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As the year comes to a close, we would like to reflect on the impact we've made together in some areas of our project this last semester:

Principals Camp

From 15-17 November, we held our 6th annual Delft principals camp at Mizpah. Thirty-five participants represented 35 crèches. We set out on this camp with the hope of giving our principals the opportunity to rest and be refreshed. Our expectations were exceeded. Mizpah's postcard-perfect premises, with its welcoming mountains, flowers, large trees, lush green lawn, and inviting pool, allowed our principals, who had worked hard all year, to slow their pace and rest.

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Roof fixing

The winter 2024 Cape Town floods caused damage to significant parts of the city, including the community of Delft and six of our Delft ECD crèches. After assessing the damages and leaks, we prioritised the damage according to cost and necessity and set out to repair the first 2 roofs. In September, we were able to fix the roof and ceiling of Tiny Educare and build an additional canopy next to the crèche to cover the jungle gym. In November, we were able to fix all the leaks on the roof of Young Eagles Nest Educare as well as paint the outside of this crèche and give the upper classroom a ceiling.



Donations

- 20 waterproof mattresses were donated by a partner to Amore Educare. This donation allows the children in this crèche to sleep safe and peacefully on clean and comfortable mattresses.



- SPAR donated non-perishable food for women's month, and eight crèches that indicated a need for it benefited from it.
- A donation of 50 kg of porridge was made. This donation benefited 3 more crèches that needed non-perishable food to feed their children who usually receive meals only at their crèches.
- Three individuals from Durbanville sponsored and donated 50 pieces of carpet with stitched edges, each 70 cm x 70 cm, to three crèches in need of better flooring.

Feedback from visitors to our crèches:

We invited a few of our partners to visit our crèches. Here are their reflections on their visits:

"I was met with mixed emotions - sorrow, admiration and hope. This eye-opening experience exposed me to the harsh realities faced by dedicated teachers who work tirelessly and creatively with limited resources and all odds against them."

"As an educator myself, I was deeply moved by these unsung heroes. Despite the daunting circumstances, they nurture young minds with hearts of gold."

"It was lovely to meet the principals and teachers face to face.... they really have a gift to create a colourful, organized and teachable environment with the resources they have available."

"After witnessing firsthand the challenges and triumphs of these dedicated teachers, it has given me a deeper understanding of the needs and struggles they face."

As we all gear up for Christmas and anticipate rest, family gatherings, gifts and joy, we consider the good that happened in this year for our Delft ECD crèches. We are reminded in this reflection of the value in knowing the needs of others, of how far our compassion can reach and how much our generosity can change the lives of others. Thank you for being a part of our mission to make a difference in the lives of others.

May you and your family experience a joyous Christmas!

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