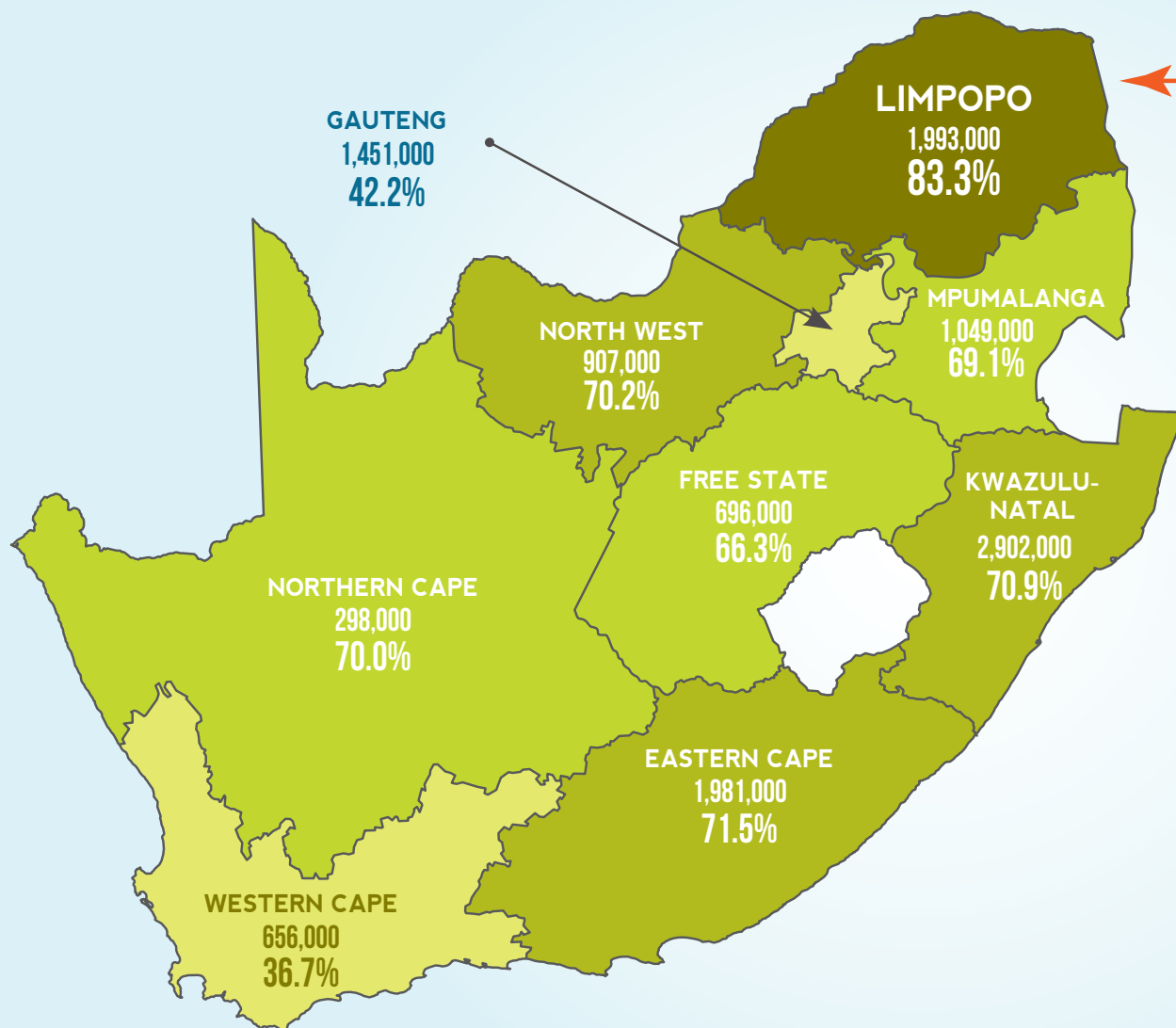




# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

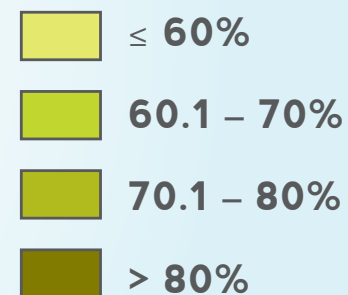


A Spring of Hope



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, gardens, and sanitation in order to facilitate 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.





# 2015 PROJECTS

In 2015, our work in South Africa continued unabated as we acquired additional funding sources which not only helped us build on our fundamental mission of providing clean water to rural South African schools, but to also to further the expansion of our permaculture and sanitation programs.

A Spring of Hope drilled eight boreholes. Acorn to Oaks Secondary School, Mpithi Combined School, Burlington Crèche, Thandokazi Primary, Salani Primary, Manyangana High School, Nkalane Primary, and Nkotobona High were all provided with a clean, reliable water source and the necessary pumps, well stands and other infrastructure.

We hosted permaculture gardening classes and did repairs at Tsakelani Crèche and Xitenga Crèche. Gardens and fencing was installed at Tsakelani Crèche, Burlington Crèche and Maranatha Crèche.

We also purchased a much needed small pick up truck.

We hired a Development Director in Johannesburg whose primary job is fundraising and grant writing. She has forged a relationship with Rand Water

Foundation bringing 1.6 million rand (approx.. 130,000USD) to ASoH for water-less sanitation projects in 2015.

This partnership has resulted in the installation of new water-less toilets at several of our partner schools, which will drastically reduce the spread of disease, as well as conserve precious resources in the region.

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*





# 2015 PARTNER SCHOOLS





WATER

## ACORN TO OAKS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Acorn to Oaks is a modern school which was recently built in Acornhoek. This new facility serves 436 learners. However, they were lacking a water source and had to rely on the municipality to deliver water for cooking and gardening.

A Spring of Hope drilled unsuccessfully at this school in 2014, however, in 2015 our efforts produced a strong working borehole.

The motivated staff has commenced work on their garden using permaculture methods.



WATER, PERMACULTURE

## BURLINGTON CRÈCHE

Burlington Crèche, started in 2000, has an attendance of 68 children, ranging in age from 3 months to 5 years old. This school was in desperate need of improvements. They lacked water, had no garden, and the sanitation facilities consisted of unhealthy pit toilets.

Since a borehole was drilled at the school in 2015, they have already built fencing, expanded their garden, and are participating in a pilot project involving vegetable “tunnels” to help preserve water and increase garden yield.



WATER, PERMACULTURE

## MANYANGANA HIGH SCHOOL

The borehole at Manyangana High School is part of the Thornybush Collection Community Project. The vision of Thornybush Community Project is twofold — to grow vegetables that can be distributed to the 700 pupils at the school for daily meals, and to sell excess vegetables at low prices to nearby communities, thus providing local families a more frequent and varied supply of fresh produce.





WATER



WATER



WATER, SANITATION

## MPITHI COMBINED SCHOOL

Mpithi Combined School has an attendance of 436 learners. While the buildings are of older construction, the school staff keeps them tidy. They have an adequate garden, but it will benefit from a more reliable source of water and the implementation of permaculture methods. Once the garden yields a more bountiful harvest, it will considerably improve the school lunch program, which only served fruit one day per week and vegetables a few times a week.

## NKALANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nkalan Primary School, located in Qunu, Eastern Cape Province, has an attendance of 315 learners. The school is lacking in many basics. A functioning borehole will now provide water for cooking, basic hygiene, and gardening, however, there is little shade for the garden and they will need from further improvements in this area. Additionally, while they have flush toilets, they are quite far from the school grounds and water-less toilets would be better suited to the hot conditions in this dry region.

## NKOTOBONA HIGH SCHOOL

Nkotobona High, located in Mpumalanga Province, hosts 328 learners on clean, spacious, fenced school grounds with several well maintained classroom buildings.

However, water was a much-needed necessity and the sanitation facilities consisted of only a few pit latrines for both boys and girls. In 2015, A Spring of Hope drilled a borehole and, in partnership with Rand Water Foundation, was also able to replace the pit latrines with new waterless toilets.



WATER, PERMACULTURE, SANITATION

## SALANI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Salani Primary School is a school filled with energy and drive. 582 children attend the school and had to deal with the daily challenges of a minimal water supply and poor sanitation facilities.

In 2015, A Spring of Hope drilled a borehole and, thanks to funds provided by Rand Water Foundation, constructed beautiful new buildings for water-less toilets to replace the unhygienic pit latrines. The school also has a flourishing garden, tended to by eager students.



WATER

## THANDOKAZI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thandokazi Primary School, located in Qunu, Eastern Cape Province, has an attendance of 403 learners. As with so many other rural South African schools, they face the challenges of erratic water supply, poor sanitation, and no garden to supplement their basic school lunch program.

With the drilling of a borehole in 2015, this school will now have a reliable source of water, but it still requires additional garden and sanitation improvements.

## 2015 PARTNERS & SPONSORS







# 2015 ANNUAL GALA

A Spring of Hope's annual gala, **The Power of Hope**, was a huge success raising over \$130,000. Funds were used to drill boreholes and support gardening projects at several schools in South Africa which applied for assistance in 2014. We were honored to host special guest Dr. Maki Mandela, Nelson Mandela's oldest daughter, who spoke about her late father from a rare personal family perspective..

## BENEFACTOR

Phyllis Thomas, The Thomas Family Foundation

## SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

We appreciate the support of our sponsors: The Irie Foundation, South African Airways, Rotary Water Well Projects, House of Mandela, Gavin Rain, Royal Malewane, Grootbos

Private Nature Reserve, Passage to Africa, The Flagship, The Thornybush Collection, Abbie, Boca Magazine, and Arctic Beverage. We also would like to thank our generous donors, Shelley Smith, Billy Ezzo, Eliza Walbridge, The Thomas Family Foundation, The Walbridge Family Foundation, and The Prentice Foundation, and Celia at Photo Art for the pictures

# 2015 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January - December 2015

## Income

**2014 Net Income** \$ **58,758.98**

### Private Donations

Irie Foundation	\$ 30,000.00
Thomas Family Foundation	20,000.00
Danny Hebert	5,000.00
William Ezzo	10,000.00
Rochelle Smith	10,000.00
First Presbyterian Church	5,366.00
Abbvie Pharmaceuticals	9,000.00
Prentice Foundation	5,000.00
Elizabeth Walbridge	5,000.00
Walbridge Family Foundation	10,000.00
Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale	10,000.00

**Total Private Donations** \$ **106,372.00**

Thulani Fundraising Income 23,000.00

Gala Income 130,233.00

**Total Income** \$ **259,605.00**

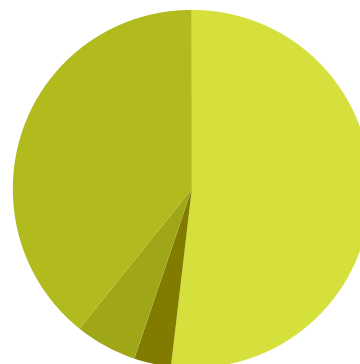
**Total Expense** \$ **261,056.73**

**2015 Net Ordinary Income** \$ **57,307.25**

## Expenses

Program Services	\$ 135,400.00
Fundraising (Gala Expenses)	102,426.58
Social Media/Web Design	14,498.50
Administrative/Postage/Bank Fees/Printing	8,730.65

**Total Expense** \$ **261,056.73**



### Expense Summary Jan - Dec 2015

Program Services	% 51.87
Fundraising (Gala Expenses)	39.24
Social Media/Web Design	5.55
Administrative/Postage/Bank Fees/Printing	3.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$261,056.73</b>



A photograph of a man and a woman embracing. The man, on the right, is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The woman, on the left, has her arms around his neck and shoulders. She is wearing a dark top. The background is a warm, out-of-focus indoor setting.

# OUR PHILOSOPHY

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

Ubuntu means that people are people through other people.



**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  
HAVE NO WATER SUPPLY**

[equaleducation.org.za](http://equaleducation.org.za)

**2,611 SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AFRICA  
HAVE UNRELIABLE WATER SUPPLY**

[equaleducation.org.za](http://equaleducation.org.za)

**11,450 SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AFRICA  
ARE STILL USING PIT LATRINE TOILETS**

[equaleducation.org.za](http://equaleducation.org.za)

**913 SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AFRICA  
HAVE NO SANITATION FACILITIES**

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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





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