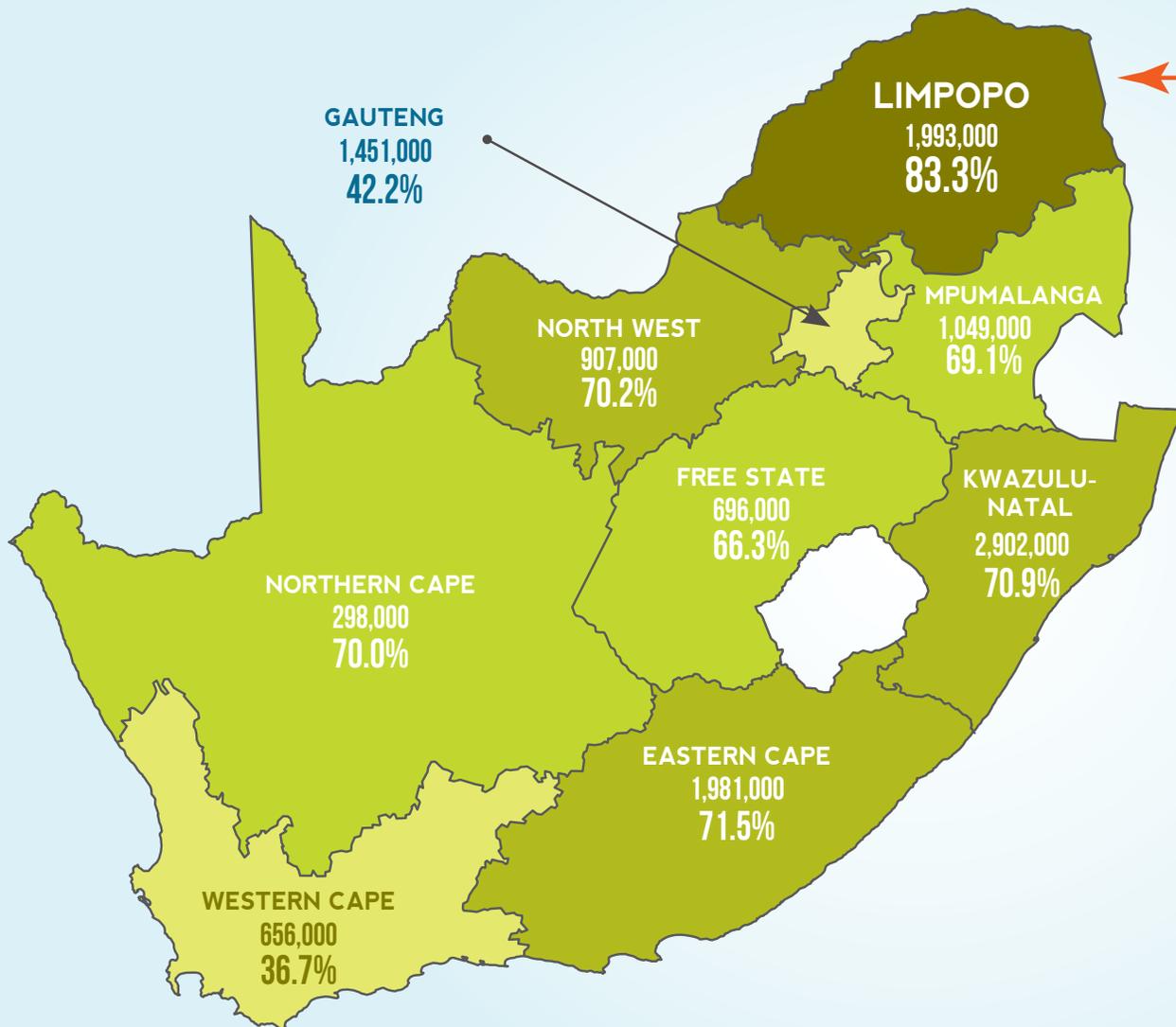




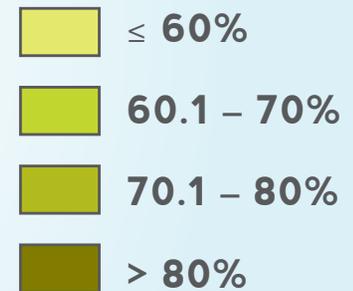
# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT





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 42 partner schools in the Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces of South Africa. ASOH has become a team of highly motivated young activists, engineers, and thinkers.



Dear Friends,

Over the past ten years A Spring of Hope has grown from a group of high school students focused on helping one school in South Africa get access to clean water to an international NGO helping bring water, permaculture gardening methods and waterless sanitation to over 16,000 learners.

We've drilled more wells, built sanitation facilities for multiple schools, worked on expanding our permaculture program to provide nutritious lunches and resources to our partner schools. We've held contests at the schools for sanitation and permaculture, and we awarded two fantastic trips to South Africa to our Student Philanthropy Challenge winners.

In 2016, we saw our permaculture program expand and gave multiple classes to help our schools maximize the yield from their gardens and conserve precious water in the face of the ongoing, serious drought being experienced in South Africa. Our programs are specifically designed to start each school down a path to self-sustainability and

watching them come to fruition fills our hearts with pride at the dedication of our staff, the school staff, the volunteers, and the children.

With the help of partners Rand Water Foundation and ERM Group Foundation, A Spring of Hope installed waterless sanitation facilities at Kahlela Primary, Mugidi Primary, and Nyamande High School. Improving sanitation at schools also improves educational outcomes, as it decreases the spread of disease through better hygiene, provides a safer environment, and promotes a sense of dignity in children and school staff. In addition, the waterless technology preserves resources in an area where water is scarce and needed for drinking and agriculture, particularly in this time of prolonged drought.

Thank you for joining us on this incredible journey.

With gratitude,

Joanne Young

CEO



**2016**  
**PARTNER SCHOOLS**



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## NYAMANDE HIGH SCHOOL

The welcoming staff and 361 students of Nyamande High School received a much needed borehole in 2016. The principal and agriculture teacher are firm believers in the permaculture method of gardening and were quick to participate in A Spring of Hope's ongoing classes and seedling program.

We look forward to continuing to work with Nyamande High. Bringing water to this deserving school is just the beginning, as their other areas at the school need an upgrade.

## MASWENI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prior to the drilling of their borehole, teachers brought water to school each day in jerry cans, so new infrastructure was certainly a welcome sight at Masweni Primary School! In its short three-year existence, Masweni had already grown to 150 learners.

Much work is still required at this school as it has no kitchen, only two pit toilets, no fence, no signboard, no playground, just a dilapidated building that is often too stifling in which to teach when temperatures soar.

## TRYGIVE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Normally A Spring of Hope's focus is on drilling borehole's at rural schools, however, we were so impressed with how deeply committed TryGive Nxumalo is to the community and his exhaustive labor and willingness to share his knowledge that we felt it was important to add his community garden to our list of projects.

TryGive also also helps plan and maintain a lush, beautiful garden at our partner school, Senianga Primary School, benefiting the 760 learners who attend.



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## MOTHAILENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mothaileng Primary, founded in 2010, currently has an attendance of 281 learners. While a local business helped provide additional classrooms, the school still lacked most fundamental infrastructure.

Their new borehole now provides them with their own source of abundant water, greatly improving their struggling garden and providing water for cooking and hygiene. Nonetheless, this school needs additional improvements to its toilets and kitchen.

## LEHOLGONOLO PRIMARY SCHOOL

At least one of Leholgonolo Primary's structural problems has been remedied in 2016. No more will they have to rely on filling 200L cans from a neighboring school's borehole, as they now have their own source of fresh water.

As with all of our partner school, A Spring of Hope is continuing to provide assistance in helping them cultivate a garden using permaculture methods.

We will look to addressing more of their structural problems in the future.

## EDUCARE CENTER

Educare Center provides assistance to 88 learners, but has only the most basic infrastructure. In 2016, A Spring of Hope drilled a borehole. Access to water is the foundation to the rest of the improvements this school desperately needs to provide for the needs of its young learners.

A Spring of Hope will continue to work with this school to replace pit toilets and educate them on permaculture methods to increase the yield of their garden.



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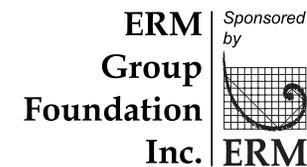


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## HLAVATHI PRIMARY SCHOOL

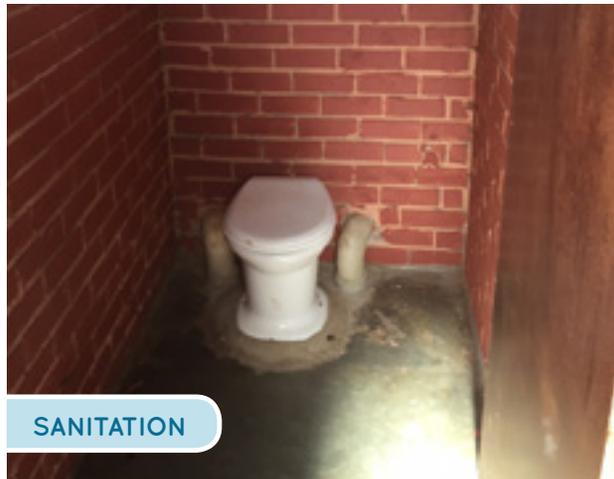
Hlavathi Primary has an attendance of 269 learners, and like most schools in rural South Africa, it is in need of basic infrastructure. A Spring of Hope was able to get them started on the path to development in 2016 by drilling a borehole and providing the additional framework for a functioning well system.

They will soon have a prolific garden, which will not only enhance their meal program, but it will also provide additional income, as they can sell surplus produce to the community.

## ORHOVELANI HIGH SCHOOL

Orhovelani High School focuses on teaching mathematics and science to its 1354 learners. Despite the poor infrastructure at the school and its location in disadvantaged communities, the 56 dedicated staff members have successfully produced the two youngest entrants into engineering and medical school - a girl and boy, respectively - both aged 15 years old. A Spring of Hope is excited to partner with this acclaimed school and looks forward to additional future improvements!





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## KAHELA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kahela Primary's intermittent access to water was solved in 2016, when A Spring of Hope drilled a borehole at the school. Now Kahlela's 334 young learners have access to fresh clean water to quench their thirst and wash their hands, and the school staff looks forward to having a prolific garden of bountiful nutritious food to add to its meal program.

Kahlela was also the beneficiary of new, waterless toilets, a much needed upgrade from the insanitary pit toilets.

## BERETTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Beretta Primary School is A Spring of Hope's flagship school, and a shining example of how the addition of water can improve education outcomes, the school still lacked proper sanitation.

However, 2016 saw a remedy to that issue, as A Spring of Hope, in partnership with Rand Water Foundation, oversaw the construction of environmentally-sustainable Enviro Loos at Beretta Primary. We look forward to the continuing success of staff and students!

**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

**2,611 SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE UNRELIABLE WATER SUPPLY**  
equaleducation.org.za

**11,450 SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE STILL USING PIT LATRINE TOILETS**  
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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Statistics South Africa (2010). General Household Survey 2009

# 2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

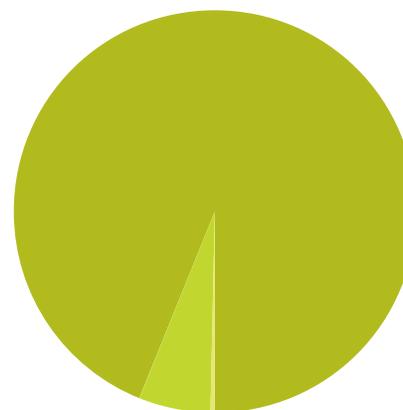
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## Income

<b>2015 Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 57,307.25</b>
<b>Private Donations</b>	
Donations General Public	\$ 130,769.32
Online Donations	27,071.25
Corporate Grants	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>Total Private Donations</b>	<b>\$ 182,840.57</b>
Thulani Fundraising Income	117,107.00
<b>Total 2016 Income</b>	<b>\$ 299,9947.57</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 154,440.05</b>
<b>2016 Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$ 202, 814.77</b>

## Expenses

Program Services, South Africa	\$ 145,000.00
Website/Social Media	8,912.50
Misc Expenses	<u>527.55</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 154,440.05</b>



**Expense Summary**  
Jan - Dec 2016

Program Services, South Africa	% 93.89
Website/Social Media	5.77
Misc Expenses	<u>0.34</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,440.05</b>



# 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.



A Spring of Hope.org