

## Lesedi Educare Association.

### Quarterly Update. Term 2 2020.



Life at Lesedi Educare has taken on a new added dimension of support for our vulnerable families during this time of Covid19! We are also waiting eagerly to hear when we will be able to 'open our doors' again to welcome our young children back.

#### Food parcel distribution



We have been busy distributing food parcels house -to-house, to our playgroup families in Mangaung and across the rural Xhariep District during these past weeks, and all in all have been able to deliver 1050, with a further 250 food parcels delivered during this past week: total 1300!

It was with grateful thanks that we received Lunch Box food parcels from the HCI Foundation/e- Media COVID initiative and were able to distribute 600 food boxes. We are also extremely grateful to Kinderfonds MAMAS and to the ELMA Foundation for all their wonderful support!



The additional 250 food parcels delivered during this past week were packed by Pick 'n Pay, Preller Walk and included much needed Vitamin C through bags of oranges, as well as bags of Super White Maize meal from Botselo Mills!

Our partners at Woolworths, Northridge Mall have also continued to provide food twice a week for our Mangaung Playgroup families.



During our house-to-house delivery of food parcels, we are in the process of conducting our own small survey around the well-being of our playgroup families - how they are feeling and coping, and how the children are feeling.

#### Children's Story Books

Through the generosity of the Solon Foundation, we have been able to order beautiful Book Dash story books for our playgroup children, which they will be able to keep as their very own and enjoy at home!

#### Digital world

One thing we have all come to realise and learn very quickly is that technology is our friend and is here to stay in a format which we have not seen before. Our digital lives have expanded beyond recognition with Zoom meetings with our funders and networks, Google Meet training sessions and staff meetings on our phones! It's a new world for many of us, but Lesedi has taken the challenge head on, and is functioning in the new way! Three of our staff members attended digital orientation sessions on the Digital Facilitation of ECD Level 4



Training and how this will be implemented in the months to come. Our Deputy Director completed an on-line course on the Re-opening of ECD Programmes and the protocols that need to be followed.

In preparation for the re-opening of the ECD Sector, Lesedi has developed an internal COVID-19 strategic planning document for our own use on how we will endeavour to navigate the changes that lie ahead, in respect of which we continue to consult with staff, partners and beneficiaries in these uncertain times.

We are busy preparing and planning for the re-opening of our Bus and Mobile Playgroups, and are presently awaiting the firm guidelines, protocols and timeframes to be provided by the Department of Social Development through their various consultative processes and procedures. We are so looking forward to welcoming our children back to our Come-and-Play Buses and Mobile ECD Units, and we know that our community ECD Centres feel the same!

We wish to again thank all our funders and partners for their on-going support in so many ways, both organisationally as well as for COVID Relief, and for giving us a shoulder to lean on!

You are truly helping us to make a difference where it matters most...to our young children and their families!



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