



March 2016 Annual Report



The Rachel Swart Fund

HELPING PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
ESTABLISHED 1960

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A Letter from the Chairman

2016 was a challenging year. On the one hand we made new progress in the monitoring and evaluation field by improving our ability to quantify the effect our programs have on beneficiaries, their families and communities (see monitoring and evaluation below). On the other hand, funding was down by nearly 20% over the prior year. This drop was mainly due to the Fund receiving two large grants in April/May 2016 which were budgeted for in the 2016 year. By tight expenditure control, the program spend dropped by just under 7%.

There were also changes to the Management Committee with the following new members: Nomazizi Pasiwe, Zandile Hoorn, and Gadija Koopman. It is heartening to welcome new blood and already the new members are having an effect on Committee deliberations. Verushka Ramanjam has also returned to the Committee and it is a pleasure to have her back. Her medical knowledge and management skills are invaluable to the Rachel Swart Fund.

Overall, the Fund helped 216 beneficiaries in the 2016 year (versus 200 in the 2015 year) and remains a leader in the field of assisting the disabled in South Africa.

A Warm Thank You to Our Supporters

The Rachel Swart Fund continues to grow and operate thanks to the generous donations of our supporters. We are grateful for their faithful support and proud to demonstrate what they have helped us achieve this year. A warm thank you to our largest contributors this year:

Momentum Fund
CE Harding Trust Fund
Beare Foundation
Clifford Harris Trust Fund
Oasis Crescent Fund
Old Mutual Staff and Volunteer Fund
David Graaf Foundation
Victor Daitz Foundation
ApexHi Charitable Trust Fund
The Nussbaum Foundation
De Beers Trust Fund
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Anglo American Chairman's Trust Fund

In addition to the generous donations provided by our corporate and not-for-profit funders, we would also like to recognise our beneficiaries and their family members and communities, who offer small, regular donations, and whose efforts this year raised a total of R 112 850.

2016 Fundraising Events

OLD MUTUAL TWO OCEANS MARATHON

For the third consecutive year, the Rachel Swart Fund was a registered charity for the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon. This year, our entries increased from 20 to 50, and each runner pledged to raise R 2 000. We were delighted to have international entry Andrew Koerber from Seattle, WA, USA, join us, and raise R 27 856. Overall, R80 000 was raised for the Rachel Swart Fund, which covered the cost of four motorised wheelchairs.



DAYLIGHT AGAIN CONCERT



On 29 and 30 March 2016, Wroxeter, a four-piece southern rock band, hosted a concert at the Masque Theatre in Muizenberg in honour of the Rachel Swart Fund. Over the course of the two nights, 160 people attended the event, and proceeds went toward purchasing a motorised wheelchair for **Paulus Leconie**

MOMENTUM GOLF DAY

In December 2015, the Rachel Swart Fund was the privileged beneficiary of a Golf Day hosted by Momentum at the De Zalze Golf Estate in Stellenbosch. The proceeds to the Rachel Swart Fund totalled R 127 000.

Our Stories

ISABELLE NELL

Isabelle Nell, who has cerebral palsy, lives in Port Elizabeth in the Summerstrand Cheshire Home, and received a motorised wheelchair from the Rachel Swart Fund thanks to funding from the **Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon**. The manager of the home said that the day Isabelle received her chair was the happiest day of her year. Thanks to the motorised wheelchair, Isabelle can now move freely around her home, and is seated in a device perfectly suited to her needs.

NATASHA RAYNOR

Natasha Raynor received a motorised wheelchair to help with her mobility issues related to cerebral palsy thanks to funding from the **Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon**. She finished school at Cape Recife School in Port Elizabeth, where the therapist at the school reported that she was a very social young woman with a lovely sense of humour. Thrilled with her new motorised wheelchair, Natasha wrote a thank you letter to the Rachel Swart Fund, comparing her device to a new car. After successfully completing a learnership with Siyaya in Port Elizabeth, and thanks to her motorised wheelchair, Natasha now feels confident that she will be employed.

PAULUS LECONIE

Paulus Leconie has quadriplegia as a result of a motor vehicle accident in 2013, which left him housebound. Though he is awaiting the arrival of his new mobility device, which was funded by the **Daylight Again Concert**, he has expressed his excitement at being able to participate independently in the community. Furthermore, his improved mobility will provide relief to his wife, on whom he relies for support.

FLORIAN DE SILVA

Florian De Silva, who lives and works as a teacher in KwaZulu-Natal, received a bi-lateral amputation, which made him wheelchair-dependent. He received a motorised wheelchair from the Rachel Swart Fund, thanks to funding from **Victor Daitz Foundation**, as he had been feeling exhausted from having to self-propel and struggled to make it to his classes on time. Thanks to his motorised wheelchair, he is no longer fatigued from self-propelling and can make it to his classes, not only on time, but also before his students. Florian says that thanks to his new device, he is focusing on the future, and his family and community are thrilled with his independence.



THEMBELANI KATU

Thembelani (right) is in his final year of high school at the Northern Lights School in Port Elizabeth. He received a motorised wheelchair thanks to the support of the **Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund** to aid in his mobility, as he has muscular dystrophy. In a thank you letter to the Rachel Swart Fund, Thembelani said that his life had been made significantly easier because he no longer had to beg others to push him in his manual wheelchair. He compared the experience of receiving his motorised wheelchair with that of getting a brand new car, though comically expressed his wish for “more speed.” According to Thembelani, his motorised wheelchair has granted him newfound independence, even allowing him to attend his matric dance. When asked about the evening, his teacher reported that his confidence was at an all-time high and that he thoroughly enjoyed the dance.



QUINEECE PHILANDER

7 year-old Quineece Philander received a motorised wheelchair from the Rachel Swart Fund in February 2016 thanks to funding from the **Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund**. Born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC), a condition that affects her joints and restricts her movement, Quineece was unable to walk, sit independently, or actively participate in day-to-day activities.

Since receiving her chair, Quineece has entered Grade 1 at Worcester Preparatory School. On weekends, she can now accompany her family on outings, and she is often seen by neighbours 'running' alongside her mother on the sidewalk. For Quineece, and many others like her, motorised wheelchairs are essential to success. Without an adequate assistive device, she would have been unable to attend a mainstream primary school, and may have slipped behind her peers. Now, there's no stopping her.



JODY LOTTERING

14-year old Jody Lottering has spastic cerebral palsy and attends a special needs school in Cape Town. Prior to receiving his motorised wheelchair, he used a manual wheelchair, rendering him dependent on others to push him. Since receiving the motorised wheelchair thanks to funding from **ApexHi Trust Fund**, he sits comfortably, is able to concentrate in class, and has the freedom to move independently. Jody's mother is likewise delighted with his newfound confidence.



DOREEN HANEKOM

Doreen Hanekom lives in Worcester in the Western Cape with her husband, on whom she became completely dependent after a stroke took away her mobility. Thanks to her motorised wheelchair, which she received courtesy of the **Momentum Golf Day**, she now lives an active and inclusive life in the Worcester community, and both she and her husband are able to go on outings together.



BONAKELE SHADRACK QWELE

Bonakele Shadrack Qwele was borrowing a friend's old manual wheelchair to help with his mobility, as he has paraplegia. The chair had become restricting and unreliable, so he applied for a specialized manual wheelchair from the Rachel Swart Fund. With his new, lightweight wheelchair, funded by **DeBeers Trust Fund**, Bonakele has significantly more freedom, and his mobility is no longer an issue. He has started his own business, selling barbeque chicken on the street outside of his home. A growing business, Bonakele manages it solo, and the income it generates grants both him and his brother financial stability. Bonakele's new independence has also freed his twin brother to look for work, as he is no longer responsible or relied upon for Bonakele's mobility. The community has now come to rely on Bonakele's business and his delightful barbeque chickens.



The Financial Report

As mentioned in the Chairman's report, funding received was down due to timing issues as the Ellerman Foundation grant (R520 000) and the Lottery (R580 000) were received in the 2017 year. Expenditure fell by 4% year on year to limit the effect of the income drop.

Rachel Swart has continued to broaden its donor base and has added Nordex and Prism to its funder base. In addition, a part time fund raiser has been recruited to bolster fund raising efforts.

The reserves held by the Fund fell by 7% due mainly to a decline in the value of the Fund's investments.

The Fund remains well financed and is sustainable well into the future.

2016: A Year in Review

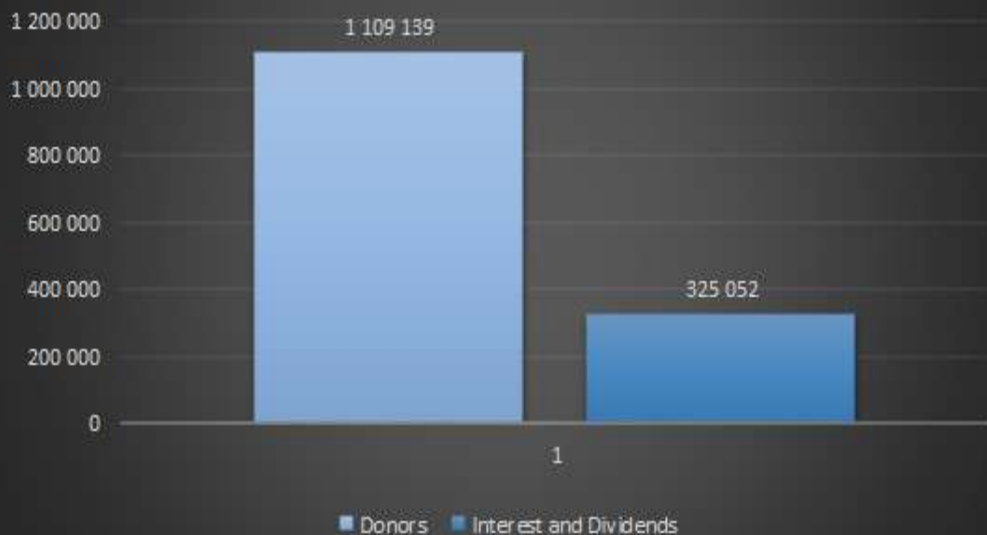
35 Motorised wheelchairs ordered and delivered to beneficiaries

31 Manual wheelchairs ordered and delivered to beneficiaries

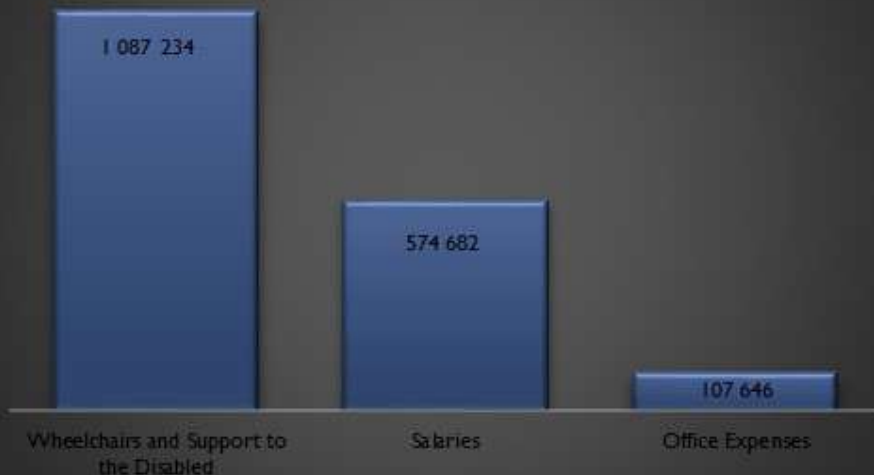
38 pressure cushions

112 assisted with maintenance

Income for April 2015 - March 2016



Expenses for April 2015 - March 2016



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED BY THE FUND OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS



MONEY SPENT ON OUR BENEFICIARIES ON VARIOUS MOBILITY AIDS OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS



Monitoring and Evaluation

In 2016, the Fund deepened its mission of monitoring and evaluating. Our goal has been to find ways to measure the impact motorised wheelchairs and other assistive devices have on our beneficiaries, and to ensure that we are using our resources in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Our journey has only recently begun, but we have already made vast improvements in our internal Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) procedures.

LOG FRAMES AND EVALUATIONS

The first step in building the Rachel Swart Fund M&E System involved creating a logical framework, or log frame, which helped visualise programme activities, goals, and objectives. See on opposite page.

Our next step was to create indicators for success related to each outcome. In other words, we asked ourselves, how do we know that we have met our objectives? We compiled a list of indicators that corresponded to each of our outcomes, which informed our evaluation questions.

The pilot baseline evaluation, which has recently been finalised, will be used for the first time with our next set of accepted applicants. A similar questionnaire will be released at 6 weeks, and again at 6 months to allow us to measure the immediate and intermediate outcomes or impact that mobility devices have on our beneficiaries.

In this process, the Fund is grateful to the work done by Katie Florian who has identified Sales Force as the software to use and has developed the log frame. As Katie is also assisting with fundraising, Rachel Swart is doubly grateful to her.

INPUTS

ACTIVITIES

OUTPUTS

IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

IMPACT

Staff and
volunteers

Partnerships and
relationships

Funding and
contributions

Conduct awareness
meetings with O/PTs

Host committee
meetings

Order and ensure
delivery of mobility
devices

Arrange for mainte-
nance of mobility de-
vices, as needed

Encourage
beneficiaries and/or
their
communities to
contribute

4 awareness
meetings per year

New applications
approved every
trimester

All mobility
devices ordered
and received

All needed
maintenance for
mobility devices
completed

Contributions
collected from all
beneficiaries or
their communities

Increased awareness
of the Rachel Swart
Fund

Beneficiaries have
improved mobility

Beneficiaries have
increased
independence

Beneficiaries have
improved
physical comfort

Beneficiaries
experience an increased
sense of ownership

Beneficiaries have the
ability to attend school
or seek employment

Beneficiaries have an im-
proved sense of confi-
dence

Beneficiaries have
increased their involve-
ment in
community activities

Friends, family, and/or
caregivers experience
financial or personal relief

Beneficiaries feel
supported and
encouraged by their com-
munities

Improved
quality of
life and
dignity for
people
living with
disabilities
in South
Africa

The Rachel Swart Fund

Theory of Change Log Frame

Staff and Committee

The Rachel Swart Fund operates thanks to three dedicated staff members – *Joy Badham-Thornhill, Nathaline Petersen, and Mandy Newman* – and nine generous volunteer committee members: *Mark MacGinty (Chairman), Jan Hofmeyr (Vice Chairman), Igsaan Hendricks, Sameer Rahim, Joan Vosloo, Verushka Ramanjam, Nomazizi Pasiwe, Zandile Hoorn, and Gadija Koopman.*

How you can help!

The Rachel Swart Fund relies on the generous donations of corporates, foundations, and individuals alike to continue the work we do. For more information regarding how to donate, or for general information about the organisation, please visit our website: www.rachelswart.co.za or contact us at joy@rachelswart.org.za

CHAIRMAN

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