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Jesse Laitinen, Khulisa project Manager for Streetscapes:



Welcome:

Grow dammit!

... is a Streetscapes slogan for our gardens. But we mean it also for housed and unhoused residents of Cape Town. We need to grow something new so nobody will have to sleep under bridges, eat from the bins or beg to survive.

Growth doesn't happen by chance, it's a result of intention and working together. And that is what Streetscapes can offer, a platform for building better lives for all of us.

With over 30 active partnerships, Streetscapes has been able to achieve a success rate of 78% in helping long term homeless people move off the streets. Together we run 3 houses that provide homes (not beds) and 130 jobs that allow people to take charge of their lives again, at their own pace.

We value all our partners - the city, NGOs, residents, improvement districts, faith based institutions, province and businesses.

Humans have two ears and one mouth, so we can listen twice as much as we talk.

Consumer voice – our homeless clients shape our programs.

Whilst we hope you will enjoy our monthly newsletter to you, we also welcome your feedback on:

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/streetscapescp/>

Instagram : [streetscapes_urban_farms](https://www.instagram.com/streetscapes_urban_farms/)

Email : streetscapes@khulisa.org.za



NGOs and the era of evidence-based outcomes:



It has been said that Oprah would not have achieved the remarkable success had she not spent 'disproportionate' time on research. Oprah and Streetscapes both exist in the *era of evidence*. For us to remain supported by funders and partners, we need to be able to prove the positive impact we have.

Chadley Bissolati's **evaluation of our substance rehabilitation** showed Streetscapes is not only effective in helping clients meet more needs but also in meeting them in better ways.

What is fascinating about Chadley's research is how he emphasizes self-reliance as key to recovery. His interviews focused on measuring scientifically how well are we helping clients help themselves – or not. Key to this study was nurturing agency, strength, and willpower in our clients. We can be really proud as to how well we have done. Goal setting is key to this process – clients need to decide for themselves what they want to do.

Read 'findings' page 47 <https://tinyurl.com/Bissolati>

Another project revealed extremely high levels of **childhood trauma in our clients' lives**. 73% of the 67 clients filling in ACE questionnaires reported having experienced 4 or more regular traumas, emotional and physical abuse being the most common (70% reported these).

The data is important for designing, testing and adjusting trauma specific and informed activities in the future. We are looking for funding for this work now. See the full report at: <https://tinyurl.com/ACE-trauma>



In July Jo Ackerman from UCT will be interviewing ± 30 clients living in Streetscapes houses about their experiences and the impact of law enforcement on homeless people. The study is seeking **evidence if a punitive approach motivates people to move off the streets and/or to seek help** as is often claimed. Clients voluntarily choosing to be interviewed will be rewarded with a pizza or a food voucher.

.. and stay tuned to a forthcoming Chester Road '**housing first' evaluation**', based on ± 10 interviews of residents and housing staff in November 2021. Generally, it is not believed that long term homeless people with substance abuse disorders can be successfully housed. We wish to show with this report that it is not only possible, but people are able to address issues in their lives more effectively when they are in the safety of a home environment.

Finally, this month we will celebrate the birth of our own **Salesforce Information System**. We will be able to receive monthly, quarterly, and annual feedback of our clients' progress and activities. Because information becomes power only when it's put into use, we will meet once a month as a team to discuss the data and progress we have made.

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News from the sports field:



The Streetscapes activity day was started on the 25th February 2022. Four Groups (Vredehoek team, Company Gardens Teams and Woodstock Team) participated in Games like Tug of war, Sniekies, Spoon and Egg game etc. Then it was decided every Friday from 13:00 PM it's an activities day.

Streetscapes sport and recreation have Soccer teams (Male and female teams), Netball team and Domino game Team, the Streetscapes men's soccer team is participating in 'Fives' Football League every Monday.

The Sport And Recreation is not compulsory but Beneficiaries do attend in numbers and the average attendance is +25 up to 35. Our soccer team played against CCID soccer team and won 4-2 on the 20th May Friday and went on to compete with Oasis on the 27th May 2022.



2nd June 2022 Monday - the Streetscapes soccer team earned its first win in the Fives football league since our slow start in the league. The Streetscapes team will visit Oasis again on the 24th June to compete in Soccer, Netball and domino game with 40 participants. There's a partnership in term of a transport from an organization called Sport for life that's willing to assist us with transport when travel to compete in sport. Crazy Store Company is designing the Streetscapes soccer team kit with its logo. And the Streetscapes beneficiaries are managing the teams themselves.

Our partnership with CCID:



"On the 25th of May 2022 Streetscapes entered into an exciting new initiative with the City of Cape Town Improvement District to provide work services and cleaning for one of their mobile public toilets that is stationed at Corner of Corporation and Long market Streets at the back of City Hall and where Woolworth's head office is situated.

We are responsible for the management, supervision and cleaning of the public toilets and we are required to have staff working there onsite from 7am till 11pm Mon to Sunday and on Public Holidays.

This is a paid initiative and CCID are being invoiced monthly for this service which is on contract for the next 4 months until the end of August 2022. Four clients were selected to work on this project and they also recently completed the Columbus Cleaning Training. They are:

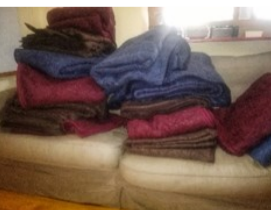
- Catherine Susan Larry
- Gaiya Ntsokolo Sean
- Eugene Mark Meyer
- Tiwonge Chimbalanga



Eugene is the designated supervisor and he has been given the responsibility of supervising and operating the public toilets and this is a wonderful opportunity for him to show the leadership skills he has learnt under the supervision of Herbert.

We potentially have the opportunity to operate and run more of these public toilets for CCID and we will be running more cleaning workshops in June and July 2022 for any clients interested in the project. Please see a lovely picture of Eugen and his team and please be sure to visit them at their new site and observe the wonderful work that they are doing." Andrew Tulloch Operations Manager, Streetscapes.

Top quality blankets from Jubilee!



Thanks to our wonderful friends at Jubilee Community Church, we were able to distribute really excellent quality blankets to our clients at Chester House.

They were extremely happy to receive their gifts and many commented that the quality of the blankets were the best they had ever had! Jubilee Church, your giving makes a tremendous difference in the lives of our clients! Thank you so much for your incredible generosity!

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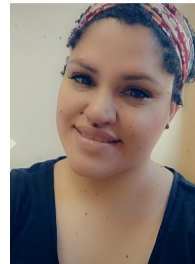
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We bid a sad farewell to Vivien Hobbs:



"On the 3rd of June 2022 we bid Farewell to Vivien Hobbs one of our Social Workers that had been working on Streetscapes project for the last two years.

Vivien made a huge impact within the organization and helped to put many policies and procedures in place and left such a mark on so many people that she worked with and lead. Small in stature but Big in heart she will certainly be missed by all our clients and staff working on the project.

We look forward to her visits and will make sure that we have a fresh supply of organic carrots and produce waiting for her as she loved eating carrots in her meetings and as her daily snack.

We wish her a wonderful break and all the best for her future endeavors and she can be so proud of the work she did here at Streetscapes.

Thank you Vivien from all of us here working on the project." Andrew Tulloch Operations Manager Streetscapes.

We welcome Gerail Adonis as Senior Social Worker at Streetscapes:



Gerail is a registered social worker with the SACSSP. She graduated from the University of Western Cape with her Bsocial Work degree in 2017.

She started her social work career in the Child Protection field in February 2018 at Cape Town Child Welfare Society specialising in Foster Care Supervision. She moved on to ACVV-Cape Town in October 2018 still in the Child Protection field but working on all levels of intervention.

In May 2019 she started at Adonis Musati Project, where she worked with vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers. She headed the Victim Empowerment Program working with victims of crime and violence in various communities in the Western Cape rendering educational workshops, individual counselling and group counselling.

In 2020 she was given the opportunity to be part of a pilot project with the National Shelter Movement starting a helpline for victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence.

She is a very passionate about the social work profession. She strives to render the best possible service to all clients, and she is looking forward to her journey at Streetscapes and being part of the wonderful work being done!

A word from the editor:



We have tried to make this first newsletter as entertaining and informative as we can. However, we need to hear from you, our readers, what you would like to read about in this monthly newsletter. Please give us your ideas - this newsletter is for you and your enjoyment and edification.

Please send us an email at the email address at the bottom of the page, we can't wait to hear from you!

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