

Annual Report

Good Hope Psychological Service (GHPS)

1.10.2006-31.9.2007

The free psychological service in the Boland was subject to several changes in the year 2006-2007. Although still delivering the same psychological service as previously, since 2003 in Paarl and since 1996 in Stellenbosch, to poorly resources communities, the following changes have been made:

- The organisation does no longer function as a project of the ACVV (Paarl branch), but as an independent service.
- The name has been changed to Good Hope Psychological Service
- On the 3rd April 2007 the Department of Social Development registered the organisation as a Non Profit Organisation. The South African Revenue Service extended Income Tax Exemption.
- The Constitution of GHPS was amended.
- A Management Committee consisting of a Chairperson, a Treasurer, a Co-ordinator of volunteers, and a Personnel Representative, a Community Representative and two additional members were elected. Positions of
- Fundraiser and administrative Clerk are still open.
- Service contracts have been concluded with all the employees.
- A GHPS information paper has been drawn up and a website has been established.

Services Rendered

In the period 2006-2007 a wide-ranging service was rendered in the T C Newman Day Hospital (Paarl) by two psychologists and two counsellors. At the Stellenbosch Hospital the psychologist and two intern counsellors rendered services. All staff is part-time employed.

Statistics

A total of 778 clients were seen in the course of 2190 hours of therapy. About 45% of the clients were children.

Funding

GHPS was financially supported by the following institutions:

- Paarl:
- ACVV
- Paarl
- Pioneer Food group
- NG Church
- Suider-Paarl
- Individual and anonymous donors

- Department of Health
- Social Capital Project
- BOE
- Stellenbosch:
- Het Jan Marais Nationale Trust
- NG Moederkerk Congregation
- Applications have been made to:
- Lottery Fund
- Community Chest

The Future of GHPS

GHPS endeavours to support and strengthen poorly resourced communities that are burdened with the scourge of rape, molestation, domestic violence, neglect and poverty, as well as the problems that are common to all communities in the form of depression, drug abuse and dependence, teen-age pregnancies, and the inability to use opportunities to create a better life for oneself.

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