



## IKHAYA LABANTU

*Caring for frail & disabled people*

# ★ Message from the Chairperson

As the Chairperson of the Board I am proud to be part of this season of positive transformation at Ikhaya Labantu. I am confident that with the partnership with Jubilee Community Church and new members, we as a Board have become empowered with relevant skills, helpful volunteers and strategic thinkers. The task of ensuring the successful running of the home is no easy task. Our aim is to always ensure the safe keeping and welfare of our vulnerable residents. We appeal to all individuals and organisations to reach out to Ikhaya Labantu and assist in anyway they are able. Let's hold hands and together build a dignified home for those who cannot do it for themselves.

*With warm regards,  
Fiona Ngumbela*

## On Board...

We are so pleased that Simoné Buchler has joined the Board of Ikhaya Labantu as Treasurer.

Simoné is a Chartered Accountant as well as a registered tax practitioner. But most importantly, her heart is in the right place – to serve God by serving the most vulnerable people in our community.

*The full Board is thus:* Fiona Ngumbela (Chairperson), Mambona (Director and ex-officio member), Sr Winnie Nonkonyana, Mick Plüddemann, Lumkile Nkanyuza, Lungile Maqegu, Simoné Buchler



## A bucket full of biscuits...

... was the output of a creative, fun-filled morning in late October in which the residents converted 3 kg of dough into beautifully decorated biscuits. It felt a bit as if Christmas was coming early... 😊



## Residents' corner



Linda has been living at Ikhaya Labantu since 2019. As a double-leg-amputee she is wheelchair bound. She grew up in Gugulethu where her family still lives. But there is no space for her in the small home. "I am so grateful to God that I can live at Ikhaya Labantu. I don't have my legs, but I can speak and see and for that I am grateful".

## The saga of the sewage

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After 10 months, 17 service requests and numerous emails to the City Council, 6 times hiring a sludge pump for the weekend, multiple times of sweeping and mopping the waste water from areas of the building, and many tears of hope and despair later...: we finally managed to reconnect Ikhaya Labantu's sewer pipework to the Council drains at the beginning of October, and upgrade it at the same time. *(It's actually a very long story... speak to Tino or Mick for details if you're interested in this saga...)*



## Carers' corner



Thabiso has been a carer at Ikhaya Labantu since 2019. He lives close by in Joe Slovo. "Over time, the residents have become like family to me. It is rewarding to care for old and frail people." – In his free time he loves playing rugby (he's a scrum-half!) and reading the newspaper.

## Trail Run Fundraiser

A very big Thank You to everyone who supported the Trail Run Fundraiser for Ikhaya Labantu during October. Our running team of Trixi & Mick indeed crossed the finish line at the end of 22km. And YOU helped us raise nearly R25.000 in the process. – We are so grateful for your generosity and support!!

## Snippet from the archives



"In February 1987 Ikhaya Labantu Homeless Shelter opened to the needy people of Langa and the surroundings. We used one dormitory for the shelter, and the other one accommodated the 70 kids of Eyabantu Creche.....Initially there were no showers and toilets, this was one of the major problems."

## Would you be willing to help....

- ...with your time and expertise to help with a number of practical tasks that need extra hands and some tenacity (and a willing heart)?
- ... with a once-off financial contribution to cover a current immediate need, like replenishment of gas for the kitchen, or to keep the lights on for the last part of the month, or to replace the broken chairs in the dining room, or to cover the shortfall of nappies for the next 2 weeks?
- ...with a regular financial contribution to support our work through better pay for the carers and staff, more nourishing food for the residents, upkeep of the buildings, and various other ongoing needs?

Every donation is greatly needed and will be much appreciated. Thank you!

PS: ...and then, 2 weeks after the biscuits, it was time for making Christmas decorations ☺



Thank you for your prayers, care and support.

## Ikhaya Labantu Homeless Shelter

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