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HOPE Recovered summary

Gontse and Raphael Richli are the managers of HOPE Recovered, an organisation that seeks to empower young people to overcome their past, see themselves full of hope and passionately walking in their God-given purpose. Since 2018 HOPE Recovered is registered as a NPO (non-profit organisation) as well as a PBO (public beneficially organisation).

Currently HOPE Recovered is running a holiday program at one of the primary schools in Mamelodi (a black township in the east of Pretoria, South Africa) with a focus on basic reading skills. In small groups, through games, activities and lots of fun, the children acquire basics English reading and writing skills. On the 15.12.18 HOPE Recovered organised a Christmas Party for the children at the school. Besides lots of fun all the 73 school children who attended the party received a Christmas present. They also support a daycare centre in Mamelodi that provides preschool education for orphans and vulnerable children in the township. Furthermore HOPE Recovered engages with the women in the community through their Women's Seminar. The main objective of these gatherings is to empower women from all walks of life by encouraging each other, carrying each other's burdens and drawing closer to Jesus. From April 2019 HOPE Recovered is running a Saturday Kids Club in the township for primary school children. The goal of the Kids Club is manifold. Children need to be kids and play. Through different games and activities the children are exposed to different opportunities to explore themselves, discover their talents, their passions and develop new skills and abilities.

The founder's vision is to move to the township and establish a children and youth centre in Mamelodi east (Pienaarspoort area). HOPE Recovered is raising funds to buy a property in the area and is looking for strong, longterm partnerships to establish this centre. Gontse grew up in Mamelodi and knows from first hand experience

- what it means to live in poverty,
- the circumstances that leave many youth hopeless and
- the trauma so many children go through.

Background

Statistics South Africa¹, the Optimus Study² and the Department of Social Development reveal alarming information about children and youth of our country:

- 70% of South Africa's youth is unemployed.
- Youth deaths was at 16.4% in 2013.
- Research has indicated that the youth face high risks of being vulnerable to crime.
- Every third child has experienced some form of sexual abuse.
- Every eighth young person reported having experienced some form of neglect.
- 29% of youth admitted past month binge drinking.

Other problems mentioned by schools are teenage pregnancies, substance abuse and physical abuse. These statistics are frightening. We want the young generation to find new hope for a better future – a life of God-given purpose.

The Vision of HOPE Recovered

We plant seeds of hope in the young, disadvantaged generation through the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to see young people overcoming poverty, being able to forgive, free from their past, discovering their gifts and talents, **full of hope** for a better future and passionately walking in their God-given **purpose**.

A Centre amongst the needy

We will establish a safe haven in the township for children and youth. The two main focuses of the centre are firstly the **empowerment** of children, youth and young adults, and secondly the **sustainability** of the centre.

Empowerment

Up to 60 primary school children will be able to attend the aftercare program where they will get help with their homework, hear bible stories, sing and play together, do arts and crafts. We hope to be able to provide a healthy meal for each child and offer counselling where necessary.

There will be a youth centre for up to 20 teenagers and young adults where they can spend time together, do homework, get spiritual input, get direction for life, extra lessons, and learn some skills (computer, cooking/baking, gardening, etc.). The main goal is to show them the love of God, teach them responsibility and independence, help them discover their passions, talents, and gifts as well as keeping them away from the streets, pubs and bad influence.

Professionals from all walks of life will come to teach different skills, facilitate courses and trainings for unemployed and interested people from the community.

Sustainability

In order to sustain the centre, we are planning to keep chicken, grow vegetables, fruits and nuts. This will also be used as a tool to teach skills and build character in the youth and young adults.

¹ Statistics South Africa, Vulnerable Groups Series I: The Social Profile of the Youth, 2009-2014

² Optimus Study South Africa: Technical Report, UBS Optimus Foundation, June 2016

Achievements in 2018



The board of HOPE Recovered

God's time is not our time but his timing is best, so we wait upon him. At the beginning of 2017 *HOPE Recovered* was just a vision discussion between a married couple but they took a step to plant a seed. With God's direction another man of God joined venture with them to be on their board and register the organization as an NPO in South Africa. It was worth waiting on the Lord. Two more ladies joined us on the board. Our board members are now:

Gontse Richli – Chairperson

She grew up in the township of Mamelodi. Her powerful testimony is encouraging young and old. She knows and experienced first-hand many of the struggles and challenges of living and growing up in a township. Her energy is contagious and brings joy and fun to every event.

Raphael Richli – CEO

He grew up on the countryside of Switzerland as a son of an organic farmer. He carries a master of applied mathematics from Switzerland's most prestige's ETH Zurich. He is a certified mathematics teacher in South Africa. He has experience in working with handicapped people. Since 2012 he has been working as a missionary with children and youth. He has developed skills in administration, management and leadership.

Stacey Fellingham – Treasurer

She is a chartered accountant registered with SAICA, the youngest member of our team and works in the climate change and sustainability team for an accounting firm in Johannesburg.

Rose Chirwa – Secretary

She is a primary school teacher in Pienaarspoort at Kutumela Molefi Primary School. She teaches English and IsiZulu. Besides teaching, she also studied theology.

Yorke Rodda – Advisor

As a farmer's son he chose a different route. He is a qualified educator in SA and in the UK with a broad experience teaching primary school children up to adults (geography, biology, computer literacy). He has experience as a counsellor and has worked as:

- Education researcher (for HSRC and working for myself as a contract researcher)
- Photographer
- Medical photographer
- Health educator specialising in Diabetes, community health and lifestyle
- Certified banting coach

He started his own business as a health educator. His area of speciality is Diabetes but the same principals apply to Hypertension (high BP), Lipidemia (high Cholesterol) as well as being overweight.

He has a desire to help people tap into their own inner resources, realizing their dreams, building their faith, growing in wisdom and understanding.

NPO, PBO registration & section 18A

HOPE Recovered is registered as a Non-Profit Organisation (210-136 NPO) with the department of social development. We are also registered as a Public Beneficiary Organisation (PBO No. 930062985) with SARS and exempt form income tax. Furthermore we can provide a section 18A donation receipt and BEE letter.

Property

Pray that we soon get a property for our HOPE Recovered Centre.

The property next to the primary school

The property is increasingly being invaded by squatters. Although there is still a security on site, the buildings suffered severe damage from theft and vandalism. The property owner is not communicating with us at this stage.

The property on the mountain

The potential property on the mountain for a centre for HOPE Recovered has been vandalised. According to the owner, a gang of about 20 men vandalised the houses, stole whatever was of value and threatened the owners. It is heart breaking to see the devastation. Most buildings are completely broken down to the foundation. We don't know Gods plans and why everything had to be destroyed like this but we know HE will make a way for HOPE Recovered.

Chicken - garden project

The managers have initiated a small scale chicken project at their home to gain first-hand experience. The chicken provide besides delicious eggs, excellent fertilizer for the vegetable in the garden. Tomatoes, spinach and cabbage are growing very well.



Internet presence

Besides a homepage, HOPE Recovered makes now use of different social media platforms. Follow HOPE Recovered and make sure you don't miss any news, opportunities and events.

Media platform	URL
Website	www.hoperecovered.org.za
Facebook	www.facebook.com/hoperecov
Twitter	www.twitter.com/hoperecov
Instagram	www.instagram.com/hoperecov
YouTube	www.youtube.com/channel/UCMbNNuwlwNshA0dFmFNSTPg

Programmes in 2018

Holiday Reading Club

The holiday Reading Club is a program made to empower children and develop a generation that reads. It teaches the basics of reading English in a fun and interactive way. It also provides activities to build up the children's self-esteem. They will learn in small groups through games and activities. At the end of the Holiday Reading Club each child gets a certificate of attendance.

Holiday Reading Club March 2018

More than 100 different children attended at least one day of our Holiday Reading Club at Kutumela-Molefi Primary School. With an average of 50 children per day it was a challenge with the few volunteers who did an amazing job teaching, entertaining and loving these children.

God's provision

When we started with our planning for the program, we didn't know how to feed the children knowing that they come from unprivileged backgrounds. In fact, every morning some children came with empty stomachs. As we planned lots of fun games, activities and running around, we were very concerned about their health. But God came through for us in this regard. Two grocery stores and churches provided food donations. Together with individuals who also contributed, we managed to provide for every single child, volunteer and the school staff who helped us. We still had leftover food that volunteers shared to take home, now that's abundant provision!!

Volunteers

Most of the volunteers didn't know us or haven't worked with us before. Gontse managed to spread the word and gathered all these wonderful volunteers for an informative volunteers training. The few volunteers were very committed and served alongside us through the entire program. They were eager to teach and engage with the children. We are praying that the seeds of hope will bear fruit in the lives of the children as well as the volunteers. These amazing volunteers are an answered prayer for us. We knew that we would need committed volunteers who would love the Lord and serve him with all their talents, strengths, resources and abilities.

Impact

Every day of our Holiday Reading Club we focused on one of the 5 vowels. Singing and praising God, bible stories, games, activities and stories were part of the program. It was good to see that the children were not hiding their weakness by refusing to participate, on the contrary they were eager to learn. The proud smile on a grade 6 boy after reading a whole book was worth all the effort.



After a week long holiday Reading club that started with worship and devotions and from hearing biblical stories, we can testify God’s hand and love upon these children. They left differently, filled with the love of God that showered over them.

Number of children reached	102
Average number of children per day	50
Beneficiaries	100% black and coloured primary school children that struggle with reading English
Reported impact by school teachers	Improved self esteem

Holiday Reading Club June 2018

At the holiday club in March we had a lot of children as everyone brought their siblings and friends. We learned and were prepared for lots of kids. This time we focused on the grade 4 children and we prepared a separate program for all the other children who would come. But to our surprise only grade 4 children showed up throughout the week and all our volunteer teachers could focus fully on our target group.

On Monday it looked like we had to cancel the Holiday Reading Club. Due to a massive strike in Mamelodi most main roads were blocked. Some volunteers couldn’t make it to the school. But God was faithful and blessed us with an amazing week. Most children attended all 5 days. They had a great time learning through the games and activities.

More than 25 children attended Holiday Reading Club in June at Kutumela-Molefi Primary School. The volunteers did once more an amazing job teaching, entertaining and loving these wonderful children.

We are so grateful and amazed how God provided once more for the whole week.

On the first Monday morning after the holidays we received a few minutes of the assembly to hold the graduation of our Holiday Reading Club. Thanks to generous sponsors, the participants each received sweets and a certificate as well as a pencil, eraser, sharpener and booklet. Now they are equipped to write their own stories.

Number of children reached	27
Average number of children per day	23
beneficiaries	98% black grade 4 children that struggle with reading English
Reported impact by school teachers	Improvement of self-esteem; one troublemaker academically and in speech





Christmas Party

HOPE Recovered was collecting shoeboxes, toys, stationery and toiletries to make presents for the children. It was amazing to see how the donations came in day by day. Although we were far for a present for every child of the school, God is working in mysterious ways. The school has been informed about the Christmas party but invitations didn't go out due to different issues. We decided to announce it later to keep the number of children low hoping there would be a Christmas present for every child that participated.

On 15 December HOPE Recovered celebrated the Christmas Party at Kutumela-Molefi Primary School. 73 children attended an active program with lots of fun. Besides a children's dance group we also had Father Christmas visit the party. A huge thank you goes to all the sponsors, donors and volunteers for their contribution. Without God's help we wouldn't have been able to make this event a success.

Number of children reached	73
beneficiaries	100% black
Reported impact	They received stationery which helped the families financially

CHICS program

CHICS is an acronym for *Church Household Interface Care and Support*. The programme is developed by the NOVA Institute and aims to bring together and establish a strong network of different role players who has child welfare at heart. The CHICS vision is to see all children in South Africa grow up in healthy households. The CHICS programme offers an opportunity to congregations to make a hands-on difference in their local community and improve the quality of life of children.

Raphael has taken the responsibility of seeing this program implemented between Bright Beginnings day-care in Mamelodi Ext17 and Lynnwoodrif NG. The project is in a pilot phase and surprised with great results how the community starts to take ownership of the education and wellbeing of the children at the day care centre.

Mandela Day

The International Nelson Mandela Day is a memorial day that is held annually on July 18, the birthday of the former South African president Nelson Mandela. He has fought for social justice for 67 years of his life and so this day should inspire to humanitarian behavior. On that day, we received a huge carload of food from Pick n Pay for the kids at the Bright Beginnings daycare.

Number of children reached	108
beneficiaries	100% black
Reported impact	Enough food for everyone

Women's Seminar

The birth of the women's seminar, August 2018

In August we celebrated woman's month. We listened to the hearts of young women, their needs, dreams and desires. The general outcome of all the stories was, that the women need stability and a firm foundation. Gontse organised a women's seminar to share love, scriptures and wisdom. We had motivational speakers, pastors and educational advisors share with the ladies. It was a joy to see young and old women gathered together worshipping Christ. Gontse would love to see more of this, where we pause for a moment and listen to the cry of the community and support them in their journey with Jesus

Number of women attended	16
beneficiaries	93% black
Reported impact	One lady and her fiancée joined a local church; it was purposeful and in a time when they needed it



Women's seminar, January 2019

At the very beginning of the year Gontse started off with a women's seminar on the topic of "authentic living". Many young women got rid of different burdens they carried around like struggles of single parenting, relationship issues or bondage from family rituals and trauma.

Number of women attended	6
beneficiaries	100% black
Reported impact	Due to the small group the ladies were open to share and pour out their hearts



Women's seminar, February 2019

Our relationship with God should not just be a Sunday event. It should be a lifestyle, where we get to know God and have a relationship with Jesus. Since many people believe in going to church on a Sunday, are close to a burn out and are not pursuing Christ, we invited a few ladies to take them into the depths of teachings about how Jesus satisfies. We organized a programmed event, shared a powerful sermon and testimonies. Others shared and blessed us with their God given talents. The talks focused on purity and identity.

Number of women attended	20
beneficiaries	95% black
Reported impact	Pour out their hearts, it was what was needed to take the next step in life.



Further impact

Visitors

God sent two young people to us in January. They didn't know where to go as they are expecting a baby and were sent to us. We hosted them for a few days and planted seeds of hope. The lady reconnected with her family and went home. The young man went back to his brother for the weekend and returned to us in order to participate in a life skills program. During this time with us, God clearly called them.

Number of people	2
beneficiaries	50% black, 50% colored
Reported impact	Direction in life, got to know themselves better, had an encounter with God

Woman protection

Since June 2018 a 23 year old women is staying with the founders Gontse and Raphael Richli. When she went home to her family in KZN, they didn't let her come back to Pretoria. They took her phone and she had to work on a farm but didn't see a cent of her salary. She escaped when she came to Pretoria with her cousin to visit her sister. That was around Black Friday (end of November 2018). She talked to her family on the phone sometimes. But she didn't want to go back to KZN. She wanted to tell her family where she stays but they never cared which is why they didn't know where to look for her. Her family reported her missing and the police got involved. When they found out that she is staying with the Richli's, they opened a case against Gontse Richli for kidnapping. The application for a protection order for the young lady was denied. The investigating police officer arrived with the sister of the young lady. It was decided to discuss the case at the police station. Somehow a good friend managed to get a high rank police officer's attention. At the end of the day the charges against Gontse were withdrawn and we all returned home with the young lady.

The lady's mother and some relatives appeared at our gate a day later with the police and tried to change the young woman's mind and make her return with them to KZN. The conversation escalated and the police officers sent us back to the house. The dominance and power of this mother were tangible. We can't imagine what a burden it must have been and still is for this young lady to live under this constant pressure and dominance.

Programs and plans for 2019

- Holiday Reading Club at a different school (Sediba Sa Thuto) in ext11 under leadership of one of our previous volunteers in March.
- Holiday Reading Club at Kutumela Molefi primary school in June
- Saturday Kids Club every second Saturday during school terms at Halfway House Church in Pienaarspoort.
- Equipping women through events/seminars
- Bright Beginnings day care/CHICS program
- Fundraising
- Networking
- Look into sustainable building (earth building – rammed earth) in order to build necessary structures.
- Expand the chicken garden pilot project

Annual Financial Statements

For the year ended 28 February 2019

Accounting Policies

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. They are presented in South African Rand. The first year of reporting is from 28 February 2018 - 28 February 2019. Hope Recovered was registered as a non-profit organisation during the course of the 2019 financial year. As a consequence, no annual financial statements have been prepared prior to this date.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are tangible items that:

- Are held for use for administrative purposes or operational activities; and
- Are expected to be used during more than one year.

Capital items under R5 000 are written-off in the year in which they are purchased, with the exception of IT and electronic equipment which is written-off under R 1 000. Other fixed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Costs includes all amounts incurred to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the organisation. Costs include amounts incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of fixed assets and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets, the carrying amount of the replaced part is de-recognised.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method to write down the cost, less estimated residual value over the useful life of the fixed assets, which is as follows:

Item	Average useful life
Land and buildings	Indefinite
Furniture and fittings	6 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Kitchen equipment	6 years
Security installations	5 years

These depreciation rates along with all other depreciation rates applicable to the entity are consistent with interpretation note 47 of the INCOME TAX ACT NO. 58 OF 1962. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss in the year.

Income

Income consists of donations in cash or in kind made by external parties or members of the organisation. It also includes interest received on surplus funds invested on balances held in bank accounts. Income also includes profit made on any sale of fixed assets.

No donations in kind were received in during the course of the 2019 financial year

Taxation

No provision has been made for tax as Hope Recovered has been granted tax exemption in terms of section 10 of the INCOME TAX ACT.

Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2019

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 28 February 2019

	NOTE(S)	2019 R	2018 R
INCOME			
Donations	1	14,700	-
Member contributions		150	-
Interest received		-	-
Profit on sale of fixed assets		-	-
Total Income		14,850	-
EXPENSES			
Staff		-	-
		-	-
Operations	2	3,273	-
Depreciation		-	-
Interest expense	-	70	-
Total expenses		3,343	-
Total comprehensive (deficit)/surplus for the year		11,507	-

Statement of changes in equity as at 28 February 2019

	NOTE(S)	Accumulated funds R	Total funds R
Balance at 28 February 2017		-	-
Balance at 28 February 2018		-	-
Surplus		11,507	-
Balance at 28 February 2019		11,507	-

Statement of financial position as at 28 February 2019

	NOTE(S)	2019 R	2018 R
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Fixed assets		-	-
Current assets			
Receivables		-	-
Prepaid expenses		-	-
Bank and cash		12,972	-
		12,972	-
Total assets		12,972	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		11,507	-
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accruals		1,465	-
Leave pay		-	-
Salary deductions		-	-
		1,465	-
Total equity and liabilities		12,972	-

Statement of cash flows for the period ended 28 February 2019

	NOTE(S)	2019 R	2018 R
Opening balance		-	-
Inflows from financing activities		14,850	-
Outflows from Financing activities		70	-
Inflows from operating activities		-	-
Outflows from operating activities		1,808	-
Inflows from taxation activities		-	-
Outflows from taxation activities		-	-
Closing balance		12,972	-

Notes to the annual financial statements

1. INCOME		
	2019	2018
	R	R
Donations are made up of the following items:	14,700	
Donations through Bank account	14,600	-
Cash donations	100	-
Donations in kind	-	-
Profit on sale of assets	-	-

2. Operational Expenses		
	2019	2018
	R	R
Operational expenses are made up of the following:	- 3,273	-
Website fees	- 462	-
Holiday club consumables	- 1,836	-
Women's conference	- 975	-

Join Hands

We trust our Lord Jesus Christ that HE will provide for the vision that HE gave us.

Become a partner of *HOPE Recovered*, get involved or help us get the necessary funds to establish this centre and bring back HOPE in the young generation in Mamelodi. Don't hesitate to contact us.



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