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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ABOUNDING HOPE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2019-2020

AGM.

Greetings to all AHCD Team, members, supporters, donors, and beneficiaries. As we report on the activities of 2019-2020 during the 2020 aftermath of the Covid 19 epidemic, things seem very different as we are having our AGM virtually this year.

Little did we know at the end of 2019 what lay ahead during 2020 and how much the outbreak of the Corona Virus was going to affect things during this current year, and how we would have to redirect our focus to meet the needs of the Pandemic, and how much was going to have to be put on hold due to Lockdown rules, however I am happy to report that 2019 saw significant progress being made towards the organizations objectives.

The highlights of our progress were:

- -The Creche becoming better established as a separate community project, with a well-functioning Committee and teachers growing in their teaching skills through ongoing training. Parents benefitting from our skills workshops.
- -The improvement of facilities of the soup Kitchen, and a better control of food getting to the needy as well as significant progress being made in the implementation of putting together a census to capture data, determining the improvement of health and quality of life of the members who benefit from the soup kitchen
- -The establishment of a Youth Development Program, which has brought significant change in the lives of the young people. The establishment of a Youth Skills development Initiative

Having seen the need of the youth to be better prepared for life, and the job market, and seeing how our pilot program has worked, we are really excited to develop these programs much more effectively in the future.

We have learned lessons during 2019 that will strengthen our efforts into the future, and we would really like to focus a lot more on the Youth Development, and Life Skills development programs as we pick up momentum again in 2020, but we will continue to monitor the Creche and continue with feeding the ill and needy in the community.

In order to develop the youth program we really need to find a more suitable venue, so please pray with us that this will be found.

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We also have in mind to employ an excellent trainer and facilitator for the "Work for a Living Program" please also believe with us that this will be possible.

What a joy it is to see people develop, improve their outlook to life and develop new skills, this is perhaps one of the biggest needs in South Africa at this time.

I wish to thank Shirley, the AHCD team, and all board members for the dedication you've shown to help the organization develop extremely well during 2019.

Special thanks must go to Mark Bolton and his staff for the use of the beautiful facilities at their new Nuform offices, and thank you Mark for your heart to see young people develop.

I also wish to especially thank Zinhle and his team from Gates of Praise Church, now called "Freedom Gate Church" for your dedication during 2019 with the development of the youth program, without you guys this would not have been possible

No organization would be well run without an excellent accounting person, and I want to thank Avlon Ferrera for her dedication in keeping our accounts and finances in an excellent manner.

The same is true of The Board, a special welcome to our new Board members, Angel Mqadi, Zintle Nkosiyaphantsi and Hazel Gigaba onto the Board, we look forward to your contributions to the running of Abounding Hope Community Development's initiatives.

As this report is written in aftermath of the effects of the 2020 Corona Epidemic, it has been wonderful to see how the team adapted to assist and feed the vulnerable and hungry during the epidemic, and so we are confident whatever we face in the future the resilience and dedication of the Team will continue to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged of our area.

Nelson Mandela said:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela

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He also said:

"A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special."

- Nelson Mandela

We agree with Madiba's comments above and that's why we want to focus a lot on developing the skills and Work4aLiving programs going forward.

We trust in God for the strength, the resolve and all that we need to make the above a reality for many in Masinenge and surrounding areas.

God Bless you all.

Basil Woodhouse

Chairman of AHCD

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