

In 2017, we began with Project Bright.



BEFORE



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In 2019, we embarked on Project Joy.



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This year, 2020, we continue the success, this time with Project Star.

Over the next few months, you will receive background and updates on the latest container conversion collaboration project.

This month I will introduce you to the principle of Inkhayezi ECD centre, Cynthia Hadebe, and give background to her school.

Cynthia Hadebe has lived in Molweni all her life, and in 2008 was granted a lovely piece of land by the inkhosi, on which to run an ECD centre. Currently her school comprises of two Wendy houses, with only one being used as a classroom as the other is in a very dilapidated condition. To add to this, a major disadvantage is that children and staff have access to only one toilet and tap on the property, not only making the conditions non-conducive to quality learning but also a great health concern. In addition, the outdoor play equipment, which is vital for the development of a child's gross motor skills, is in disrepair.

Through relationship with a local church and fortuitous meetings, Focus on iThemba, GROW ECD and Cynthia were connected. As a result, Ms Hadebe has joined the GROW ECD franchise.

There are currently three teachers, including the Principal, and 32 children who attend the school ranging from babies to 5 years.

## THE PLAN

The plan is to mirror the successful Project Joy and Bright models by converting 6m containers into 3 classroom spaces (joining 2 containers to make a 'square' room), one x 6m for toilets, one x 6m for a kitchen space, one x 6m for an office and refurbishing the existing container for a storage facility. The model ensures an educational environment where over 50 children are given the opportunity to shine.

In addition Improvements will include new classroom educational kits, kitchen facilities, a sustainable vegetable garden, outdoor play equipment and improved access to the Pre-School.



Principle, Cynthia Hadebe



Current buildings



Over the next few months, you will be introduced to the rest of the collaboration team.

And we will continue the story as it unfolds, giving learnings and progress updates.