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ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

1 April 2023—31 March 2024

003-636 NPO

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1. WRITTEN REPORT

SECTION A: BASIC DETAILS OF THE ORGANISATION:

1. **Organisation's Name:** Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad van Port Elizabeth
2. **Registration Number (NPO Number):** 003-636 NPO
3. **Organisation Started:** 17 September 1944
4. **Time Period of Report:** The twelve-month period this Report covers (please state the beginning and ending of the Financial year.): 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024:
5. **Contact Details:**
Organisation's Contact person: Magdalena von Solms
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Province: Eastern Cape
Organisation's postal address (if different to physical):
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6. **Type of Non-Profit Organisation:** Voluntary Association
7. **Sector Organisation works in:** Social Service, Advocacy, Education: as it relates to the social welfare services of Child Protection and Safety.
8. **Sphere Organisation works in:** Regional
9. **Province Organisation works in:** Eastern Cape
10. **Areas Organisation works in:** Urban
11. **List of Organisation office Bearers (See table below)**

Portfolio	Name & Surname	Address/Postal address	Telephone	ID Number
Chairperson	Mr. R. Jonck	17 th 64 Idylwylde Cres, Walmer Heights, Gqeberha	072 754 3758	860706 5049 086
Vice-chair	Mrs. B. Lumkwana	19 Lange Street, Penford, Kariega	0638538203	650316 0284 086
Treasurer	Mr. E. None	41D Groendal Park, Morningside, Gqeberha	064 607 2506	581209 5854 082
	Rev. R. Jacobs	48 Grover Street, Palmridge, Gqeberha	041-481 2599	650403 0184 084
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	Mrs. R.J.B Klaasen	42 Sam Arends street, Clary Estate, Bethelsdorp	0685241311	6905210200089
	Rev. S. Naude	20 Alan Drive, Mangoldpark, Gqeberha	081 381 3153	910328 5074 087
Secretary	Ms. M. von Solms	16 Mount Road North End Gqeberha 6056	041-4843554	640918 0139 088

12. List of Organisation's Staff (See table below)

Job Title of Staff Member	Female Male	Race	Skills
Director Magdalena von Solms	Female	White	37 Years NPO management
Programme Manager Annemarie Millard	Female	White	36 Years Social work and programme management
Programme manager Lizelle Koesnel	Female	Coloured	8 Years Social work and programme management
Loretta Adams – Social Worker	Female	Coloured	9 Years Social Work
Taleen Maasdorp -Social Worker until Dec. 2023	Female	White	11 Year Social Work
Roxanne Michaels – Social Worker	Female	Coloured	9 Years Social Work
Michaela Wagner – Social Worker	Female	Coloured	3 Years Social Work
Glenis Jacobs – Social Worker	Female	Coloured	8 Years Social work
Petronel Posthumus -Social Worker	Female	White	31 Years Social Work
Khanyisa Giyose – Social Worker	Female	Black	6 Years Social Work
Carina van Niekerk - Social Worker until July 2023	Female	White	32 Years Social Work
Noluyolo Gwele – Social Worker	Femeale	Black	6 Years Social Work
Catherine Niemand from January – April 2024	Female	Coloured	8 Years Social Work
Moray Gouws - Social Worker	Female	White	2 Years Social Work
Natanya Smith - Social Worker	Female	Coloured	1 Year Social Work
Allison Hoffman - Social Worker until January 2024	Female	Coloured	3 Year Social Work
Mariska Cox – Social Auxiliary Worker	Female	White	16 Years Social Work
Kaylene Hercules–Social Auxiliary Worker until September 2023	Female	Coloured	4 Years Social Auxiliary work

Chantell Jonkers –Social Auxiliary Worker	Female	Coloured	25 Years Social Auxiliary Work
Mantombi Lalela – Social Auxiliary Worker	Female	Black	1 Year Social Auxiliary Work
Angela Neethling from August 2023	Female	White	1 Years in administration
Amanda Williams	Female	White	5 Years Office Administration
Fowzia Human	Female	Coloured	18 Years Office Administration
Suzy Mthana	Female	Black	15 Years Office assistant

SECTION B: THE ORGANISATION’S HISTORY AND AIMS

1. History of CMR PE:

The first CMR organisation was established in September 1944 under the auspices of the NG Kerk, basing Christian principles and values to serve communities in need. Since then the CMR network has grown exponentially, currently present in a number of South African provinces. The Eastern Cape currently has 10 branch offices (all separately registered NPOs and PBOs) providing critical services in the interests of child safety and protection in South Africa’s poorest province. This organization addresses issues of children at risk by focusing on Prevention, Protection and Capacity development services and addresses gender-based violence in communities in the interests of child stability and care. Whist not a religious organization, it incorporates the Christian values of love and compassion to serve any community in need. Recognising the growing maltreatment of children in communities world-wide, CMR-PE has focused its work on providing social welfare services to families at risk. In an attempt to stem the escalation of child abuse and neglect and to provide sustainable solutions to child protection and care within communities. These communities include Gqeberha, Sections of Kwazakhele, New Brighton, Bethelsdorp & Bloemendal and Algoapark.

CMR-PE employs 10 registered Social Workers, 3 registered Social Auxiliary Workers and 2 Program Managers and a Director and 4 admin support staff to deliver the services provided to communities.

2. The vision of CMR PE is to: Enrich family life by being the love of Christ in action and where our families, women and children are fortified and empowered and able to protect and care for each other and those most vulnerable and at risk of any form of abuse in their communities.

3. The Mission Statement of CMR PE: is to deliver welfare and services of mercy of a high professional standard, true to the command of our Lord, on behalf of its constituency to all people with a need thereof within its geographical area.

4. The organizational Objectives are to:

- Assist people and communities in need.
- Render continuous social services to individuals, families, and communities within the limits of available resources.
- Promote healthy community , family, and marital relationships.
- Promote the welfare of the elderly, disabled and those with dependency problems.
- Oppose chemical dependency.
- Promote social security.
- Contract with Churches, Government, welfare, and other organisations in order to achieve any of the abovementioned objectives.

SECTION C: MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR:

Chairperson's Report - Ruaan Jonck

It is my honour and privilege to welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting. As we gather here today, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the work we have accomplished over the past year and the dedication each one of you has shown in our mission.



Yet another year has past and we have been blessed once again by our Lord and Saviour, what a honour it has been for me the past 5 years to be part of this amazing company and the amazing people that are employed by CMR, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who has contributed to our mission.

Our organization, as you all know, is driven by a shared commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most. This year, we have faced challenges and celebrated victories, but through it all, we have remained steadfast in our purpose: to support, uplift, and advocate for those who are marginalized and in need of assistance. Today's meeting will provide us with an opportunity to review our financial status, discuss future plans, and address any questions or concerns. Your input is crucial in shaping the direction of our organization, and I urge each of you to participate actively in the discussions.

To our generous donors, your unwavering support is the bedrock upon which our efforts stand. Your contributions have empowered us to make meaningful strides towards our goals and have enabled us to reach those in need with greater efficacy. Your belief in our mission inspires us to work harder and dream bigger. It is because of your generosity that we are able to turn our vision into reality and make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are also immensely grateful to the government for its invaluable support. The partnership and funding provided by Dept of Social Development have been instrumental in propelling our initiatives forward. Your commitment to fostering positive change and supporting non-profits like ours underscores the strength of our community and the shared responsibility we have in addressing the needs of our society.

Together, through your combined efforts, we have achieved milestones that were once aspirations. Your support not only sustains our organization but also strengthens our resolve to continue striving for excellence and innovation in our work.

As we move forward, we do so with renewed enthusiasm and determination, knowing that we have such steadfast allies by our side. Thank you once again for your generosity, trust, and partnership. Your contributions are not just donations; they are a testament to the power of collective action and the profound impact we can achieve when we work together.

In closing, I want to express my deepest appreciation to each member of our organization. Your dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts are the driving force behind our success. Together, we have made a significant impact, and together, we will continue to strive towards our goals with renewed energy and determination.

Let's continue to work together to build a better future for those we serve.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established

Director's Report – Magdalena von Solms

It is encouraging to experience the sustaining grace of our Lord as He has provided the means for us to continue with our services for yet another year - bringing us to **80 years** of service in Gqeberha!

We see that the living circumstances of children and families are becoming increasingly difficult. Especially in the light of unemployment which results in increasing financial pressures on parents, substance abuse, violence and the disintegration of relationships.



The nature of referrals to our social workers becomes much more complicated and demanding. And at the centre of it all, are our social workers and support staff trying to assist as best they can, with rapidly receding resources. Our team is often blamed and targeted when situations are not readily and easily resolved and as a result they can often be subjected to aggressive and violent behaviour of clients. Our teams must constantly balance the management of multiple crisis interventions, demanding clients and escalating administrative work. While these demands proved unbearable at times over this past year, our focus remains steadfastly committed to the protection and defence of vulnerable children and families at risk. We make every effort to mentor and walk alongside families to support them on their road to restoration.

In these extremely difficult financial times, we saw how our Lord came through with funding from the: Dept. Social Development, Dutch Reformed congregations, private donors such as JD Motors, Swartkops/Marina Sea salt the RB Hagart Trust, Rosser Trust, GBVF Response Fund, Fuchs Foundation, WT Taylor Trust and Ezethu Development Trust; strengthening our hands to continue with our services.

I thank the Management Board for their support during the past financial year. Staff went above and beyond their call of duty to reach and meet the many diverse demands and expectations of clients and the courts. They remained professional even when the working environment had become extremely difficult and demanding.



A special word of gratitude to our two programme managers Annemarie Millard and Lizelle Koesnel. They were pillars of strength and support to me. They ensured that our services remained of a high standard and lead and served the team with skill and unwavering devotion.

We experienced the unexpected passing of our colleague Kaylene Hercules in September 2023. We were reminded how short lived life could be. We lost an esteemed and valued member of our team whom served the communities and clients with full devotion and who left a lasting impression on all our lives. Her precious legacy will always be remembered.

1. Programmes and their projects delivered during the reporting period

Our Programmes: are developed in response to the set objectives referred to above. They include activities / projects to achieve the organisational objectives established to address the protection and well-being of children. CMR has divided its programmes into three focus areas in the interests of child protection and support namely:

1. **Prevention and Early Intervention Programme:** *Specific Activities include:*
 - Counselling: Psycho Social Support: One on One support to families and individuals
 - Workshops for Children
 - Workshops | Support Group Sessions for parents and caregivers
 - General Public Awareness | referral Networking | Advocacy

2. **Protection Programme:** Specific Activities include: *Specific Activities include:*
 - a) In relation to the Children's Act:
 - Foster Care / Alternative Care & Family Reunification Support
 - Adoption Support
 - b) In relation to GBV Bills: *Specific Activities include:*
 - Referral to court to obtain protection orders
 - Facilitation to be admitted in safe havens/shelters for abused women
 - Safety placement of children whom are abused and referral for psychological therapy when needed
 - The forming of support networks amongst GBVF victims
3. Other Services provided in support of developing the capacity of families are:
 - Material relief in the form of food and goods in kind (school uniforms, clothes, access to state grants etc.)

2. Objectives that were met during the reporting period:

The Organisation's main objectives were met in relation to delivery of services:

- a) Empower and support vulnerable families within the communities of Gqeberha. By providing prevention and early intervention services to vulnerable families and to implement programmes for children and parents that help prevent child abuse and neglect to include GBV issues. **A total of 7042 beneficiaries were reached through project activities in support of this objective.**
- b) Enable & facilitate statutory services as they relate to the protection and care of children and women specifically in the communities of Port Elizabeth. **A total of 335 children placed in protective care and many related interviews and reports were conducted and necessary in support of this objective.**

3. Activities undertaken and delivered to meet objectives:

Activities (projects and programmes) for the reporting year	How beneficiaries benefitted	
CMR – PE aims to deliver: a developmental approach in the field of social welfare in Gqeberha by rendering professional support services to vulnerable families in the overall interest of child protection and care. OBJECTIVE 1: Empower and support vulnerable families within the communities of Port Elizabeth Gqeberha. By providing prevention and early intervention services to vulnerable families and to implement programmes for children and parents that help prevent child abuse and neglect to (include GBV issues). PROGRAMME: a) INDIVIDUAL SERVICES TO FAMILIES:	Number of files (prevention and statutory) on 1 April 2023-	969
	Number of new files opened -	168
	Number of files closed / services referred -	86
	Number of files on 31 March 2024 -	1041
	New requests for services – intake /short term services	287
	Total families served on individual basis (short and long term)	1328
	Services in respect of the number of sessions held with regards to:	
	• The care of children (Child abuse/neglect/abandonment/crisis intervention/safety/risk assessments/temporary safe care)	3446
	• The behaviour of children including substance dependency	298
	• Family therapy & support (violence, substance abuse)	596
	• Mediation and parenting plans	157
	• Requests for material relief	161
	• Parental guidance	192
	• Support with SASSA applications	418
	Breakdown of Beneficiaries served through individual sessions:	
	Men	1444
		5382

	Women Children 0 – 12 years 13 – 18 years Older persons TOTAL Family preservation services can be very challenging as we work with multi-problem and often unwilling clients with a lack of parenting capacities, multiple factors that need to be considered in service delivery, and high demands that are made on the time and availability of the social workers. The complexity in the nature of challenges presented with new intake (referrals/requests for services), is intensifying which requires much time and attention from social workers.	1577 1284 517 10204
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b) GROUP AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME	GROUP AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS									
					ATTENDANCE					
	PROJECT ACTIVITY	Place	NR OF GROUPWORK SESSIONS	COMMUNITY WORK	OLDER PERSONS	CHILDREN / YOUTH	WOMAN	MEN	TOTAL	
	CHILD PROTECTION AND ABUSE PREVENTION									
	SAM Puppets Show: Sexual Abuse Awareness	North End		1		192			192	
	Child Protection Week:	New Brighton		1		159			159	
		Kwazakhele		1		407			407	
		Bethelsdorp		1		400			400	
	Protective Behaviours: Child Protection Week awareness	Bloemendal		1		9			9	
		New Brighton		1		12			12	
		Kwazakhele		1		17	1		18	
										1197
	Gender based violence programs									
	GBV: Love yourself enough to be safe - Workshop	Jacksonville		1			31	5	36	
		Bloemendal		1			31	1	32	
		Dora Nginza Hospital (Nursing Staff)		1			41		41	
		Gold Stars Ladies football development		1			40		40	
	GBV: Love yourself enough to be safe – Support Group	Jacksonville	1				4		4	
		Windvogel	1				8		8	
		Bloemendal	5				7		7	
		West End		3		272			272	

	GBV: Love yourself enough to be safe - Crèches and Schools	Bloemendal		4		172			172	
		Sydenham		1		443			443	
	Bullying - WITS program	West End		13		410			410	
		North End		1		23			23	
		Sydenham		1		147			147	
		Schauderville		7		259			259	
		Salsoneville		1		122			122	2016
	PARENTING PROGRAMS									
	Parenting with Passion	Kwazakhele	5				17		17	
		Algoa Park	1				11	2	13	30
	OTHER									
	Early Bird - Substance abuse and gangsterism	Chatty, Bethelsdorp	1			65			65	
	Foster Parent Workshop	Kwazakhele		1		9			9	
	Independent Living Plan	Bloemendal	3			10			10	
	Self-Love and Sex Education Program	Erica House place of safety		1		37			37	
	Foster child Safety	Algoa Park	1			12			12	
	10 Commandments	Bloemendal		1		86			86	
	Children's Rights and Responsibilities	Jacksonville	1				13	1	14	
	Adoption Marketing	New Brighton		1			10		10	
		Algoa Park		1			11	2	12	255
	Total		19	47		3263	225	11		3498
			Sessions			Children	Women	Men		
OBJECTIVE 2 Enable & facilitate statutory services as they relate to the protection and care of children and women specifically in the communities of: Port Elizabeth Gqberha. In relation to the Children's Act (38/2005), through Children's Court investigations, Foster Care, Adoption and Family re-	Foster care & Family reunification services						Children			
	Placement of children in terms of the Children's Act 38/2005						45			
	• Temporary safe care						27			
	• Foster care						9			
	• Child and Youth Care Centres						7			
	Sec. 23 investigations and placements						82			
	Child abuse cases investigated (Form 22's)						66			
	Placement orders issued Sec.159, 171,176, 175, 186						284			
	Foster care supervision services – children in foster care						51			
	Number of children in Child and Youth Care Facilities						335			
	Total number of children in continuum of care on 31 March 2024									
	Family Re-unification services - number of families						47			
	Interview sessions – Home visits and office interviews						5323			
	Number of interviews relating to foster care supervision services						1461			
	Number of interviews relating to family re-unification services						835			
	Number of interviews relating to children's court investigations and court proceedings						3446			

unification services.

In relation to the 3 anti-GBV Bills and approval of regulations, which set out a host of support services and resources that must be provided by a section 55A Sexual Offences Court, which were recently passed by Parliament through protecting mothers in need of safety through referrals and assistance with access to these statutory (legal) services as they relate to their protection and safety and that of children and their mothers.

In-depth investigation regarding children's circumstances was done. Members from the public approach either the Children's Court or CMR, to investigate the circumstances relating to the care of children. These investigations, preparation of court reports and court appearances are absorbing much of the social workers' time.

Holiday placement screenings were done, and holiday supervision services rendered to children whom visit their parents/families during holidays. Food support was provided to families during these times. Continual networking with Child and Youth Care Centres, natural and host parents were done during these times.

Adoption reports submitted	9 Investigations finalized and reports submitted.
<u>Pre-adoption Service</u>	
Prospective adoptive parents	17
Biological parents	8
Children	9
<u>Adoption services</u>	
Prospective adoptive parents	31
Biological parents	5
Children	3
Disclosed adoptions finalized	9
Adoptees seeking to trace their biological parents	66

Social workers spend much time on conducting investigations and the verification of information before report writing could take place. It is important that all reports are preceded by many interviews with different parties as the recommendations have a major impact on people's lives.

Most of the reports are complex and has to meet the stringent requirements of the Children's Court

Type of Reports Submitted	
Number of correspondence, letter, emails, etc.	1920
Background reports	21
Sec 150 (41)& update reports (192) to the Children's court	233
Sec 159 & other reports extension of court orders	66
Form 22 investigations – reported abuse and neglect	82

Beneficiaries recorded in all programmes:

Children	4150	59%
Adults	2892	41%
Total	7042	

4. Beneficiaries of the services benefited in the following ways: (numbers of these are in the above table)

Adults (2892)	• Counselling: assists mothers emotionally- helping to address their psycho-social needs, as response to trauma and conflict in the home. • Family support services – new referrals and request for services • Educational care workshops & support groups help mothers to improve parenting & child protection skills. • GBV workshops and support groups help adults to: identify & address abuse empowering them to access the necessary resources/legislation for help. • Access to justice provides critical safety and protection interventions for mothers who are victims of GBV and capacitate them to lead normal and safe lives, able to protect and care for their children.
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CHILDREN (4150)	• Counselling provides emotional support to children at risk/or victims of violence, abuse and neglect, linking them with resources and teaching them how to cope with their circumstances and ask for help. • Educational workshops teach children where to go for help, how to identify abuse, and how to protect themselves and others. • Foster Care / Alternative Care & Family Reunification Support provides children with alternative care while vulnerable circumstances are addressed on their home front. • Adoption Support enables vulnerable children to find safety and care with a permanent family.
FAMILIES IN DISTRESS (1328)	• Counselling and psychosocial support help families at risk of disintegration to become emotionally empowered and enabled to manage conflict resolution and prevent escalation leading to the abuse and neglect of children. • Parental skills workshops & support groups equip parents with information and skills to enhance effective and protective parenting especially in challenging circumstances. • Foster Care/Alternative Care/ Family Reunification support helps families in crisis (temporarily unable to provide for their children) with the placement of their children in alternative care until circumstances improve at home. • Adoption Support assists families unable to care for their children with a safe and loving alternative for their children. • Reunification of adult children with their biological parents in response to the need for adult children who want to reconnect with their biological parents. • Social relief (food parcels) – 161 families served (600) people – R48 780 estimated value from donations received. Swartkops/Marina Sea salt donating bread three days per week.

5. Other stakeholders community engaged with and benefiting from these services

Schools | Clinics | Support Groups: Children | Teachers | Women | Parents | Caregivers | Churches | South African Police Service | Psychiatrists | Psychologists | Therapists & Government Departments.

CMR works closely with existing resources in the Eastern Cape including the Department of Social Development, ACVV, South African Police Services (SAPS) and other Non-Government Organisation's (NPO's) to achieve maximum impact and avoid duplication of services. Activities are evaluated on an ongoing basis and registers are meticulously kept recording the number of people making use of CMR's services.

- ❖ **Regular programme consultation with Social Workers**
- ❖ **Evaluation / feedback received from beneficiaries of programs /services**
- ❖ **Ensuring that priority issues are continuously addressed within communities**
- ❖ **Maintaining professional standards, through supervision services**
- ❖ **Developing comprehensive service delivery report to the Department of Social Development and other stakeholders**
- ❖ **Establishing strong networks and referral systems to assist children and mothers with child protection and proper care.**

SECTION D: MEETINGS AND THE CONSTITUTION

1. Types and number of meetings held during the past year.

Type of meeting	Yes	No	No. of meetin	Comments
Annual General Meeting	√		1	10.08.2023
Board meetings	√		4	16.05.2023, 19.09.2023, 14.11.2023, 27.02.2024
Others		√	--	

2. There was a quorum at all meetings.

3. The Annual General Meeting was held on 10 Augustus 2023.

4. There were no special meetings held.
5. The organization did not make any changes to the Constitution during this time.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

SECTION A: ACCOUNTING AND FUNDRAISING DETAILS

1. Organisation Name and Registration Number:

Christelik-Maatskaplike Raad van Port Elizabeth: 003-636 NPO

2. Accounting Officer Name:

MOORE WK INCORPORATED: Chartered Accountants (SA) Registered Auditors

3. Registration Number with the Department of Welfare's Directorate:

003-636 NPO

4. Accounting Policies:

Sound financial management by means of:

- The Management Board oversees the implementation of the annual budget.
- All payments are approved by the Director / signatory(s).
- An established administrative system is implemented daily.
- The Management Board monitors the current financial position and trial balances at least once a term.
- The Management Board has approved the financial statements of the year 2023/2024.

The following *financial management systems* are in place to ensure accountable financial management:

- Pastel bookkeeping system
- Financial Policy document
- Annual Budget
- Monthly financial statements, with reconciliation
- Annual Audit report

5. Approval of Audited financial Statements by Office Bearers:

Yes

6. Major Fundraising Initiatives:

Explanation: The organization recognises the need to be more active in its fundraising endeavours to keep the organization independent and sustainable. Due to limited human resources within the organization, this has proved to be extremely difficult and the organization has during the reporting period managed to keep abreast of its current funders needs and requests. With the assistance of external resources, activities were put in place to garner more awareness and fundraising opportunities from the public with the launch of a website and online payment portal, as well as developing strategies to approach new streams of funders. The majority of funding is gained through subsidy received from the Dept. Social Development and Corporate and private donors and Trusts.

7. Fundraising was conducted | generated by:

Our fundraising was done by	
A staff member or members	√
An outside person who charged a fee	√

8. Funding received during the period:

Kind of funding received	
Donations in money	√
Donations in kind	√

3. A WORD OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We give glory to our Lord who made it possible for us to write this report and see the results of our staff pushing through challenging demands and workloads. We again saw how the Lord carried us through yet another very challenging year. We can echo the words in 1 Sam 7:12 when Samuel called the specific place, *Ebenezer* – for he said “Till now the LORD has helped us”.

We are confident that in the years to come, our Lord will make a way where there seems to be no way, still guiding us along His road, helping and sustaining His work, as we follow His call.

We would like to acknowledge the following:

1. Our dedicated and wonderful staff. Thank you for your commitment to render services of excellence.
2. Our donors who made it financially possible to continue with our services:
Dept. Social Development, Dutch Reformed congregations, JD Motors, , Community Chest Port Elizabeth, Swartkops/Marina Sea salt, RB Hagart Trust, Rosser Charities Trust, WD Hare Charity Trust, Fuchs Foundation, WT Taylor Trust and Ezethu Development Trust, GBVF Response fund and Nelson Bay Metro Municipality.
3. The private donors from our community and businesses who supported our services during the year.
4. All our volunteers and members of the liaison committee who give their time and love to be involved in the social relief of people.
5. The congregations of the Dutch Reformed Church and other church groups for their support in the form of donations, financial support, clothing, groceries/food and prayers.
6. The Board Members, for their loyal and constant support during a very challenging year.

Report compiled by



Magdalena von Solms
Director 15.8.2024