sports. His selfless investment boosted team morale and community pride, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the PeacePlayers mission.

Lungisani's coaching prowess,

adaptability, and dedication to developing young talent also made PeacePlayers proud through his teams' impressive performances. His boy's team won a triple-crown



victory in the EBA League, and his U18 and U16 Girls' teams dominated their respective divisions, securing back-to-back championships.

Coach Thandeka Mhlongo made history by leading her team to victory in the Jr. NBA and EBA leagues, capping off an extraordinary season with the coveted Coach of the Season award. Thandeka's exceptional leadership and dedication to her players' growth propelled her team to success.

Her Jr. NBA championship win marked the first-ever title for a female head coach in the league's history.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Sanele Zondi

AREA COORDINATOR

Molweni, Wentworth And Lamontville

Schools (total participants): Assegai Primary School (20), Bhekaphambili Primary School (20), Excelsior Primary School (20), Lamula Primary School (20), Bazamile Primary School (20), Lamontville Community Team (20), Molweni Community Team (20)



Nduduzo Sosibo

Lamontville Community Team



Nstikelelo Smaye

Bhekaphambili Primary School



Ntokozo Mchunu

Molweni Community Team



Olwethu Mtshali

Excelsior Primary School Coach



Samkelo Jili

Bazamile Primary School



Thandeka Thusi

Assegai Primary School

Lamontville

In Lamontville, Bantuvukani Primary recently hosted an enriching site visit that was part of the PeacePlayers Global Exchange. Visitors from the United States and Northern Ireland and the PPSA Leadership Development Programme (LDP) took the lead in conducting a pre-planned session with the school's basketball team. This interaction not only boosted the team's skills but also fostered a spirit of international camaraderie among the students.

Over the past year, the programme at Lamontville High has made significant strides in community development and improving sports infrastructure. A significant milestone was the painting of a basketball court at KwaCele, which was achieved in collaboration with Chatsworth Municipality. The impact of infrastructure developments extends beyond enhanced physical spaces. They create opportunities

for social interaction, skill development, and community cohesion, bringing people together and strengthening community bonds. These achievements are a testament to the collaborative efforts of the community, local authorities, and sponsors, demonstrating the power of partnership in driving positive change. The involvement of Chatsworth Municipality, which donated 12 new basketballs and two backboards, has further revitalised the potential of the court, underscoring the importance of such partnerships in uplifting community spirits and infrastructure.



Sbonelo Maphumulo

Lamula Primary School



Sbusiso Kunene

Assegai Primary School



Sheldon Francis

Wentworth Community Team



Sphamandla Sosibo

Bazamile Primary School



Xolile Langa

Lamula Primary School





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Molweni

In Molweni, Molweni High School, partnering with Uvemvane Lwe Africa, hosted a career guidance session for its students. The event was supported by Coach Siphamandla Sosiba, an alumnus of the PeacePlayers programme and a local figure known for his commitment to community service. His participation in the “Boys to Men” initiative is a testament to his dedication to mentoring young men in Lower Molweni, guiding them towards responsible adulthood.

Early in April 2024, Molweni’s Bazamile Primary School saw an important development with sponsorship from National Lotteries for a multipurpose basketball court. This generous support not only enhances the school’s sports facilities but also reflects how far external investments can go in amplifying educational and recreational resources for under-resourced communities.

Our Global Exchange participants also undertook a community outreach visit to Lamula Primary

School in Molweni, and together with local children, they embarked on a community project to paint a basketball court, which not only beautified the space but also served as a practical lesson in teamwork and community service. This initiative highlighted the creative and cohesive potential of community-driven projects.

Coaches Development

The Coaches Development Programme (CDP) in these areas saw several highlights. In June, Assegai Primary School’s Coach Thandeka Thusi was selected by the KZN Basketball Association to coach the KZN Basketball Under 18 Females team who participated in the Basketball South Africa national tournament in Johannesburg on 1-9 July 2024. Thandeka also won female coach of the season in the eThekweni Development Under 13 league for eThekweni Basketball Association.

In Lamontville Coach Nduduzo Sosibo is a shining example of opportunities seized that have been facilitated through his exposure with Peace-

Players. He received an opportunity to work as a FIBA referee at the national level in the National Basketball League and the Wheelchair Basketball League, showcasing the growing recognition of his talent. These achievements also reflect Lamontville’s and Wentworth’s impact on the community, fostering a positive environment for sports and personal growth.

Coaches Nduduzo Sosibo and Thandeka Thusi also led refereeing training at PeacePlayers All Staff training to help all coaches gain experience on how to become confident officials.

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Enicia Tshibanda
AREA COORDINATOR
City

Schools (total participants): Glenmore Primary School (20), Carrington Primary School (20), Berea Primary School (14), Addington Primary School (20), Brettonwood High School (20), Inner-City Community HSP Team (20)



Lungelo Dinangwe
InnerCity Community Team



Kamwanga Tshibanda
Carrington Primary School



Minenhle Mbanjwa
Glenmore Primary School



Patrick Malutshi
Addington Primary School



Shaun Dladla
Glenmore Primary School



Siphesihle Mchunu
Inner-City High School
Community Team



Sizwe Blose
Brettonwood High School



Skhumbuzo Mthembu
Brettonwood High School



Thabiso Sondezi
Berea Primary School

Durban City

For the first time since 2015, Berea Primary School from the City ventured out to play an away PeaceLeague game in rural Molweni, marking a significant step beyond their usual boundaries. The school had been hesitant to travel to places like Molweni and Umlazi due to historical taxi violence over territorial routes, which, although resolved years ago, still left the school's governing body apprehensive about safety. Typically, their travel was limited to nearby locales such as Wentworth. City Area Coordinator, Enicia Tshibanda, bridged this gap

by engaging directly with the school's representative, advocating for the journey and emphasizing the PeaceLeague Games goal of fostering connections between children from diverse backgrounds.

Coaches Development

In our City, fostering the growth of our youth and coaches is at the forefront of our community upliftment efforts. Patrick Malutshi, our Rookie of the Year and a catalyst for positive transformation, epitomises this commitment. Following his triumphant leadership of the winning team in the 35th Citywide Tourna-

ment, Patrick has taken on a new role as coach at Addington Primary School. Here, he continues to develop his leadership skills by integrating a life skills curriculum with basketball, effectively using the sport to impart essential life lessons to the

upcoming generation.

Our new coach at Glenmore Primary School, Minenhle Mbanjwa, is no stranger to our programme. As a former participant from Lamontville, she attended the Lead for Peace



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Camp in Cyprus in 2017. Now, as a coach, she's gained confidence in leading basketball and life skills sessions, giving back to her community in the same way the programme once supported her. A major highlight of her journey was coaching her team to her first Peace League game victory.

Minenhle describes her coaching experience as “**humbling, exciting, fluctuating, insightful, and developmental!**” She said, “Seeing my participants enjoy our sessions has been truly rewarding. We’ve collaborated to create personalised plans that suit their needs, blending different approaches and ideas. I’ve been amazed at how our games and activities have helped them develop important skills like teamwork and perseverance. I’m also grateful for the support from my senior colleagues, whose guidance and encouragement have been invaluable.” Initially daunted by the challenge of working with younger players, Minenhle discovered that her unique perspective and life experiences were key to connecting with and inspiring the youth. “This journey has been transformative, personally and professionally,” she says, “and I’m eager to continue exploring new avenues of growth as a coach and mentor.”



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



This year has seen a huge change to our Leadership Development Programme (LDP) with the introduction of a new guiding framework aimed at ensuring participants are well-equipped to lead, advocate for equity, resolve conflicts, and drive positive change in their personal lives, communities, and broader environments. This contributes to stronger and more inclusive communities and a brighter future.

One of the key highlights has been witnessing the participants grow in self-assurance with every session. Many of the youth, particularly the girls, are becoming more comfortable sharing their thoughts and are showing remarkable improvement in their confidence and basketball skills. The LDP's impact was vividly recognized by the Northwood Boys participants, who credited PeacePlayers as playing a pivotal role in their basketball and leadership development during their championship win at St John's earlier in the year.

In addition to the in-person sessions, participants have been involved in virtual sessions leading up to the Global Exchange Games. Through these sessions, they've interacted with participants from Northern Ireland and the USA, which further contributed to their growing confidence. The initial shyness of communicating with people from other countries dissolved, friendships were formed, and stereotypes were challenged. The mindset growth observed in just a few months is a testament to the positive impact the programme is having on their lives.

Another exciting highlight is that three of our LDP/Global Exchange participants, Zenamhla Ndaba, Anthony Del Fava and Ayanda Motha, were selected for the 2024 U18 KZN squad which competed in Johannesburg against other provinces.

Finally, the participants played several games with our core programming teams, travelling to different neighbourhoods and interacting with other youth. This has bolstered

their basketball confidence, especially among the boys, who have won the majority of their games.

LDP PARTICIPANT STORY



Anthony Del Fava is Durban-born, he spent most of his childhood in different European countries until 2016, when his family returned to Durban after his father retired from playing rugby. He is currently in grade 11 at Durban High School (DHS) and has been a part of the

Leadership Development Programme for four years, following in the footsteps of his older brother Nathan Del Fava, a Peaceplayers LDP and Leadership Academy alum.

"I was super interested in what you guys do because I saw that he was becoming more confident throughout his high school career. So I just wanted to know, how does he do it? And obviously, now that I've joined PeacePlayers, I see that the programme does help you become a more confident person through meeting new people and adapting to social situations."

Anthony has shown a lot of growth and leadership since he has been in the programme. He is currently the captain of the DHS basketball first team, this year, he represented the KwaZulu-Natal U18 Provincial team with the hope of playing for the South African national team someday. Once he graduates high school, he wants to study in the United States and continue his dream of meeting people from different backgrounds while playing basketball.

CROSS CUTTING EVENTS/ TOURNAMENTS



VAL FOWLER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 31st Val Fowler Basketball Tournament is a premier event hosted by Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School. To our knowledge, it's the largest all-girls basketball tournament in the Southern Hemisphere, attracting top High school girls teams from South Africa and beyond. This annual tournament took place from August 09-12, 2023, featuring 30 teams competing in two divisions.



This tournament adds great value for our High School All-Star girls team. They participate with peers from diverse schools who are outside our core programming, and who otherwise would not have an opportunity to be included. It's a

fantastic opportunity for players to showcase their skills, with universities and scouts attending the event to spot talent. We have been friends of the school over the years as they also attend the Girls Basketball Festival and volunteer at the City-Wide Tournament.

Click here/
Scan QR code
to watch the
Val Fowler
Basketball
Tournament
highlight video



KEARSNEY COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Kearsney Independent Schools Stayers Basketball Tournament featured 48 teams competing in three divisions. PeacePlayers High school boys All-Star team participated in the tournament, competing in Pool C against prestigious schools like Hilton College, St David's Marist,

and St John's College. Similar to the Val Fowler Basketball Tournament, Kearsney College invites our boys to get exposure by participating in the nationwide tournament. Usually, this is when some of the participants are spotted by scouts and invited to trail out for a scholarship in their schools.



GIRLS BASKETBALL FEST

In South Africa, finding a safe environment for young girls to engage in sports is fraught with difficulty, exacerbated by prevalent gender-based violence. To address this, PeacePlayers South Africa established the Girls' Basketball Festival (Girls' Fest), serving not only as a platform for sport but also as a

haven where girls can be themselves, be celebrated, and connect with inspiring female figures.

The 5th Girls' Fest took place at UKZN Howard College, Durban, on August 26, 2023, supported by Nivea and Nivea Sun, attracting 200 participants including high school girls, coaches, and volunteers from PeacePlayers' programmes, plus three guest teams. This event was the finale of a series of three hosted with Nivea. It celebrated National Women's Month under the theme **"celebrating and empowering girls and women as leaders – on and off the court,"** with activities ranging from guest speakers to basketball tournaments, life skills and wellness workshops, and more.

Central University of Technology from Bloemfontein was present, scouting potential for their women's basketball team, recognising both the athletic ability and character of the participants.

The guest panel included Siza

CROSS CUTTING EVENTS/ TOURNAMENTS



Ntombela from Beiersdorf, Simangele Mathibela from Black Media Pride and CFG, and Nomusa Zungu from the Human Rights Commission, all of whom share similar roots with the girls, having navigated their way through an unequal society to achieve success. Simangele Mathibela's advice to "Be intentional, support each other and take yourself seriously, because if you don't, no one will" resonated deeply.

Pietermaritzburg Girls High School clinched 1st place, crowning them the 5th Girls' Fest Champions, with PeacePlayers Aces taking 2nd. The Spirit Award went to Phethenhle Monatisa from Port Shepstone High School, and Zemvelo Phewa from Pietermaritzburg Girls High School received the PeacePlayers Way Award.

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Click here/ Scan QR code to watch the Girl's Basketball Festival highlight video



CITY WIDE & HSP SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Despite the dark skies, in true PeacePlayers Spirit, every sponsor, participant, volunteer and supporter showed up at the 37th City-Wide Tournament scheduled for the 28th of October 2023 at Hoy Park Sports Ground in Durban, South Africa. In partnership with Nivea and Nivea Sun, **the year-end CWT brought together 600+ Primary and High**



School Participants, 100 Volunteers, and Coaches from 25 Schools to celebrate a year of hard work, personal growth, partnerships, and friendships forged. However, the rain persisted and, as always, we were compelled to put safety first. Our participants returned home missing the games but with goody bags filled with lunch snacks, fresh produce, and health and hygiene products from the event sponsors.

Following the rain-washed CWT, Nivea and Nivea Sun stepped up once more to enable PPSA to organise the inaugural High School Programme Summer Tournament on the 09th of December 2023. This event welcomed 300 high school youths aged 14-18, including staff



and volunteers, featuring 16 teams of boys and girls who are part of our ongoing core programming. Although this wasn't quite the scale of the CWT, it provided an opportunity to recognize the dedication of our high school athletes throughout the year.

Congratulations to the Umlazi West teams for securing the title 2023 Champions, with Lamontville girls and Brettonwood boys as the runners-up. Additionally, we celebrated individual achievements by awarding the PeacePlayers Way Award to Bayanda Makhathini from Lamontville and Ayabonga Mkhize from Umlazi West, and the Spirit Award to Siphokazi Mkhize from Lamontville and Plamedi Puata from Brettonwood High School.

Click here/ Scan QR code to watch the Summer Tournament highlight video



GLOBAL EXCHANGE



PEACEPLAYERS GLOBAL EXCHANGE IN DURBAN, JULY 2024: A Year of Firsts and Impact

In July 2024, vibrant Durban saw PeacePlayers South Africa host young leaders from Northern Ireland and the U.S., all converging for an intense and transformative 10-days of cultural immersion, leadership alchemy, and community magic.



PeacePlayers hosted its inaugural international exchange in Durban, South Africa, bringing together youth from PeacePlayers Leadership Development Programmes in South Africa, Northern Ireland and the United States for a 10-day pro-

gramme focused on cultural exchange, leadership, and community engagement.

Participants from the United States were supported to attend through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Sports Visitor Program, who - together with Brand South Africa and other partners - added value to the experience for all who took part.

Amongst the highlights of the ten days was a visit to the historical Nelson Mandela Capture Site, where profound insights into South Africa's fight against apartheid and the essence of freedom were soaked up - for many of the participants it was an emotional day, bringing tears, camaraderie and joy.



At Lamula Primary, the youth engaged in a social action project, which they planned collaboratively, and which included enhancing the surface of the school's court, embodying the spirit of community service and Mandela's legacy.

On two of the Exchange days, participants took on coaching roles at local schools, Sukuma Primary and Bhekaphambili Primary School, where they engaged with the children through basketball and life skills sessions, and were treated to cultural performances.

The ten days culminated in the group taking part in the annual PPSA City Wide Tournament held



at Hoy Park. Participants from Northern Ireland and the United States both competed and volunteered, marking a historic moment in the organization's history.

This exchange not only celebrated cultural diversity but also significantly enhanced the participants' leadership skills and commitment to peace-building, leaving a lasting impact on both the local community and the participants themselves.

Click here/ Scan QR code to watch the eight day highlights video





FINANCIALS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 2023



INCOME & REVENUE

Revenue	2024	2023
Donations received - Peace Players International US	1,658,453	3,742,171
Grant income - Beiersdorf Nivea	-	200,000
Grant income - Laureus Sport for Good *	228,358	158,795
Grant income - Victor Daitz Foundation *	65,292	135,505
Grant income - CATHSSETA	-	60,000
Grant income - The SOL Foundation *	653,633	-
Grant income - FHI 360	320,639	-
Grant income - Stevens Initiative (The Aspen Institute)	80,044	-
KZN Sport and Recreation	-	20,000
Other donation income	688,193	119,974
Programme service and coaching fees	15,100	14,106
TOTAL REVENUE	3,709,712	4,450,551
Other income	-	20,700

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2024	2023
Accounting fees	(27,625)	(26,246)
Auditors remuneration - Fees	(28,528)	(21,825)
Bank charges	(9,592)	(10,184)
Subscriptions	(8,636)	(7,438)
Telephone and telecommunication	(10,218)	(21,512)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	(84,599)	(87,205)

PROGRAMME & OPERATING EXPENSES

	2024	2023
Advertising	-	(13,584)
Business licences and fees	(13,250)	(4,911)
Consulting fees	(10,014)	(128,813)
Depreciation - property, plant and equipment	(91,108)	(111,028)
Employee costs - members	(1,162,000)	(1,162,000)
Employee costs - salaries	(1,662,467)	(1,738,841)
Facility Rental	(36,621)	(44,414)
Housing utilities	-	(698)

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	2024	2023
Insurance	(79,023)	(73,285)
Lease rental on operating lease	(45,344)	(330,315)
Motor vehicle expense	(43,957)	(24,980)
Office expenses	(1,488)	(21,059)
Other programme costs	(23,557)	(66,301)
Participant Uniforms	(25,632)	(18,872)
Photography and video	(17,520)	(11,439)
Postage	(105)	-
Printing and stationery	(16,220)	(9,795)
Repairs and maintenance	(5,580)	(4,220)
Sports Equipment	(53,876)	(82,189)
Sports events and refreshments	(30,775)	(128,910)
Staff development	(52,081)	(46,021)
Staff uniforms	(26,300)	(28,823)
Technology	(28,908)	(3,423)
Transport	(174,232)	(189,552)
Travel - Local	(13,572)	(20,173)
TOTAL PROGRAMME AND OPERATING EXPENSES	(3,613,630)	(4,263,646)

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT END JUNE

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	239,336	317,206
Current assets		
Trade and other receivables	572,429	54,500
Cash and cash equivalents	814,522	1,196,425
Total current assets	1,386,951	1,250,925
Total Assets	1,626,287	1,568,131
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Accumulated surplus	1,400,828	1,400,656
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	50,533	73,266
Deferred income	174,926	94,209
Total Current Liabilities	225,459	167,475
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,626,287	1,568,131

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Last year we were finalists for the South African Sports Awards Recreational Body of the Year and Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, Sport for Peace Award.

We would like to highlight all the individual donors that helped us raised a total of **R51,714.00** this year!

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