



# Leliebloem News & Updates

## Director's Welcome for 2017

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### WARM GREETINGS

Hello Friends of Leliebloem.

I wish you Blessings for this year and pray the God will provide for you and your family.

I keep hearing you must slow down, slow down ... well for some of us we need to hit the ground running. The reality is that we are already in the last week of January 2017, which leaves us with 47 weeks to do what we planned for. So in order to succeed with the intended plans we have to keep going.

Here at Leliebloem House in addition to what we are doing this year, we have started meeting to plan the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebrations that takes place next year. YES, we are now in the 149<sup>th</sup> year of existence and you can imagine the excitement of '150' that lies

ahead. Just the thought of **celebrating 150 years with an** organisation is so overwhelming and it's a great honour to be part of the planning for this upcoming achievement.

But before we reach this milestone, we have to get through and accomplish certain things this year. So let me start off with a brief overview of what we planned for this year.

- We now have a **residential care program for 60** children and the plans are to work toward **reunifying at least 10 children** with their families or foster families by the end of the year.
- We have 1 boy in grade 12 and a girl in grade 11 ...

our seniors for this year. They will need all the support they can get and we will call on the community to assist us in this regard.

- **The Family Reunification Team** will have 2 joint family days for the children and parents that were identified to be leaving at the end of this year.
- **The Adolescent Development Program** team will again provide services to 100 new young people and at least 50 of their parents. These children are identified by the teachers in the neighboring schools. The profile of such children is the following: a need for

support with behavioral challenges, lack of social skills, parent support, to help build their life skills so that they can improve the relationships with their peers, parents and teachers and have a positive outlook on life. The environment where these children live is not the best and the majority live in gang infested areas, exposed to drug and alcohol abuse, infrastructure in the home is not good to enhance their way of life, hardly a meal on the table etc. ... some children are fending for themselves and living with strangers and friends just to survive. We will aim to increase the number of new children to 150 this year depending on financial support.

- **The SBMP (specialized behavior management program)** renders services to 10 children annually. The services entail the following: 1 on 1 psychological support services to both child and parent(s). The profile of such child is: the child has uncontrolled behavioral outbursts and poses a risk to themselves, their peers and family members. In the past some children were referred by the teachers and some by Social Work Agencies, and a few parents have approached us directly when all else failed them. This is an 18 month program and the results thus far in the past 3 years of its existence were good.

Depending on additional funding we would like to extend this service to more children.

- There is a great need to increase our funding base. We have a **Fund Development and Marketing Team** who will need to work hard to secure more funding for the different programs we have. In addition to this they will need to find funds for the 150 years celebrations as well. We invite as many of you, staff and friends of Leliebloem House to come on board and lend a helping hand in order for us all to be successful in our endeavors.
- **In Grabouw in the ISIBINDI** program, the news in is that there are more than 600 children and youth benefitting from the services from our team of 24 Child and Youth Care Workers. Well done to you. There were **13 Grade 12 learners** in 2016 and 12 passed!!! This year we hope to see the same kind of results if not better. The activities in the **Safe Park** constantly draw new faces and we accommodate them and provide for their needs as well.
- Our **AGM** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017
- There will be a launch of the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebrations in August 2016 after the AGM.
- The **alumni group** will have quarterly meetings with the Day Management of the House.

- There will be approximately **4 major fund raising events** this year and we trust that it will be well supported. A detailed description of the events will be posted by the month end in January 2017.

This is a brief overview of things to come for 2017.

**I take this opportunity to wish all those who supported us in the different ways that you do: - be it through Prayer; donating money, food, clothes, stationery, toiletries, your time, providing opportunities for the children through sports, tutoring and religious guidance ... we are extremely grateful to you and we trust that this partnership will continue to grow and be nurtured for a long time.**

God Bless you all.



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