



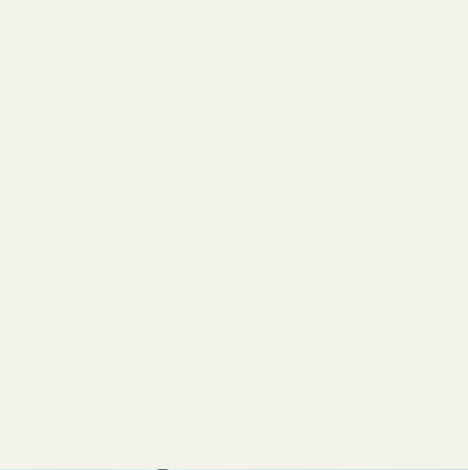
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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

It is no exaggeration to say that the most fulfilling aspect of my business life has been the establishment of the Spirit Foundation in 1994. This was the same year as South Africa's founding democracy and with care, funding and dedication, the Spirit Foundation has grown impressively over the last 28 years and today epitomises much of what is good about our country.

Originally conceived to enhance the educational future of scholars from disadvantaged communities, the Spirit Foundation has now developed into three distinctive foundations,

namely: the Spirit Education Foundation, the Spirit Community Foundation and the Spirit Wildlife Foundation. All three are governed by a highly-qualified board of trustees and

fall under the aegis of the Spirit Foundation Managing Director, Dr Armand Bam. We apply business disciplines, practices and procedures to the running of each founda-

tion to ensure that their impact is measurable. Notably, every cent donated to the Spirit Foundation is applied directly to these programmes.

The establishment of three foundations has allowed each of them to focus on their specific areas of expertise, which, in turn, enhances their impact in the vital areas of secondary education, community development and wildlife conservation. This focus has also meant that we have been able to recruit specialists to ensure our programmes are focussed on areas where we can have the most immediate and direct impact.

Meeting with the more than 100 secondary scholars funded by the Spirit Education Foundation each year always inspires me with hope for a better future. Engaging with the communities supported by the Spirit Community Foundation is a humbling and rewarding experience that serves as a constant reminder of the vast untapped potential of our communities, who are often marginalised by factors beyond their control. This year the Spirit Wildlife Foundation has expanded its programmes, and thus in addition to its rhino conservation projects, it now

supports elephant and white lion conservation. Interacting with these magnificent and yet endangered animals serves to remind us of the fragility of our biodiversity and the imperative of ensuring a sustainable planet.

I wish to thank all who work with the Spirit Foundation and its three focussed areas with such dedication and warmth and I extend my particular appreciation to our donors and supporters without whom we could not make such a positive difference to education, community and wildlife in South Africa. I hope that you enjoy the read and please consider supporting the Spirit Foundation in order to make South Africa a better place, one day at a time.

Ian Kilbride, Chairman, Spirit Foundation





FOCUSSED GIVING. DREAMING BIG.

As we head towards the end of 2022, the impact of COVID-19, labour disputes, power supply challenges, low business and consumer confidence, inflation and high levels of household debt have had a direct impact on how companies and people give towards service delivery within the non-profit sector.

While not impervious to these challenges, the Spirit Foundation has continued to provide hope through our actions in the focal areas of education, community,

and wildlife through the support of our dedicated funders and supporters. We are steadfast in our commitment to deliver social impact that is measurable and meaningful

in a responsible way. Working towards achieving our dreams, we have welcomed 25 new Spirit Education Foundation scholars in Grade 8 and prepare to say

farewell, or rather, “see you later” to 22 scholars completing Grade 12.

Our five community programmes have grown to include a new focus on giving back the gift of hearing to those who can least afford it and has successfully facilitated the provision of hearing aids to deserving candidates in various disadvantaged communities on the Cape Flats. While we have been synonymous with our support for endangered and orphaned rhino, we have recently introduced programmes that focus on elephants and white lion to our fold. These exciting additions complete a portfolio of programmes and partnerships that we hope makes all those associated with the Spirit Foundation proud.

I am often asked what it takes to be a successful social mission organisation. Without hesitation I would say, “YOU” and your giving. While a rather unconventional consideration for many, work delivered by non-profits is largely dependent on the giving of others. These organisations can only thrive when they act in community with others and through the support of others. So why is it important to give? Giving to worthy causes and the knowledge of helping others is hugely rewarding and empowering.

Interestingly, there is a scientific link between the act of charitable giving and brain activity in the area that regulates personal happiness and pleasure. In other words, giving is proven to be pleasing. Knowing why we give can strengthen and deepen our commitment to our personal values. While many may consider giving as a moral duty, knowing that one has the power to change the lives of others can be seen as a privilege and acting on this can become an expression of this communal obligation. When you give in the right way to the right cause, the benefits accrue both to the cause and yourself and become outward signs of your generosity. For those of you with children, sharing the experience of donating is immensely important in terms of their development and can generate greater appreciation of what they have. Finally, I believe that giving can encourage and inspire family and friends to do the same, improving family bonds and strengthening relationships through shared goals at the same time. As we progress as the Spirit Foundation, I want to invite you to take up the challenge to shape your legacy and start giving today to a Spirit Programme of your choice.

With appreciation,

Dr Armand Bam, Managing Director





SPIRIT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The water still moves and flows, the sea still has rolling waves and the Earth still spins steadily on its axis.

Two years of Covid challenges and hardships have passed and through it all we hold tightly the very things that have remained constant. The Spirit Education Foundation celebrates another year of financial and academic mentorship support

to its scholars, despite having hurdles in the academic school calendar. It remains an honour to offer scholars an opportunity to receive a quality education. The 2022 academic school year started in January thankfully without any disruptions or

postponements. Indeed, everyone had settled to the notion of mask-wearing and sanitisation, COVID screenings were no longer a shock, but became habit.

The Spirit Education Foundation is proud to be supporting 122 scholars this year. 25 Grade eights entered their high school career with anticipation, excitement, and a little bit nervous energy filling their classrooms. 17, Grade nines were all too thrilled to have established friendships and know their way around. While our senior phase Grade 10-12 scholars are looking forward to the school sport and cultural activities being reintroduced after two years of absence due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Reflecting on recent success, the SEF matric class of 2021 rose to the occasion with a 100% pass rate, 28 subject distinctions with one scholar achieving a remarkable 100% for History. 11 scholars received a bachelors pass and have gone to study further at tertiary institutions across South Africa. Degrees such as BSc Mathematics, BSc Life Science, BCom, Bachelor of Accounting, BA Psychology and a Bachelor of Education to name a few. We are proud of these achievement as this cohort endured two years of unconventional teaching and learning. Yet they persevered through trying times, online teaching through data and device struggles and still managed to present results that our organization can truly be proud of.

The SEF welcomes new partnerships with donors and



schools each year. This year, a new High School Partnership was established and boasts four Grade eights starting their journey with the Cape Academy of Math's, Science and Technology. The math's and science focused school offers a broad curriculum to include all the necessary STREAM subjects where learners are exposed to robotics, coding, aeronautics, drone flying, as well as languages such as mandarin. We are proud to be part of an institution that is forward-thinking in their efforts and offerings to the learners. We continue to nurture these relationships. Our High School partnership selection process is based on a holistic offering of quality education with sound leadership and transformation as pillars. We partner with schools that are pioneers in creating sustainable change and offer learners experiences that will positively impact their futures.



In the first quarter the SEF focus is on an integration programme with our Grade eight learners, ensuring that they are ready for the academic year and have set achievable goals. A number of schools went on Grade eight camps and the Foundation encouraged all Grade eights to attend these initiatives hosted by the schools as a good way to make positive social connections from an early age. We also introduced our Grade 12 'bridging the gap programme' to plan for the matric class to achieve good school



results, but also to ensure that each of our scholars has set a plan in place beyond the school walls. With the reintroduction of sport and cultural activities at school, the scholars' calendars and weekends soon filled up. Our scholars are fully invested in the lives of their schools, participating in sport at provincial and national levels, obtaining certificates and awards in drama, dance, chess, and music, not to mention the higher academic achievers that are awarded each term. The SEF encourages and motivates all scholars to continuously strive for excellence, push the boundaries, try something new and engage wholeheartedly with the opportunities they are presented with.

It was once again an honor to host our Australian donors, the Horwood Family, in South Africa. The scholars were all given an opportunity to show their gratitude and appreciation through song and dance at a picnic. The Horwood picnic has become an annual event that the scholars look forward to. We are grateful to the family for their generous support and donations. The family connection moments such as a picnic along with our hikes are snapshot moments that enliven and invigorate our organization.

During Youth Month in June, the SEF hosted the third Feet4Fees event, an event that will in future be part of our annual calendar. Commencing at Pinelands High School, the team, volunteers, scholars and running

clubs joined in as we ran past every one of our partnership high schools. At each stop we were welcomed by scholars, principals, and educators. Some joined for the full run and others joined in as a relay run. The full run stretched 21 km, ending at our new partner school, the Cape Academy of Maths Science and Technology, with the picturesque Table Mountain as a backdrop. This was truly a well “run” Youth Day celebration event to raise awareness and additional funds for the skills development and upliftment programmes.

A particular highlight of the first half of the year is our Spirit Annual Camp. Having not being able to host the event for two years, this year the anticipation and excitement was overflowing. After the buses arrived for pick-up on a chilly Saturday morning at 07:30, 120 very excited teenagers received their camp packs (t-shirts, hats, and a snack) and embarked on a journey to Ceres with anticipation and making new friends, while experiencing new environments and activities.

The theme for Camp 2022 was CHOICE. Each day we make thousands of decisions and it is these decisions that shape our day, futures, and lives; thus, it is important to make the right choices. Upon arriving at the camp scholars were introduced to facilitators, their new roommates and immediately taken to their

first survival challenge. Throughout the weekend, a carefully selected group of activities assisted the scholars in making critical decisions, solving problems as a team, working together to overcome fears, and building new relationships.

On Sunday evening around the bonfire the scholars entertained us with singing, dancing, musical interludes, and creative art displays. Roasting marshmallows and bonding around the campfire are always such a special moment for all. Later, the scholars embarked on a hike to the waterfall on Monday morning for their final reflections before heading home. Surrounded by picturesque mountains and gushing water, the scholars had to work together to cross over some tricky areas.

It is these experiential learning moments that build the character and grit that will assist our scholars in overcoming future challenges, as well as enabling them to make better decisions.

Looking forward, the Spirit Education Foundation has a busy second half of the year planned and to ending the year strongly on a high note. We are proud of our accomplishments and continue to reach higher and further. Thank you to the generous donations, relationships and partnerships that are cardinal to our organisation and that will play a role in assisting us to reach our vision.



Dr Armand Bam, Courtney Kalis, Nzele Omari, Saskia Wiese



SPIRIT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can" – **George Bernard Shaw.**

This powerful expression provides insight into the way in which we engage in our communities. The Spirit Community Foundation (SCF) has five programmes it supports to effect community change. These carefully selected programmes focus on youth employment readiness

and capacity development, disability (blind and deaf) and the environment. Below we highlight our programmes and partners.

Bonnievale 418 Employment Readiness
In June 2021 SCF and Bonnievale 418 partnered to launch a work readiness programme. One year

later, we have seen a massive shift in the ability of jobseekers to find employment, commit to their work, and become part of various other uplifting spaces such as becoming leaders for the Bonnievale Youth Desk, drama groups, sports clubs and other community initiatives. Apart from all the skills and knowledge gained by participants, the Work Readiness Course is further used as a tool to identify which jobseekers are trust-

worthy and teachable, to make better recommendations for available employment opportunities in the community.



Jakes Gerwel Technical School K53
Driving Programme

The vision for this project is that every Grade 12 and Year four student at JGT will achieve their driving license by the time they leave school to help them find meaningful employment. Classes for the students and driving lessons are taught by two of the teachers and take place after school in the sport period. For many students this opportunity constitutes their first time driving a car. Through the support of the SCF, all learning materials and a vehicle for practice are provided.

Upper Liesbeek River Garden

Just below the slopes of Table Mountain lies the Upper Liesbeek River Garden. This pristine piece of paradise is open to all communities to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. The beautifully maintained gardens and river are nurtured and cared for by a dedicated team of workers and botanist supported by the SCF. The restitution of pathways, planting of indigenous species and the maintenance of benches and play areas by SCF have contributed to ensuring the space can be enjoyed by all Capetonians and visitors alike.



The League of Friends of the Blind

Occupational therapy is a vital service to receive for children with disabilities. Their ability to access, provide therapeutic development programmes and training are indispensable to children and adults alike. Our support to LOFOB ensures that many parents and blind children are able to receive professional services at no cost to ensure the appropriate developmental milestones are reached. Our work ensures we can touch communities as far as Grabouw and Mthatha in the Eastern Cape.



HearInAfrica

As part of the #HearItTogether campaign, SCF is proud to collaborate with the audiology practice HearInAfrica and hearing aid company Rexton. This community-based project aims to reduce the burden of hearing loss for adults living on the Cape Flats by providing free hearing screening for people over the age of 60. For those people who fail the hearing screening test and are identified with hearing loss, accessible and affordable audiology services and hearing aids are made available at local sites. At time of print, we have successfully fitted five new hearing aid devices.



The Big Issue

With a growing unhoused population and many South Africans living in informal settlements, access to materials and adequate shelter is hard to come by. Being unhoused or living under less-than-ideal conditions impacts on the welfare of ordinary citizens from all walks of life. Adequate housing is a fundamental human right and in acknowledgment, through our work with the Big Issue magazine we can ensure that vendors can improve their living conditions. Through our support, Big Issue vendors have repaired plumbing, electrical connections, leaking roofs, and conducted general house maintenance.





SPIRIT WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

We do not own the planet Earth; we belong to it. And we must share it with our wildlife. – Steve Irwin.

This is a constant reminder to us all. We are the guardians or custodians of the environment and wildlife that exists on this planet. Having started our wildlife focus on endangered and orphaned rhino, we know that more can always be done.

Together with this iconic species, we have now moved to ensure the preservation and conservation of elephant and white lion. Our latest programmes involve collaborations with two world-renowned organisations in Elephants Alive and the

Global White Lion Trust.

Care for Wild

South Africa is at the centre of the rhino poaching crisis. By some estimates, the rhino species may be less than 10 years away from extinction and South Africa is at the centre of the battlefield. Rhinos are being





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brutally murdered daily in National Parks, Provincial Parks and on private property, to meet the demand for bogus medicines made from rhino horn. While many of us might not see a rhino in the flesh, this is a challenge we are facing as a collective. The extinction of this keystone species would constitute another monumental loss for biodiversity and humanity. Our challenge is to ensure this does not happen. We need to make sure that the rhino orphans and our children have a future and we need to fix our broken relationship with nature. Together with Care for Wild, SWF is

also able to help empower local, rural communities with sustainable solutions to socio-economic issues.

Elephants Alive

By collaring elephant they become storytellers and intelligence agents. This project has already amassed over two million location points to obtain landscape insights into where there should be corridors to link protected areas, how elephants avoid conflict by becoming nocturnal, how they forge friendships and wander together as males exploring new areas, how they react to boundaries (both fences and virtual political international boundaries), how often they encounter water and other resources, how



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reproductive cycles drive set patterns and how they plan crop-raids. The list is endless, but importantly, the technology has advanced to include immobility alarms, speed alarms and proximity to building alarms. SWF provides support that enables Elephants Alive to know when an elephant is in danger, so consequentially, the collars are also providing a measure of protection.

Global White Lion Trust

Radio collars and tracking telemetry ensure that the survival of white lions in the endemic bushveld of the Timbavati and Kruger regions as

their whereabouts can be always monitored for safety reasons. The WLT genetic study also helps to classify and protect the white lions. Through SWF, we contribute to the freedom of these lion as anti-poaching teams patrol the electric fence lines daily. Furthermore, our support ensures that the habitat and fence lines can be constantly maintained to ensure the security and well-being of the prides. In addition, we contribute towards having qualified veterinary staff at hand. This means that in cases of emergency, the very best available lion veterinary care is obtained.



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HOW TO *DONATE*

The Spirit Foundation has established an enviable track-record over the past thirty years by assisting worthy causes that have impacted positively within education, communities and wildlife. The Spirit Foundation is an impeccably well-governed, transparent and accountable national asset that ensures that 100% of all contributions go directly to the identified beneficiaries. In so doing we provide donors and supporters with both the satisfaction of contributing to your chosen worthy cause, but also the peace of mind that your donation is directly reaching your intended beneficiary.

Your donation makes a material and lasting difference to your intended beneficiary and we believe nothing could be more rewarding in life than this.

If you believe in the vision and the value of the work of the Spirit Foundation and would like to help us fund and support these important initiatives, please make contact with us by clicking on the below contact button. We'd love to hear from you!

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