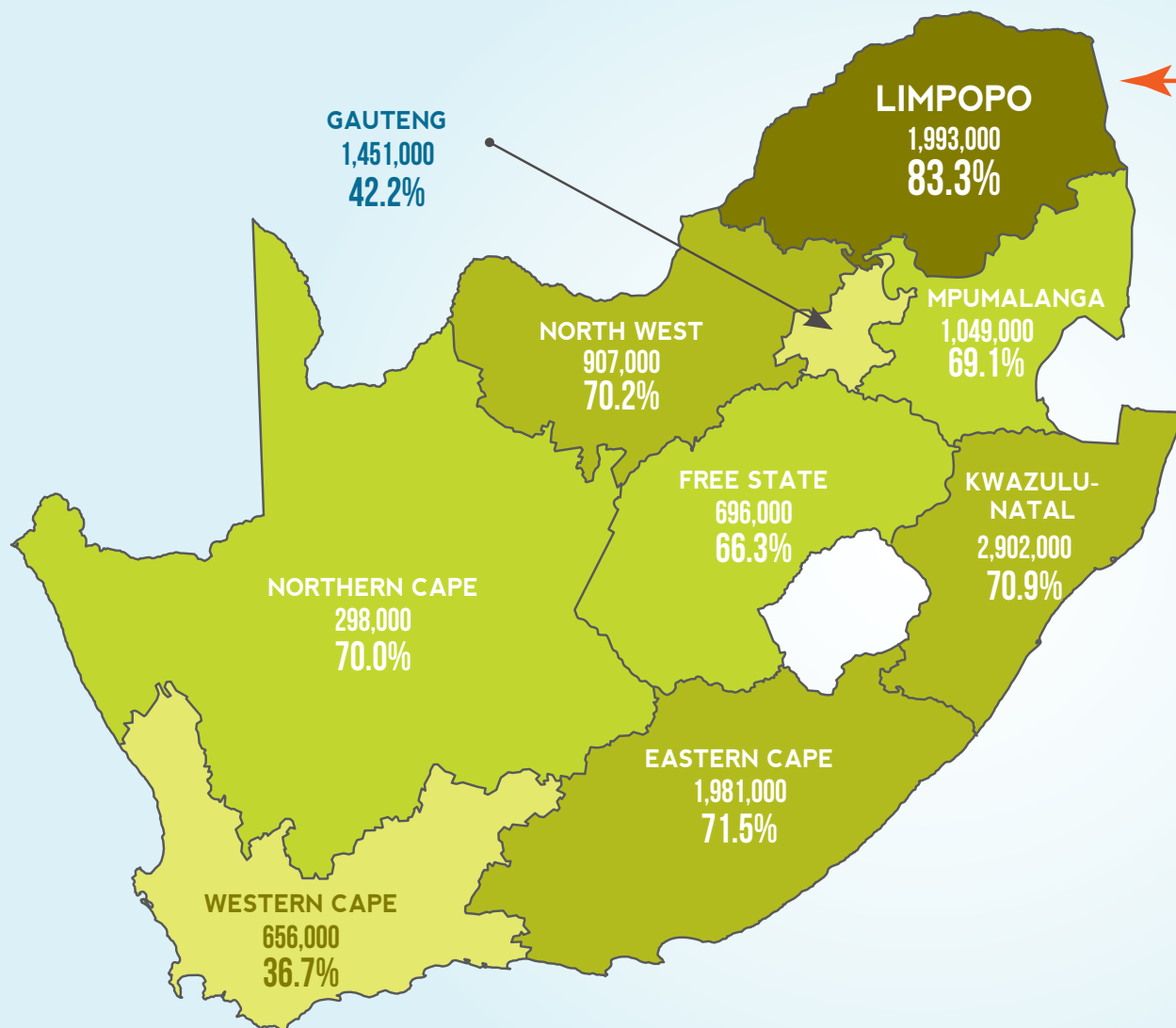




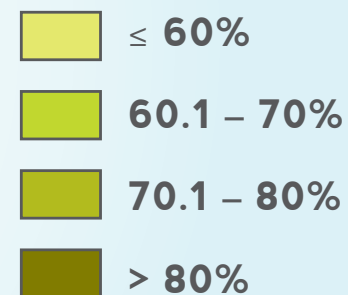
# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

a spring of hope



IN SOUTH AFRICA, 11.9 MILLION CHILDREN (64% OF ALL CHILDREN) LIVE IN INCOME POVERTY.

**LIMPOPO PROVINCE, AT 83.3%, HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF CHILDHOOD POVERTY.**



*Note: The poverty line is set at the 40th percentile of household per capita income. This translates into a monthly income of less than R570 in 2008 Rands.*

*Source: UNICEF.org, Children's Institute, University of Cape Town (2010). South African Child Gauge 2009/2010. Analysis of Stats SA General Household Survey 2008.)*



# OUR MISSION

A Spring of Hope is a non-governmental organization partnering with rural South African schools to bring them clean water sources and economic development opportunities.



# OUR VISION

We seek to combat severe poverty in rural South Africa. If rural schools have the appropriate resources to invest in their students, students can be better equipped for fulfilling employment and leadership in and out of the workplace. A Spring of Hope intends to invest in the development of South Africa's future leadership so that they can, in turn, address pressing problems in their communities and their countries.



# OUR HISTORY

In the summer 2005, mother and daughter Joanne and Brittany visited the Limpopo province of South Africa. Chance circumstances landed them at Beretta Primary School in Acornhoek, an impoverished town located in a former “Bantustan,” or apartheid-era “homeland.” Beretta had over 1,200 students and no running water, a reality most schools in rural South Africa must face.

The lack of nearby running water made life at Beretta extremely difficult. School gardens, which provided for many students their only source of fresh fruits and vegetables, grew exclusively during the rainy seasons. Volunteer mothers walked several miles to retrieve buckets of water from a government pump to prepare lunch for the children. Without operating flush toilets, students were forced to use unsanitary pits and were

not able to wash their hands to keep from spreading illnesses. Beretta, however, was not unusual. Sanitation, hygiene, and water access are some of the biggest obstacles for rural schools not only in South Africa, but across the entire continent.

Brittany and Joanne teamed up to fundraise for a borehole (deep water well) at Beretta Primary. In 2006, a well was completed the help of South African friends Brendon and Sheri Schmickl. Water at Beretta Primary significantly improved student health and nutrition through a thriving garden. In 2007, a documentary was produced on A Spring of Hope and the changes at Beretta Primary since the addition of the well. The documentary was updated in 2010 and serves to educate people on the topic of the world water crisis and A Spring of Hope's work.

Beretta continues to serve as the primary model of success for A Spring of Hope, which was later founded in 2007 and has grown into a professional NGO with an ambitious and unique mission to combine clean water access with economic and social development programs. Beretta Primary has capitalized on their water investment by expanding their tremendous garden and by selling their surplus fruits and vegetables to the community. The school won a 10,000 ZAR (\$1,000 USD) prize for their garden in 2010 and continues to exhibit incredible entrepreneurship and drive to improve the quality of life and education of its students. Today, ASOH has 30 partner schools in the Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces of South Africa. ASOH has become a team of highly motivated young activists, engineers, and thinkers.







# 2014 PROJECTS

In 2014, A Spring of Hope completed well projects at seven new partner schools in South Africa. They include Tsakelani Creche, Xitenga Creche, Maranatha Creche, Sigagule Children's Support Center, AMASS Disabled Centre, White Lion School of Hope and Mahashe High School. More than 1500 children will benefit from the wells.

Gardening projects have started at the schools and there should be bountiful fruits and vegetables in 2015. We worked with Leoma High School, providing fencing, tools, cement and seeds to start their community garden. Gardens bring added nutrition to the daily student lunches and can also serve as an additional income stream for the schools.

We held our first permaculture workshop, facilitated by Beretta Primary principal Leanette Sithole and her team. Permaculture is a vital part of our program, as it provides beneficial instruction to school staff in managing their precious water, growing more prolific gardens, and conserving resources. We continue to grow and develop this program in 2015, with future plans to build a permaculture center in the region.

Work continues at our parter schools. At Andover Primary we installed a new tank stand. We also constructed a library—Nourish Library and Community Center.

In 2014, we expanded our program to include sanitation solutions. Water scarcity is a serious problem in this region, and many of the schools lack toilets or have only a few unhealthy pit latrines for boys and girls.

The children of rural South African schools, while not personally knowing you, acknowledge your gift with much gratitude. They continue to strive to overcome the effects of extreme poverty and work hard towards a successful education. I would like to thank our many supporters and donors, for without them, our work would not be possible. We understand that there are many causes that need funding all over the world and we so appreciate your endorsement of water related projects. We look forward to the future and the goal of all children having access to clean, safe water.

With much appreciation,  
Joanne Young, *Executive Director*

# 2014 PARTNER SCHOOLS







# MARANATHA CRECHE

Maranatha Creche, located in a rural area outside Acornhoek, in Mpumalanga, contacted A Spring of Hope for assistance in 2013. The creche, which currently looks after approximately 75 children on a daily basis, is a one-room classroom with no kitchen and rudimentary sanitation. With improved infrastructure and access to fresh water, the school can continue to have a positive impact on children's lives. Maranatha is an extension

project of our flagship school, Beretta Primary, which has been involved with A Spring of Hope for many years and is a model for its commitment to education and sustainable nutrition through permaculture.

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/ August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at Maranatha Creche. In late August, when we

hit water at 150 meters, they became our 25th partner school. The teachers at the Maranatha Creche were thrilled to be able to finally start their permaculture gardens. The little crèche still needs much support but hopefully the addition of gardens and the future selling of surplus vegetables will bring a financial gain to the school. We are of course enthusiastic to see the flourishing gardens next year!





# TSAKELANI CRECHE

Tsakelani Creche, located in Burlington Trust just outside of Hluvukani in a very poor rural area, requested assistance from A Spring of Hope in 2013.

Tsakelani is run by Phateni and has 57 children. They continue to allow more children to join, especially those whose mothers are still school girls themselves, as they believe it is important for girls to continue their education. Those that can pay monthly school fees, which are applied to food and water expenses.

Lack of funds is a serious problem for this school. They have a water storage tank which they have to pay fill, which means there are few funds left for other projects – such as erecting a new creche building, of which construction was halted after the walls, windows, and doors

were done – or for food. The addition of a well would help them grow a vegetable garden to supplement the meager meals provided to the children. Water would also improve upon the rudimentary sanitation at the school.

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at Tsakelani Creche. As you can see from our photos, this creche needs a lot of help. They have finished a new building which needs a new roof and fortunately, we have a donor who will be helping with that cost. The school lacks all the basics but nonetheless is a safe haven for the very young children. Phateni is a Mom herself and many of the women who

bring their children here are young mothers that have returned to school. We have every confidence that with a little help Phateni will continue to help the children at Tsakelani.

At the end of August, we paid a second visit to Tsakelani Creche, to inspect the freshly drilled borehole and to bring pillows, blankets and other items for the school. It was great to see they have a new roof on the creche now and Brush/Strokes, a local paint company in Hoedspruit, is donating paint for the preschool. Thank you Lizelle for your generosity! The children were happy to have their pictures taken. It always brings giggles when they see the pictures of themselves.



# XITENGA CRECHE

Another school that requested assistance in 2013 is Xitenga Crèche, founded by a group of dedicated women. This pre-school is located in the dry rural area between Hluvukani village and Welverdiend village. The creche began in 2001 as a place where mothers (mostly refugees from the civil war in Mozambique) could leave their children while they went to work all day at surrounding farms. At that time, the children were being looked after by a few women, but the conditions and shelter were dangerous and inadequate. With the help of parish members and overseas guests, the founders constructed a school house. With the better facility they soon saw an influx of

up to 60 children. They added toilet facilities, a scullery, and the plumbing and a water tank were ready when the community borehole collapsed and ran dry.

There was limited access to water, which is costly and delivered by truck to be stored in their tank. They have a small vegetable garden, but the yield is minimal as they can not afford to irrigate to produce a more bountiful harvest.

Despite these challenges, the women who run the school love the children and are very motivated. They have had electricity installed and built a fence around the property. Access to their own clean, fresh water would

allow more of their precious funds to be directed to additional projects to improve the facility.

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at Xitenga Crèche. They have a very large garden during the summer months, which typically died out during the dry season. They are very excited to begin gardening again now that they have a borehole. We cannot wait to see their beautiful gardens next year!





# AMASS DISABLED SCHOOL

AMASS Disabled School, located in Acornhoek, came to ASoH in late 2013 with their request for assistance. As there is little government support for the disabled in South Africa, founder Maria Inama decided to set up AMASS after an accident that left her sister disabled. Ten years later, the center cares for over 85 children who have a wide range of disabilities, from blindness to deafness to Down's Syndrome and autism. AMASS cares for the needs of the children and provides them with security, food, love, and a place where they can relax and learn life skills.

While the volunteers are dedicated to the safety and well-being of the children, and are exceedingly grateful for the sponsors who have donated money to erect new buildings, the fundamental aspect missing from the center is access to water. What they collect and ration in rainwater is supplemented by water delivered from the municipality by trucks. However, it is not enough to provide for all their needs. Access to more water would allow them to cultivate a greater yield from their meager vegetable garden, which would be crucial in supplementing their daily rations.

Having a sustainable garden would make a big difference to the children, volunteers, staff, and community.

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at AMASS Disabled School. We will be looking forward to the progress reports about the improvements that access to a clean, reliable source of water provides.



# WHITE LION SCHOOL OF HOPE

White Lion School of Hope is a private school located in the rural village of the Oaks who requested assistance with borehole drilling in 2013. While the community is scarce in the basic amenities of life, the school stands out as a beacon of quality education that gives its students the tools necessary for success. The focus at the school is instruction in English starting from Grade 0 – a very necessary skill set in modern day South Africa – as this gives students a boost early on and the ability and confidence to achieve in later years. The school was founded in 1998 by Morgan Lewele, whose passion for education has grown the school from 22 students to the current 72 attendees and 6 teachers.

It started as a pre-school with only four rooms, but the level of education was so high, that the parents feared standards would drop with the transfer of their children to public

school. In 1999, grade 1 was introduced with an enrollment of 20 students. Almost all the children who attended Grade 0 progressed to Grade 1.

After a lengthy process, the school was formally registered in 2003 with the Department of Education in Limpopo. By this time, they had progressed to Grade 5.

Despite the passion and dedication of the founders and the teachers, the school has its struggles. As with so many schools in rural South Africa, access to clean, fresh water is limited. They currently fetch their water in drums from the local taps in the village and store in a jojo tank at the school. Due to the limited availability, there is no vegetable garden. While most students bring their own lunches, the garden would help supplement the meals of the children in Grade 0, which is provided by the school. In addition, a garden

could be a source of income for the school, allowing them to upgrade their facilities.

Money was raised previously for a borehole, but the drilling attempts failed to produce a viable well.

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at White Lion School of Hope. At the end of July we were able to drill and we hit water at 90 meters! We look forward to seeing the coming improvements, including the beautiful gardens they will now be able to irrigate. As always, we are inspired by the optimistic vision and enthusiasm of those who run the school. Thank you Thabo, Morgan and Wendy for joining us in celebration of the gift of water.





# MAHASHE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at Mahashe Secondary School.



# SIGAGULE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Through fund-raising efforts and donations received from our First Annual Gala, A Spring of Hope went to Africa in July/August 2014 to oversee the drilling of the well at Sigagule Children's Center.



# 2014 ANNUAL GALA

A Spring of Hope's first annual gala, **The Power of Hope**, was a huge success raising over \$100,000. Funds were used to drill boreholes and support gardening projects at several schools in South Africa which applied for assistance in 2013. Brittany Young, ASoH president, and South African Ambassador Rasool delivered inspiring speeches. The event was enjoyed by 175 guests.

## BENEFACTOR

Phyllis Thomas, The Thomas Family Foundation

## GOLD TABLE SPONSORS

Shelley Smith; Gail Auguston-Koppen; Ed Koppen; Eliza Walbridge; The Walbridge Family Foundation; William Ezzo, and Rotary Fort Lauderdale.

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The ASoH team and the children of Tsakelani Burlington Creche, White Lion School of Hope, AMASS Disable Center, Xitenga Creche, Yellow Elephant School, Maranatha Creche, Sigagule Children's Center, and Mahashe Secondary sends their heartfelt appreciation to all supporters of the Power of Hope Gala!



# 2014 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January - December 2014

## Ordinary Income/Expense

### Income

Refund from Supplier	112.04
Fundraising Income	106,265.29
Private Donations	76,392.19

**Total Income** **182,769.52**

**Gross Profit** **182,769.52**

### Expenses

Public Relations Agency	2,500.00
Drop in the Bucket Program	180.00
Social Media/Web Design	7,650.00
Fundraising	35,605.75
Operational	75.00
Bank Fees (Wire, etc.)	90.00

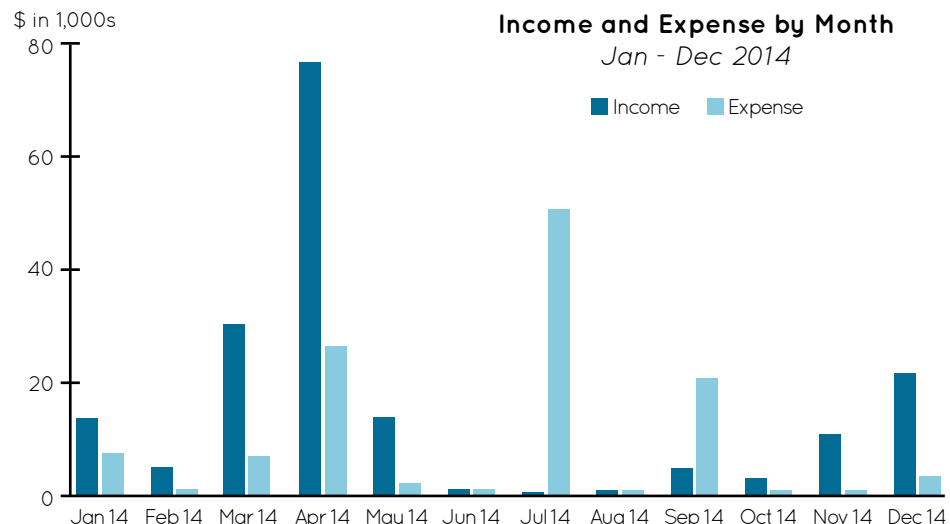
### Program Services

Borehole	57,000.00
Construction of Nourish Library	10,000.00
Other (Auto, Bank Fees, Administrative)	3,000.00
Administrative/Advertising/Internet	7,909.79

**Total Expense** **124,010.54**

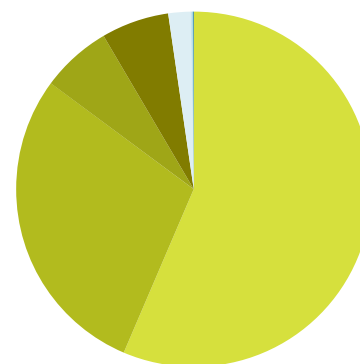
**Net Ordinary Income** **58,758.98**

\$ in 1,000s



## Expense Summary

Jan - Dec 2014



Program Services	%56.45
Fundraising	28.71
Administrative/Advertising/Internet	6.38
Social Media/Web Design	6.17
Public Relations Agency	2.02
Drop in the Bucket Program	0.15
Bank Fees (Wire, etc.)	0.07
Operational	0.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,010.54</b>



**1.4 MILLION SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDREN  
LIVE IN HOMES THAT HAVE  
NO SAFE WATER SUPPLY**

UNICEF SOUTH AFRICA Universal Periodic Review

**2,402 SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AFRICA  
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**WOMEN AND GIRLS REPRESENT  
UP TO 90% OF WATER COLLECTORS**

UN Commission on the Status of Women

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UNICEF.org. Children's Institute, University of Cape Town

**1 IN 3 CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA  
EXPERIENCE HUNGER OR  
ARE AT RISK OF HUNGER**

Statistics South Africa (2010). General Household Survey 2009



A photograph of a Black man and woman in a warm embrace. The man, on the right, is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a grey turtleneck sweater under a blue and white striped shirt. The woman, on the left, has long dark hair and is wearing a black top. The background is softly blurred, showing warm, golden light.

# OUR PHIL<sup>💧</sup>SOPHY

Ubuntu is the principle of caring for each other's well being through mutual support.

Ubuntu means that people are people through other people.



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