

Message from the
CHAIRMAN
of the Board of Trustees

One of the objectives of the MIKS Foundation is to open opportunities for those who would not otherwise be able to capitalise and derive benefit from such opportunities, due to a lack of the various means. Our Foundation is still very young, but in the brief period of its existence, we have managed to make monumental strides towards ever improving the life of some of our younger community members.

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that all our bursars achieved pass marks in their 2022-year end modules. This on its own is very satisfying and heartwarming, and the Foundation's board of trustees recognise the commitment displayed by their bursars. At the end of 2022, 3 Bursars completed their studies. They have now entered the employment space and we hope and trust that they will continue to be positive torch bearers for The MIKS Foundation.

The Foundation, for the 2023 academic year continue to support 7 individuals with their studies through full bursaries:

- 5 continued bursaries and
- 2 new bursaries

Outside the education space we provided support and assistance to Eastern Province Masters Hockey club for their annual tour as well as to Bay City Football club. Both these clubs are performing well in their respective leagues and the Foundation takes pride in its partnership with the clubs.

In the third quarter of the year, we provided sponsorship for the Western Chorale Choir Group from Khayelitsha in Cape Town to travel to East London to participate in a national choir competition.

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We must however continue to ask ourselves the question as to whether we are absent from other important and needy spheres of life, where negative developments have a profound impact on the daily life of our young people. As a Board of Trustees, we are overly concerned about the ever-growing substance abuse and violence within our residential areas. The life and future of a multitude of our young people are being destroyed, and not enough resources are available to address the problem in a meaningful manner. Our Foundation realises that it cannot be oblivious to the need of the communities that are been torn apart by these negative and soul-destroying conditions.



The aim of the MIKS Foundation is to remain vibrant, relevant and to continue to provide opportunities/assistance to deserving individuals/organisations/community groups remain. This can only be done within the capacity which exists within the Foundation. Your support and assistance can only enhance the mentioned capacity.

The New Year will by no means be plain sailing. The South African economic growth rate will remain stagnant, inflation will remain within the upper limits of forecasts and interest rates will not decrease to the levels of 2021. This unfavourable economic environment will impact negatively on the donor stream of the Foundation.

I wish all associated in one way or another with our Foundation a restful festive period and a blessed New Year. My appreciation also goes to my fellow trustees and administration assistants for their support and diligence – without all of them the foundation will not be able to deliver.

With the festive holidays approaching the board of trustees convey season's greetings to all. Take care, be vigilant and contribute in a positive manner towards a safe and blessed festive season.

Achmat Mohamed

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEE



My name is Mikhaylah da Costa and I am currently completing my law degree at the University of Cape Town. At the age of 22, I have recently been appointed as the youngest member on the board of trustees for the MIKS Foundation. It is both an honour and a privilege to succeed my father, Alfred da Costa, in this regard and continue the good work he has achieved in the community I grew up in. My goal is to cultivate a space that enables the youth of South Africa to further their tertiary studies by providing them with the necessary funding to do so. Whilst embarking on this journey, I am certain that the MIKS Foundation will become a catalyst for combating major socio-economic issues such as youth unemployment and inequality. Furthermore, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be working alongside the current board of trustees who possess a deep understanding of the needs of the community whilst combining this skillset with their plethora commercial expertise. It is inspiring to see the positive impact that the MIKS Foundation has had on the lives of many students and many other members of the community and through my involvement, I hope to further this agenda by making a valuable difference in the lives of others.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

BAY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

The MIKS Foundation sponsored up and coming Bay City FC with equipment for their team for the 2nd year running. With 164 junior members and 62 senior members, this family run Club deserves all the assistance they can get.

“The Vision of Bay City FC is to inspire the future generation by providing a positive attitude and to build confidence in everything life can offer. Not only does football encourage physical and healthy lifestyles but it allows mental growth and a space for players to use the game as a vice and outlet from the everyday hustle, struggles and most importantly to present and express their Love for the game! With this Sponsor from MIKS foundation this will allow us an opportunity to fulfil that vision”

These are the words of Farouk Japhtha, President of Bay City FC.



BEST OF THE BEST U17 NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP

Masegullah Sandan, a young athlete from Gqeberha was selected to participate in the Best of the Best U17 National High Performance Camp which took place at the Transnet School of Excellence in Esselen Park from 8 – 14 December 2022.

“My time spent at the football project camp was great. I learnt a lot and made many new friends from all different places, backgrounds and cultures. At the camp, we trained twice every day. Certain days included theory sessions, where all the players would sit in the hall learning new things about football from ex-professional players who are now coaching and coached us at the camp.

Football is a path that I am passionate about pursuing as a career path, whilst studying on the side. I am working on becoming a professional footballer because playing football is something that I love doing.

I would like to say a big Thank You to the MIKS Foundation for making it possible for me to attend the football project camp. It opened up many doors and allowed me to meet new people and well known coaches.”



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EASTERN PROVINCE MASTERS HOCKEY CLUB

The MIKS Foundation supported the EP Masters Ladies Angels for their latest tour.

“On behalf of the EP Masters Ladies Angels Impalas side, I would like to Thank you for sponsoring us again this year with the shortfall of hoodies and we would like to in the near future if possible work with your company again.

They kept us warm on the cold days and definitely made us stand out when arriving at events. The ladies absolutely love their hoodies and we so proud to wear them and even though tour is done and dusted the ladies still wear them at many hockey (and non hockey) events through the year and we were often told how awesome they are. It was a bit of a tough tour with half the team being new players and the pool we were put us with strong teams like Western Province (usually tour winners), Southern Gauteng and KZN, but we pulled together nicely and took the turf with positive attitudes and eagerness to play the best we could and doing this as a TEAM. Although our final position wasn't what we hoped for we still feel like winners as we bonded as a team and have made memories that will be with us always.”



WESTERN CHORALE CHOIR GROUP

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OUR BENEFICIARIES

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UPDATE FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES

EDITH MOLIHOE



"I can't believe that this year is almost over and what a busy year it has been. Varsity has been really good so far with many assignments, tests and exams, which is why we love varsity so much. But for me, I've enjoyed being a student athlete. It's not easy but it's crazy how I've overcome so many obstacles with being away with the National team and the different time zones. I won't lie, I was surprised when my first semester marks came out and I saw how well I had done, but at the same time I'm so grateful for the people who have supported me and made life just a little bit easier.

My year started with the Indoor World Cup, which was hosted in South Africa, and wow, what an event. We came 4th in the World which was an amazing achievement and a historical moment for us.

With the National team, we were in Chile and had played a few test series against them, then with Varsity we had so much to work towards and play too. I was fortunate enough to Captain the side in the League and USSA where we came 2nd in the competition and winner of the Northern Hockey League. We've just had our Inter Provincial tournament in Durban, where we came 2nd. There are so many more games in the future and exciting people to play".

SINOVUYO MFENGWANA



My Name is Sinovuyo Mfengwana I'm currently in my second year at Edu-Build Institute.

My studies are going well. The experience has been incredibly enriching and eye-opening. I have passed my modules for 1st and 2nd semester.

I am confident that the insights gained will continue to shape my personal and professional life positively.

I will complete my studies next year June and I plan to get hands on experience in Schools.

EBRAHIM GEORGE



My name is Ebrahim George. I'm currently in my final semester of my final year in B.Ed Intermediate Phase. My first semester went really, I managed to achieve 4 distinctions out of a possible 6. The year has been going good so far in terms of my studies and I'm just looking forward to jumping my final hurdle in achieving my Degree. My plans for next year is to teach in the country, I've applied for a teaching post already and attended interviews, just waiting for a response now.

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BRITLEY JACOBS



As the year is slowly drawing to a close, so is my third and final year of studies. It has been quite a journey, and the current part quite stressful as I am almost at the end, but nevertheless I will continue to be positive as I have made it so far already. For next year I have my licensure exam and I aim to pass that well as I make the transition from being student to Registered Nurse. I also hope to be employed next year after my graduation and getting the results of my licensure exam.

The course has been a rollercoaster, with all the usual emotions such as stress when it comes to exams, happiness when you heard that you have passed, and fun when spending time in class with your classmates, and bittersweet now that the course is coming to an end, realizing that we will no longer be in class and going our own ways. The highlight of my year has to be finding out that my entire class has exam entry in our final semester together. It signifies that we have made it so far together since first year, and that only great things can be on its way to us. I'm thankful for MIKS Foundation for their support on my journey to becoming a Registered Nurse. I'm almost there, just the final hurdle now.

UPDATE FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES

KAUTHAR HENDRICKS



Exams have been super tough and the pressure has been so intense with clinical exams and skills, but I've been doing really well. My plan for next year is to continue studying nursing at Netcare, I know now where I can improve and organize my time more efficiently next year and better than what I did this year, I'm learning from my mistakes and becoming better.

There have been so many laughs and new experiences this year, but I would have to say the highlight of my academic year was definitely my first night shift. I have never experienced night shift before and it was tough but I really enjoyed it and it was fun. When I tell people I enjoy nightshift they can never believe it

JORDYN DE MAINE



I'm Jordyn De Maine this year I am studying film at AFDA my goals for the year ahead are that I want to do well in cinematography as well as directing and achieve high marks this year.

My studies are going extremely well. I've been getting distinctions every term and my plans for next year is that I am choosing my major and sub major and I've decided to major in Cinematography and sub major in Editing.

AMOGELANG SANKIE CHILOANE



My name is Amogelang Sankie Chiloane, I'm a 3rd year student studying Bachelor's of Education in Intermediate phase. At this current moment we are writing tests, exams and completing POE's. There is just a lot of work to do as the semester is very short.... We are done with practical's at private schools for this year. Next year it will be my last year at IIE Rosebank College to complete my Bachelor's Degree and then graduate. The most enjoyable thing about this course is going to primary schools for practical's...it feels so great to interact with learners and enhance the knowledge and skills I have acquired... the other challenge is that we go to different schools every year and it is important to have a positive relationship with learners, teachers and the staff, and they were very happy with how I present myself. I am honoured at how the teachers at that primary school welcomed me until to the last day of my practicals. We had functions such as Heritage day, Entrepreneur day and learners playing sports with other schools. I can't forget how excited learners were. Learners happiness brings joy to me.

BURSARY APPLICATIONS

IMPORTANT STEPS

- Request an application form from Mishqah (accounts@ilithepe.com)
- Complete all sections and please submit all documentation requested
- Submit the form via e-mail to Mishqah.

CRITERIA

- Qualifying employees within the group must have a maximum monthly household income of R20 000.00
- Results for December 2023 must ensure eligibility for University acceptance
- Applicants must complete the application form with supporting documentation

KEY DATES

- 15 December 2023 – Deadline for application form submission
- 31 Jan 2024 (additional documents to be submitted)
- 15 February 2024 students will be notified of the outcome

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NELSON MANDELA BAY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The 2023 Nelson Mandela Bay Leadership Summit was cancelled. We will keep you updated on the plans for the 2024 Summit.

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