

Newsletter

We are happy to inform you that, after two very challenging years due to the COVID pandemic, the daily lives of the children living in Hope Village seems to have normalized again. The schools reopened and most restrictions were relieved. Despite all the challenges in these difficult times, Marietjie and her team has managed to implement several important improvements in Hope Village. Our foundation funded several initiatives. In this newsletter a brief update of several of these developments and a brief overview of our support in the past years.

As the schools were closed for several months, it became clear that Hope Village needed more space for home schooling and more space where children could do their homework. Two buildings to facilitate this were opened in September 2021, and you can read more about this on the next page.

Due to the already existing economic crisis in Namibia, which worsened due to COVID, only a few Namibian companies were able to continue their support for Hope Village in 2020 and 2021. Our foundation played a crucial role in these past two years, as we were able to provide additional support in these difficult times. In 2020 in total we supported Hope Village with over 49,000 euro and in 2021 with over 39,000 euro. Many additional donations came in from our donors in this period, but we also had to use some of our reserve. Unfortunately, as a result, our reserve is limited at the moment. Before COVID, we used our savings mainly to fund once off requests, like school essentials, extra-curricular, social and cultural activities for the children, repairs of the houses or the bus, medical costs for the children, or school fees for children who cannot attend the schools of the government or who do not qualify for a scholarship for tertiary education or vocational training. As we feel that besides our monthly support for running costs, these activities are also vital for the development of the children in Hope Village, we would like to request for donations for these purposes, to be able to continue to support Hope Village with these needs. For those who are willing and able to donate, our bank details are at the bottom of this page. Feel free to contact us on info@hopevillageeurope.com for additional questions.

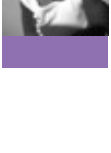
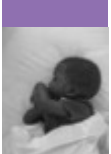
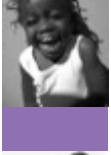
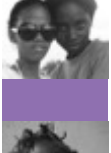
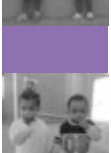
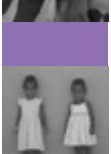
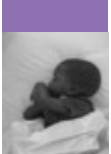
At last, we want to share with you the exiting news that since the start of our foundation in 2011 we have donated a total of over €300,000 to Hope Village! This is something we have achieved together. On our website you can find the full annual reports of our foundation, with a more detailed report of our support in the past years (on our website, at the section 'Organization', available in Dutch only). We would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope we can continue to support the children of Hope Village for many more years.

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Two new buildings for educational purposes

The biggest accomplishment for 2021 was the realization of two new buildings on the Hope Village premises. During the COVID pandemic it became even more clear, that more space was needed where children could do homework or follow extra classes. Also, for many years Marietjie was busy to start a school at Hope Village for all the children with special needs. In Hope Village there are several children that suffer from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Which mean most of these kids only have short term memory, are hyperactive, struggle with ADHD and /or dyslexia and a regular school does not work for them. Until last year, these children were attending regular schools, but could hardly follow the teachers instructions. In practice, this meant most of these children were not educated. For these children a special school started in January this year in the two new classrooms. They started the classes with about 12 children. Their teachers are Selma and Benesia, who both grew up in Hope Village themselves. Both have been working as teachers in other institutions for the past several years. They are guided by an educational psychologist. In the meantime Hope Village also started with an early childhood development program for the smallest children; babies from birth to 5 years old. In the afternoon the older children can make use of the rooms to make homework. Volunteers from the university are present to assist them and help the oldest children to prepare for the grade 10 and 12 exams.

In September 2021 the two new buildings were officially opened. What made it even more special, was that it was constructed by a company, owned by two boys who grew up in Hope Village: Boma and David. Boma was as well the host of the opening ceremony. Our foundation made a large financial contribution for both the construction, as well as for school materials. We would to thank all our donors, who made the realization of these buildings possible.



One of the new classrooms. More pictures of the opening and the classrooms are on the next page.

Congratulations Doreen!

Our foundation supports several older children, who are motivated to continue their studies further, but do not qualify for university which is funded by the government. You can read more about this in our newsletter of 2019. For Doreen we funded her degree in auxiliary nursing. She passed with one of the highest marks of her class. Currently she is busy with a two year training for her degree as a registered nurse. After her graduation, she can work in any health facility in Namibia, with good career prospective. We are very proud of you and wish you all the best for the following two years.



Sophy: the new manager

We would like to introduce the new manager. She supports Marietjie with administrative tasks. She is a very hard working lady and she managed to bring the standard of Hope Village to a new level. For example, all houses have been painted and renovated under her supervision. On the picture she is on the right. More pictures of the renovation are on the next page.



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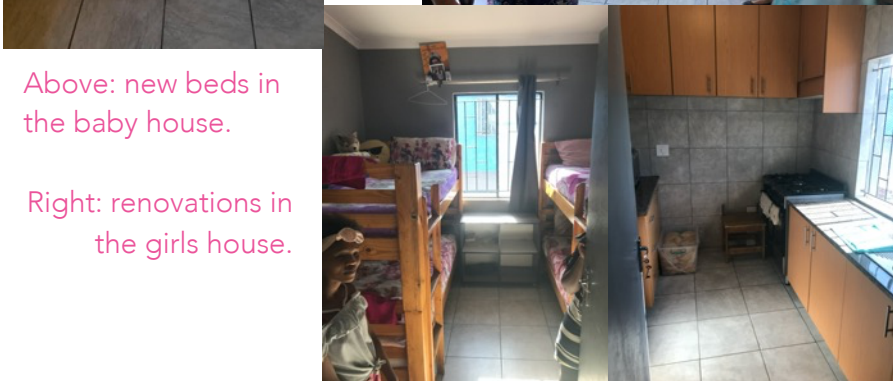
Pictures of the official opening of the school buildings. On the right David and Boma together with Steffie, and behind them on the wall the names of the three main sponsors of the buildings.



The first class of 12 children with special needs in their new class room and during break time. Below: the room for early childhood development



Above: new beds in the baby house.



Right: renovations in the girls house.

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In the school holiday several trips were organized for the children. On the left a visit at the local fire department.



Right: miss supranational visited the older girls.

Below: the children visiting Namibia Media Holdings.



Above: the smallest babies visit a local playground for the first time.



Right: Mommie Karin, the mother of the baby house, who has been working in Hope Village from the start. On her right Yvonne, the secretary.



Left: art classes for the children.


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