



Gift from US company Enchanted Spaces enables LTPT to extend grants to Langa Early Child Development Forum for a further 28 pre-schools

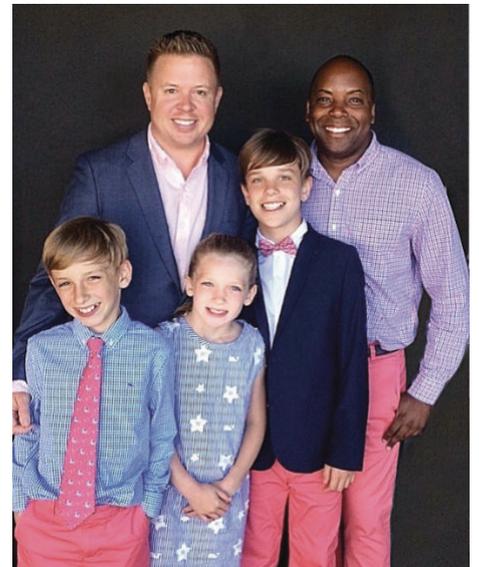
In our last newsletter we reported on an important new contact, the Langa Early Child Development Forum, an initiative involving 8,000 pre-school children in 34 facilities, including the six pre-schools currently being helped by LTPT. Responding to their pandemic appeal for help we were able to make two grants totalling £1,250. We are delighted to be able to report further that we were able last month to release a further £1,000 made possible by a dedicated gift of £1,000 by Enchanted Spaces. This firm in Los Angeles manufactures flameless candles and solar lights.

Enchanted Spaces

The critically important use of this gift is described by Jean Mpati, Chair of the Langa Early Child Development Forum who writes:

'I would like to thank you and the LTPT for the wonderful work you have been doing for Langa preschools. We all know that we are not part of the project initially but because of the passion you have for the children of Langa, you shared what you have for us all. We wish you and your team blessings from above.

'We managed to get sanitisers at a lesser price, each of the 34 centres received a 5 litre bottle and 2 Bio sprays. We managed to get vegetables for 28 centres, that is excluding the centres that are already LTPT beneficiaries. We really appreciate everything you do for us.'



Joseph, owner of 'Enchanted Spaces', Christopher, and their adopted children, Roman, Isabella, and Corvin



Jean Mpati, Chair of Langa Early Child Development Forum



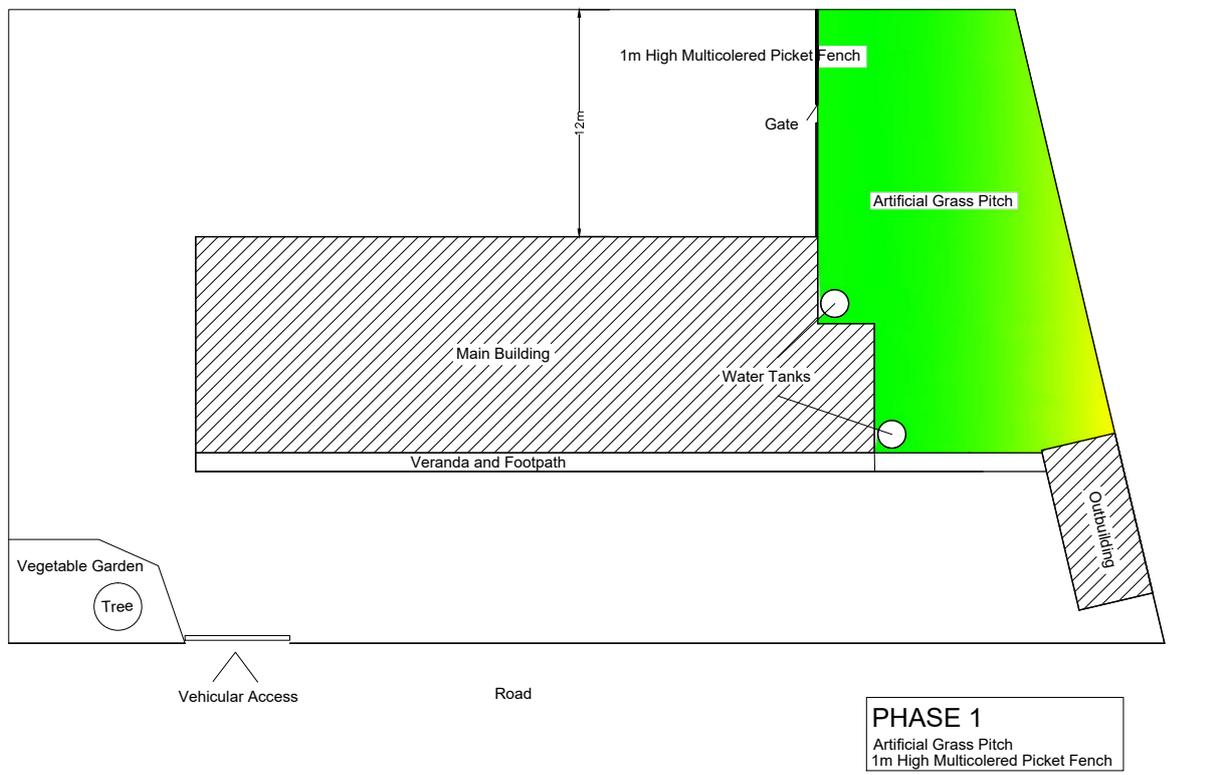
LTPT 10 Year Anniversary Project 2018-2021

We are approaching the end of the third year of this project (see 10th Anniversary Newsletter April 2018 and page 6 Newsletter 35).

Despite the COVID delay, planning has continued. We reported in Newsletter 36 on a bench-marking visit to a pre-school in Masiphemalini. Following this the Nomonde Management Committee met Clarence and Nadia Petersen to assess how the playground could be improved. Following their report to LTPT an architect was commissioned to plan how the space could be used better.

The aims are to clear out the playground equipment unsuitable for young children; to introduce a fenced off artificially grassed area and a sun protecting carport for toddlers; where necessary to improve the hard surfaces of the playground; to attach netting to the lower part of the external fencing to deal with the problem of wind-blown sand; to re-introduce the garden; and to install suitable educational and play equipment.

Later, should there be sufficient finance, LTPT can consider whether another small building can be constructed. Given financial constraints it is likely that this work will be undertaken in stages over a several month period.



Clarence Petersen talking to Committee



The fencing planned for the play area

LTPT Financial control streamlined with new accounting software

As part of the LTPT digital strategy and enhancement of the financial safeguard of the charity a new financial system, XERO, came on - line during 2020.

This has eliminated the need for manual book-keeping and reporting, making record keeping, reporting and budgeting more efficient and secure. The use of XERO allowed for efficient preparation of the 2019/20 Accounts.



James Keeling
LTPT's Treasurer

LTPT Events Programme

There have been no events in the current financial year because of the pandemic. We await the course of the pandemic before planning further events.

News from Langa Early Years Development Forum

Pandemic and Bereavement

Jean Mpati reports,

'We are still grieving and mourning the losses of our stalwart, Mrs Silinga, she was the strongest figure in the Forum. She made this Forum to be where we are today. She was one of the oldest members of the Forum and I would like to believe that she was the only one left from the ones that started the Forum. She passed on the 29 December 2020.

'Last year, our members have either lost their teachers or their family members to Covid. Yesterday another member's husband who was also of great help to the Forum passed on as well. The husband was also helping the Forum with a lot of things, from transport to offering her property for our events without charge. And all of this is not making feel good and it is already time for us to get back to work early in January'.

Then Jean indicated they had lost "Nozi"

In memory of Nozibele "Nozi" Mjezu

Passed: 12 January 2021

Born: 26 May 1955

Nozi was a Principal of Gertie's Crèche, named after her late mother Getrude. The Crèche is based in Langa, zone 4 no. 40. She was also a member of the Langa ECD Forum, an Exco member, she was the Forum's treasurer for more than 10 years now.

When the last committee stood down, she was re-elected to sit in again for another term as she was very trustworthy and very good at handling finances

She is survived by three daughters and a son, who are also of age. One of the daughters will be continuing with running the Crèche, keeping the legacy going.

She will be sorely missed by the Forum, friends and parents of the children at her centre. The teachers will also miss her. She was a very loving person, outgoing and very friendly with a very beautiful smile that says it all.



Report and Accounts 2019/2020

Following the annual independent examination, these have been presented to the Charity Commission in due time. The key numbers compared with 18/19 were

Income	£38,117 (£34,569)
Expenditure	£39,650 (£31,761)
Bank balance 31/3/20	£2,157 (£3,690)

On the Income side:

Regular donations	£4,625
Special donations	£17,936
Events	£12,282
Gift Aid	£3,178
Other	£96

On the Spending side:

Nomonde Office and support for six pre-schools	£9309
Buildings, infrastructure and maintenance at Nomonde	£22,938
LTPT Events	£6,826
Miscellaneous	£577

Finances – Looking Ahead

The current projected Income for 2020/21 is £14,600 and the expenditures is £11,500.

This will be fully reported in the May issue of the Newsletter.

As indicated earlier, because of the pandemic the Trust has been unable to mount its annual events programme in 2020/21. This means that the planned profit of £8,000, intended to support the continuing improvement of the infrastructure will not have been achieved.

The Board decided that it was essential to continue to support the fixed costs of the Nomonde Educare initiative and that work to improve the Nomonde playground, intended to be completed by March 2021, would have to be delayed. Two scenarios were considered for planning purposes and, happily, it looks as if the better case scenario will be achieved by the end of March. We are considering how the playground can be developed in several self-financing stages.

This latest full Report and Accounts are available on the website www.langapreschooltrust.uk

The 2020 Christmas Card

Around 750 of the LTPT 2020 Christmas cards were sold, arising from which there was a contribution of £300 to funds.

Additionally, the distribution of the card with its messages of goodwill led to donations, including gift aid, of £1,888 over the Christmas period. Thanks to those who supported this.



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