



**Manzini Youth Care**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

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*Guided by Salesian values, Manzini Youth Care supports young people in their spiritual and social development.*

# DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION



The following pages carry such a small portion of our wide variety of human activity over the past year – so much laughter, so many tears, so many successes, so many challenges, so many plans, so much action, but still never enough – all bundled together in a few lines of our immediate history. Our minds have been so preoccupied with new management skills, a new staff professionalism, new structures to accommodate yet another need, new ways to replenish the ever emptying coffers; however, our hearts have constantly been drawn back to those core areas of Manzini Youth Care (MYC) concern: meeting the basic needs of food, shelter, education, training and skills for marginalized young people at risk.

As Swaziland continues to experience high levels of poverty and unemployment, the year 2006/7 has seen MYC working harder than ever to support and serve marginalized communities within Manzini. Socially, public resources are severely stretched, as Government has to respond to numerous social ills including HIV/AIDS and the resultant orphaned and vulnerable groups. According to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare,

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42.6% of the population is estimated to be HIV positive. The UNDP reported 65,000 orphans in Swaziland in 2003, which increased significantly from 44,000 in 2001 (UNDP, 2003). The situation will certainly worsen over the next decade and leaves many homesteads struggling to survive. In this climate, MYC's role in the community, providing education, rehabilitation, training, employment and life skills to marginalized youth has become more important than ever. By offering young people hope and an opportunity to make positive changes in their lives through education, we hope to feed their dreams of a new and better life. Through our education programmes and social outreach we are currently assisting over 2500 children and young people a day.

Finding funding to cover our core costs of running the homes, Bridging School, and Sandrini Centre, continues to be a struggle. The honey project entered its implementation stage at the beginning of 2007, and we are hoping that the project will be successful in generating some income for the organisation in years to come, whilst also reaching out to people in rural communities with training and employment. In 2007 we will focus on developing more income generation projects, and looking at others ways of securing sustainable sources of income.

For your help in allowing us to thus help the young of our community, we are eternally grateful. Beneath the short year's history that follows, there lies much of the mystery that keeps us all going.

**Father Larry McDonnell**

# RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Manzini Youth Care (MYC) runs five residential homes, attending to basic needs in the areas of food, health, education, accommodation and spiritual well being. These homes are currently accommodating approximately 130 boys.

Last year, three of the homes were completely renovated thanks to funding from the Japanese embassy in Pretoria. The Australian High Commission in Pretoria also awarded MYC funding for installation of solar hot water systems in all of the homes to assist in reducing electricity costs. With such improvements, some of the boys have demonstrated that they have developed a true sense of belonging by undertaking gardening in their homes, cleaning the yards and homes and taking good care of the property. It has also been encouraging to see that more boys are taking their studies seriously.

However, challenges remain, particularly as many of the boys have escaped violent environments at home and in their communities, seeking refuge on the streets of Manzini. MYC recognizes that there is a need to help these boys to deal with their emotional problems. MYC hopes to obtain funding to develop more professional care programmes in the homes assisted by the expertise of a professional child psychologist and more intensive counselling services for those

immediately off the streets or in obvious need.

Some of the other challenges that are faced by the MYC boys are similar to those faced by children across Swaziland. Like all children, the boys

look for entertainment when they are not in school. If none is found, some of the boys turn back to the streets, which often leads to trouble and danger.

MYC recognises that there is a need to engage the boys in positive activities, in order to steer them away from

the negative practises that they might otherwise engage in, such as smoking dagga or sniffing glue. MYC is looking to engage the boys through the Prince Makosini Awards, the National Award Authority of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in the UK. The award scheme will give the boys an opportunity to develop a new skill, participate in community service and take part in outdoor activities.

Another area of concern for the upcoming years is with regards to the diet of the boys. Whilst MYC is able to provide the boys with a diet of miele meal (pap) and beans, it is recognised that they would benefit from a more nutritionally balanced diet, and this is something that it is hoped can be addressed in 2007, by engaging the boys in growing their own vegetables, and seeking sponsorship or donations for the provision of other essentials such as meat, milk and eggs on a weekly basis.



# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

## **Enjabulweni Bridging School**

This school, owned and run by MYC, is aimed at children who have never attended school, or who have been forced to drop out due to poverty. This free primary school is designed to prepare children for mainstream schooling. These children are often too old for their grade, and at the Bridging School they are able to progress through grades at a quicker rate if need be. In 2006, nearly 300 children attended the Bridging School.

Last year saw the addition of one extra teacher, and a modest salary rise for all teachers. Textbooks and workbooks were provided free of charge by the Ministry of Education, along with free stationery for Grades 1-4. However, challenges remain, particularly in the area of discipline. This year MYC hopes to gain funding to offer training to the teachers, both in formal teaching methods, and skills for teaching and supporting orphans and vulnerable children.



## **Bosco Study Centre**

At the Bosco Study Centre, students attend upgrading classes so as to gain enough credits to enter university or find work in business. This year the centre was furnished with new computers thanks to funding received via the Salesian Mission office in Germany. After studying at the centre in 2006, quite a number of the students have successfully entered third level education in the form of university, teacher training, nursing or the police force.

## **Bursary Programme**

MYC's bursary program began in the early 1980's, and as the HIV/AIDS pandemic has increased, the bursary has grown each year. The bursary programme assisted 632 young people to attend primary school in 2006. Solon Foundation of Switzerland is now funding the majority of the bursaries. This year we hope to start adding value to some of our bursary students' educations by providing extra curricular activities focussing on life skills and health education.

## Sandrini Centre

For some years MYC have run the Sandrini Centre, commonly known as 'Little School.' This centre provides morning schooling for up to 30 children transitioning from life on the streets to a more stable life with greater boundaries and discipline. The children who attend this school reside at the MYC Sikhunyana Assessment Home.

Thanks to a grant from the Coca Cola Africa Foundation (CCAF), 2006 saw the construction of a brand new facility for the Sandrini Centre. This purpose built facility will be a big improvement,



and expenditure of CCAF funds was completed in 2007 with the purchase of innovative teaching aids, musical instruments, stationary and text books. There will be three teachers overseeing the students at the Sandrini centre so as to adequately manage the varying educational standards of the students, as well as the emotional needs that such students have. The MYC social welfare team will also spend time in the centre attempting to address such needs in a proactive, rather than reactive manner.

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING

## Bosco Skills Centre

At the Skills Centre, small businessmen are offered rent-free premises in return for training up to four trainees in their particular business line. The centre provides a two-year entrepreneurial skills programme for the trainees. In 2006, the project trained 27 first years and 13 outgoing trainees. Each trainee studied basic Business Management together with one of the following skills: carpentry and joinery; welding; silk screen printing; electronics; sewing; automotive electrical; panel beating

and spray painting; motor mechanics; refrigeration and electrical wiring; upholstery; and hairdressing.

The Skills Centre has been the focus of a review in 2006, with the end goal of trying to improve the capacity of the businessmen and women who provide training to transfer business skills in addition to the technical skills training. A new employee has joined the team to focus on trainer and curriculum development and we hope to see the benefits in 2007.

## Likusasa Lifeskills Centre

The Likusasa Centre is a non-formal school available for older youth with a maximum of primary level education. It offers life skills classes as well as classes in metal work, wood work, technical drawing, electrics, catering, tourism, sewing, accounting, computers and pre-school teacher training.



in Bonn, Germany, to assist in setting up of all the new workshops and classrooms. The facility is now equipped with a state of the art computer room, electric sewing machines, new quality machinery in the other technical workshops and an attractive administration office block.

In 2006 classes started at Likusasa's new premises in the centre of Manzini. This represents a great improvement, as their previous facilities were small and cramped. 2006 also saw the introduction of a small restaurant providing on the job practice for the home economics students, studying in the catering stream. This has been a successful venture with students now serving up to 30 meals a day. In total, over 200 students are now learning vital life and employment related skills, at a fraction of the cost of other technical training facilities around the country. The project is also self sufficient, with all funds for payment of staff, utilities and maintenance coming from the small student fees.

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Likusasa was fortunate to have received a grant via the Salesian Mission Office

This year the centre hopes to improve the quality of the courses on offer and to improve communication with companies, to find out exactly what skills and products they need. The centre is also in the process of becoming a recognised and accredited Pitman's centre for technical subjects and home economics as well as accounts and computer subjects. Through the fundraising and manpower efforts of the seven volunteers from Edinburgh Global Partnerships, a new purpose built double classroom for the pre-school teacher training centre was also near completed in 2006. The first classes in this centre should be taught in early 2007. This is one of only two pre-school teacher training centres in Swaziland, and once finished, this new facility will more than double the space available to the trainees.

# SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

## Bosco Youth Centre

The Youth Centre offers holiday and weekend activity programmes for the young, disadvantaged children around the area. Activities include watching movies, playing sport and arts. Funds have been invested in some rehabilitation of the youth centre, including completion of the cinema.

A computer room has now been established at the youth centre, and new activities rooms, around the arena, have been set up to introduce new skills to out of school or out of work youth around town. This year the Youth Centre has started to provide informal training to this group of young people, including elementary Maths and English, and other basic skills and life skills.

There are currently 60 young people participating in this training. The majority of them have had to drop out of formal schooling because of poverty. Were it not for the programme provided by the centre, most would be at home with nothing to

the programme is helping to raise the confidence levels and self-esteem of 60 marginalized young people

do, or on the streets. It is hoped that the programme will help to raise their confidence levels and self-esteem, encouraging them to sign up for courses at our skills centres or to seek employment.

MYC boys have been using the centre significantly more of late, with an organised after school activities program managed by the Salesian brothers and volunteers. In 2007 there are plans to continue this programme and to expand the activities to other marginalized youth in the Manzini area.

The centre is also set to become the Open Training Centre for the Prince Makhosini Award in Manzini. The Prince Makhosini Award is the Swaziland National Award Authority, under the International Award Association of the Duke of Edinburgh Award based in the UK. The International Award is an exciting self-development programme equipping young people with life skills to make a difference to themselves and their communities.



## Social Outreach

Over the past three years MYC has been running a social outreach program in four peri-urban areas wards on the outskirts of Manzini. There are approximately 150 homesteads per ward, with each homestead housing an average of 5 people. This gives a total of approximately 600 homesteads and 3,000 beneficiaries.

The four main communities have received significant assistance in areas of emergency food relief, daily feeding schemes, medical supplies, construction of wells, construction of pit latrines, bursaries and homes repairs.

Two feeding schemes in Ticanweni and SKOM, each feeding over 200 children on a daily basis, will continue in 2007. This year we hope to receive funding to establish kitchen gardens to supply these feeding schemes.



Manzini Youth Care's feeding schemes are currently reaching over 500 children a day

In addition to the funding received from Breadline Africa (BLA) in 2006, MYC has again received funding from Breadline Africa to begin outreach work in another peri-urban community, Mangwaneni.

This community hosts an estimated 1000 people living in desperate conditions, with the majority of the community set to be demolished sometime in 2007. BLA funding will assist in the areas of first aid training and medical supplies, bursaries for some of the children in the community and emergency food distribution for elderly community members who are caring for children who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. 25 elderly community members will be supported through weekly food distributions, and a daily feeding scheme will also be established at the school.

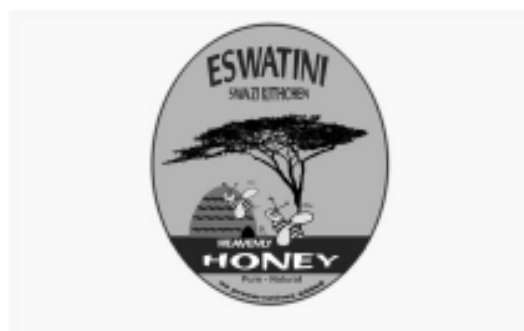
# INCOME GENERATION

## Eswatini Honey Project

The Honey Project aims to introduce beekeeping and honey harvesting as a new income generation activity for interested vulnerable homesteads. The honey produced will then be purchased, processed and sold by Manzini Youth Care's primary income generation project, Eswatini Swazi Kitchen (ESK). This project aims to create a new and stable marketing channel for both newly trained and existing beekeepers in Swaziland. The honey product will be an additional product line to the 40 plus products already produced by ESK and will be sold locally and in South Africa for the first and second years whilst overseas market and legislative requirements are being met.

After an extensive planning and preparation period throughout 2006,

implementation of this project began at the beginning of this year. Thanks to a five year grant from the African Development Foundation, in addition to a supplementary grant from the Irish Missionary Development Foundation, all equipment, training, staff costs and construction of the new purpose built factory has been made possible. ESK Honey hopes to have their first pots of honey appearing in local stores from July 2007.



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## Eswatini Swazi Kitchen



Eswatini Swazi Kitchen (ESK) began as an income generating project to provide employment for disadvantaged rural women in Swaziland, and to provide a market for small local farmers and producers. ESK makes an extensive range of jams, marmalades, chutneys, sauces and

atchars from the choicest fruit and vegetables ripened under the African sun. Everything is 100% natural, with no artificial flavors, colors or preservatives. Profits from Eswatini Swazi Kitchen support Manzini Youth Care's programmes.

ESK continues to go from strength to strength, with profits rising again last year. The introduction of a new website ([www.eswatinikitchen.co.sz](http://www.eswatinikitchen.co.sz)) this year promises to increase business still further, with new enquiries already coming in from around the world.

# INCOME STATEMENT

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year ended 31 December 2006

	Notes	2006 E	2005 E
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		3,829,706.00	3,157,731.00
Bosco Hall/Canteen		40,089.00	34,668.00
Eswatini Kitchen Management		120,000.00	100,000.00
Likusasa school fees		-	110,601.00
Grants released	9	2,278,510.00	1,964,764.00
Other income		24,934.00	7,909.00
Donations	10	1,316,530.00	888,665.00
Interest received	11	41,943.00	24,025.00
Rent received	12	7,700.00	27,100.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		2,797,032.00	2,275,439.00
Manini Youth Care Expenses	13	285,184.00	457,050.00
Bosco Youth Center Expenses	14	16,427.00	20,155.00
Likusasa Lifeskills Expenditure	15	8,386.00	21,288.00
School bursary	16	22,183.00	236,891.00
Outreach Development	17	-	87,571.00
Other projects	18	1,202,790.00	375,318.00
Accounting and audit fees		7,032.00	11,932.00
Bad Debts		-	96,500.00
Bank charges	19	60,718.00	44,094.00
Cleaning		926.00	1,004.00
Computer expenses		12,164.00	9,913.00
Depreciation	20	46,305.00	30,603.00
Donations		37,064.00	30,492.00
Electricity - office		1,614.00	3,888.00
Finance charges		-	5,700.00
Insurance		-	3,212.00
Legal and professional fees		1,500.00	1,210.00
Motor vehicle expenses	21	137,420.00	108,083.00
Printing, postage and stationery		5,033.00	12,644.00
Repairs and maintenance - buildings	22	436,766.00	165,598.00
Salaries and wages	23	450,420.00	485,228.00
Security		10,050.00	9,150.00
Staff training		-	4,500.00
Staff welfare		-	1,350.00
Subscriptions		-	2,648.00
Water		6,982.00	4,942.00
SNPF & Graded tax		48,077.00	44,476.00
<b>Net surplus for the year**</b>		<b>1,032,674.00</b>	<b>882,292.00</b>

\*\*Surplus for year is related to remaining grants funds at end of year for specific projects.

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