

# COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION NOT FOR PROFIT COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019

# **SECTION A**

**REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 2017/422875/08

**ORGANISATION NAME:** Courage Child Protection

**REPORTING PERIOD:** May 2018 to April 2019

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## **ORGANISATION OFFICE BEARERS:**

PORTFOLIO	NAME	HOME	WORK	TELEPHONE	ID NUMBER
		ADDRESS	ADDRESS	NUMBER	
Chairperson &	Deirdre	9 Coronation	9 Coronation	+27(0)83	7204200166081
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Director		Johannesburg	Johannesburg		
		2196	2196		
Vice	Katinka	1626 Blue	310 Eastwood	+27(0)82	7011260252085
Chairperson &	Pieterse	Fountain Str.	Str Arcadia	940 1035	
Independent		Pheasant Hill	Pretoria		
Member		Estate			
		Rietvallerand			
Partner	Rene	13 Kingfisher	310 Eastwood	+27(0)83	6906230007082
Relations &	Ferreira	Weirda Str.	Str Arcadia	283 7541	
Independent		Glen Estate	Pretoria		
Member		Arcadia			
		Pretoria			



#### **SECTION B**

#### **PREAMBLE:**

The Courage Child Protection Toolkit and Community Engagement Programme was developed by Deirdre Blackie, in partnership with the National Adoption Coalition of South Africa and the Swedish Foundation for Children without parental care in 2015.

The programme was piloted in South Africa, Zambia and Lesotho and has since been rolled out to number of child protection officers and organisations in a range of countries including: South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Seychelles, Sweden, United Kindom and North America.

A decision was taken by key role players to develop a stand-alone not-for-profit company for the Courage Toolkit and programme and applications were put forward towards the end of 2017.

Courage Child Protection NPC was launched during Child Protection Week in May 2018 and has continued to build relationships and train organisations, communities and individuals in the identification and management of child protection challenges.

#### THE ORGANISATION'S MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR:

#### ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS FOR REPORTING YEAR | HOW

#### **Courage Child Protection Training:**

Child protection toolkits and training of trainers was provided to the following organisations:

- Lefika La Phodisa (JHB/RSA)
- Fight with Insight (JHB/RSA)
- Africa Tikkun (JHB/RSA)
- Seeds of Africa (JHB/RSA)
- The Clothing Bank (CPT/RSA)
- Community Hours (JHB/RSA)
- Women & Men Against Child Abuse (JHB/RSA)
- Fight for Peace (London/UK)
- Usalama Reforms Forum (Nairobi/Kenya)
- SHOFCO (Nairobi/KENYA)
- Angels Baby Sanctuary (JHB/RSA)
- Valcare (Wellington/RSA)
- House Andrew Murray Children Home (Wellington/RSA)
- Learn to Live (KZN/RSA)
- Kids Haven (JHB/RSA)
- Delft Women's Power Group (CPT/RSA)

#### **HOW BENEFICIARIES BENEFITED**

- Training workshops were conducted with each of these organisations using the Courage Child Protection programme and toolkit.
- Toolkits were also provided to many of the organisations free of charge or at cost price for the printing of materials.
- The workshops are designed to train trainers in each of these organisations so that they can run Courage workshops on an ongoing basis within their community.
- The workshop toolkit and process, assist participants in:
  - Understanding child protection and its relevance in their community.
  - Identifying child protection challenges, understanding, prioritising and strategizing solutions to solve/prevent them.
  - Child protection processes in support of the Children's Act.
  - Partnerships strategies and implementation/action plans.



#### **Stakeholder Engagement & Training:**

- National Adoption Coalition and Partner Child Protection Organisations
- The Nikela Trust
- Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation
- Standard Bank CSI
- Ei8ht NPO Shared Office Space, Networking & Training
- Realima Partners

#### Benefits to stakeholders included:

- Child protection awareness.
- Understanding the Courage Child Protection toolkit and process.
- Courage Toolkits free of change.
- Community insight into general social and child protection challenges.
- Strategizing how to incorporate child protection processes into their different organisations.

#### **Partner Sector Engagement:**

Courage identified different partner sectors who could benefit from child protection training and engaged with them around the Courage toolkit and process. Sectors and organisations included:

#### **Disability Sector:**

- Disabled Children's Action Group
- Disabled People of South Africa
- Autism for Autism Initiative

#### **Early Childhood Development Sector:**

• Seeds of Africa - Adopt a Creche

#### **Metal Health Sector:**

- SA-ACAPAP
- Tara H Moross Psychiatry Hospital
- Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital
- Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital

#### Benefits to partners included:

- Child protection awareness and its relevance to their sector, including disability support, early childhood development and mental health and wellbeing.
- Training in the Courage Child Protection Process and Toolkit.
- Courage Child Protection Toolkits free of change or at cost price for materials.
- Discussion about how to incorporate child protection awareness and training into their sector.

#### **Tertiary Education Engagement:**

Development of child protection expertise and support of specific tertiary education degrees in social work and engaged anthropology, at the following universities or tertiary institutions:

- North West University
- University of the Free State
- Wits University
- University of Pretoria
- Centre for Child Youth and Family Studies Wellington (NWU)

Benefits of tertiary education institutions included:

- Training in the Courage Child Protection Process and Toolkit.
- Courage Child Protection Toolkits free of change or at cost price for materials.
- At North West University, Courage forms part of the Post Graduate Social Work degree, specifically around practical implementation of social work skills and effective community engagement.



# Addressing Violence in Schools with Learners: Given the high levels of violence across South Africa's schools. Courage has partnered with a

Africa's schools, Courage has partnered with a number of schools and organisations to provide training in child protection challenges and personal empowerment amongst school learners. Workshops were conducted with the following organisations and schools:

- Reimagi-Nation/Alhambra Theatre JHB CBD
- Kingsmead College
- Africa Tikkun Diepsloot Schools Initiative
- Hornlee Primary School Soweto
- Bellavista School

- Workshops were run with nearly 500 learners from across Gauteng over this period, in support of a range of schools or school-based organisations.
- The focus of the workshops was to assist learners in understanding and identifying the child protection challenges taking place in their communities as well as providing them with strategies to address these challenges.
- Central to the workshops was the development of personal empowerment skills and the practical application of these to their lives.

#### **Academic Conferences & Publications:**

- Young Families: Gender Sexuality & Care (HSRC/2017) (chapter on child abandonment).
- South African Violence Initiative 2018
   Conference Cape Town (engagement and paper)
- South Africa Child Gauge 2018 (paper)
- SA Association for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Profession Congress 2019 (presentation and poster)

In an effort to be at the forefront of child protection challenges globally, and to provide information that guides policy making and implementation, Courage has taken part in a number of conferences and contributed to academic papers and books on the subject of child protection.

## **Child centred support projects:**

In support of their work with childhood disability, Courage developed two sensory therapy rooms for their partners in the child protection space, these include:

- The Tara H Moross Psychiatry Hospital Children's Ward.
- The Fight with Insight Boxing for Autism Programme.

Total cost of project R35 000-00 sponsored by Deirdre & William Blackie.

The positive therapeutic impact of sensory rooms on children who experience challenges with sensory, emotional and social integration and regulation has been proven globally. With funding provided from private donors for this express purpose, Courage created two sensory rooms in organisations catering to children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, mood and anxiety disorders, trauma and attachment-based difficulties, self-harm and suicidal behaviour, aggression and relational difficulties.



#### **Child Protection Awareness:**

A range of events, social media and public relations has been undertaken by Courage representatives with the aim of raising awareness for child protection challenges. These include:

- Show of Courage Art Exhibition launch event.
- Show of Courage Kingsmead Goodwill Day
- Courage Child Protection Social Media (Facebook, Instagram and Website)
- Participation in newspaper and online articles, radio and TV programmes related to child protection challenges.

To raise awareness around child protection issues amongst the general population, Courage has developed several events, online content, news and opinion pieces to highlight particular child protection challenges over this period.

Issues covered include:

- Crisis pregnancy
- Child abandonment
- Adoption
- Child neglect and abuse
- Harmful cultural practices
- Individual and community disempowerment
- Radicalisation and terrorism



# **SECTION C**

# LIST OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANY CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

TYPE OF MEETING	YES	NO	NO. OF MEETINGS	COMMENTS
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Yes			14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 A brief annual general meeting was conducted at the launch of Courage as a stand alone NPC. The full board was in attendance and the Chairperson discussed the plans for the year ahead with the broader Courage community and support base.
Special General Meeting		No		
Board Meeting	Yes		1	28 November 2018
Others		No		

# **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

No changes were made to the Courage Child Protection Constitution over this reporting period.



# **COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION BALANCE SHEET**

FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING 30 APRIL 2019

ASSETS	RANDS	LIABILITIES	RANDS
Current assets:		Current liabilities:	
Cash	R20 000-00	Accounts payable (none)	
Petty cash	R100-00	Wages (none)	
Inventory	72 000-00	Interest (none)	
Supplies	R5 000-00	Taxes (none)	
Total current assets	R97 100-00	Total current liabilities	R0-00
Investments:		Long term liabilities:	
None		None	
Property & equipment:			
None			
Intangible assets:			
Goodwill	R100 000-00		
Trade Names	R50 000-00		
Total intangible asses	R150 000-00		
Total assets	R247 100-00	Total liabilities	R0-00



# **COURAGE CHILD PROTECTION INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT**

# FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING 30 APRIL 2019

INCOME	RANDS	EXPENDITURE	RANDS
Donations	R24 000-00	Salaries (None)	-
Donations (related to Courage artwork)	R97 726-71	Toolkit production and printing	R112 143-00
Toolkit purchases	R36 150-00	Materials for Courage Art Exhibitions and Events	R4 500-00
Service Fees	R7 555-00	Banking	R6 953-00
		Operational expenses Cellphone/Data/IT Petrol Office supplies Workshop Catering	R12 000-00 R12 000-00 R3 000-00 R4 000-00 R15 000-00
Total	R165 431-71	Total	R169 596-00