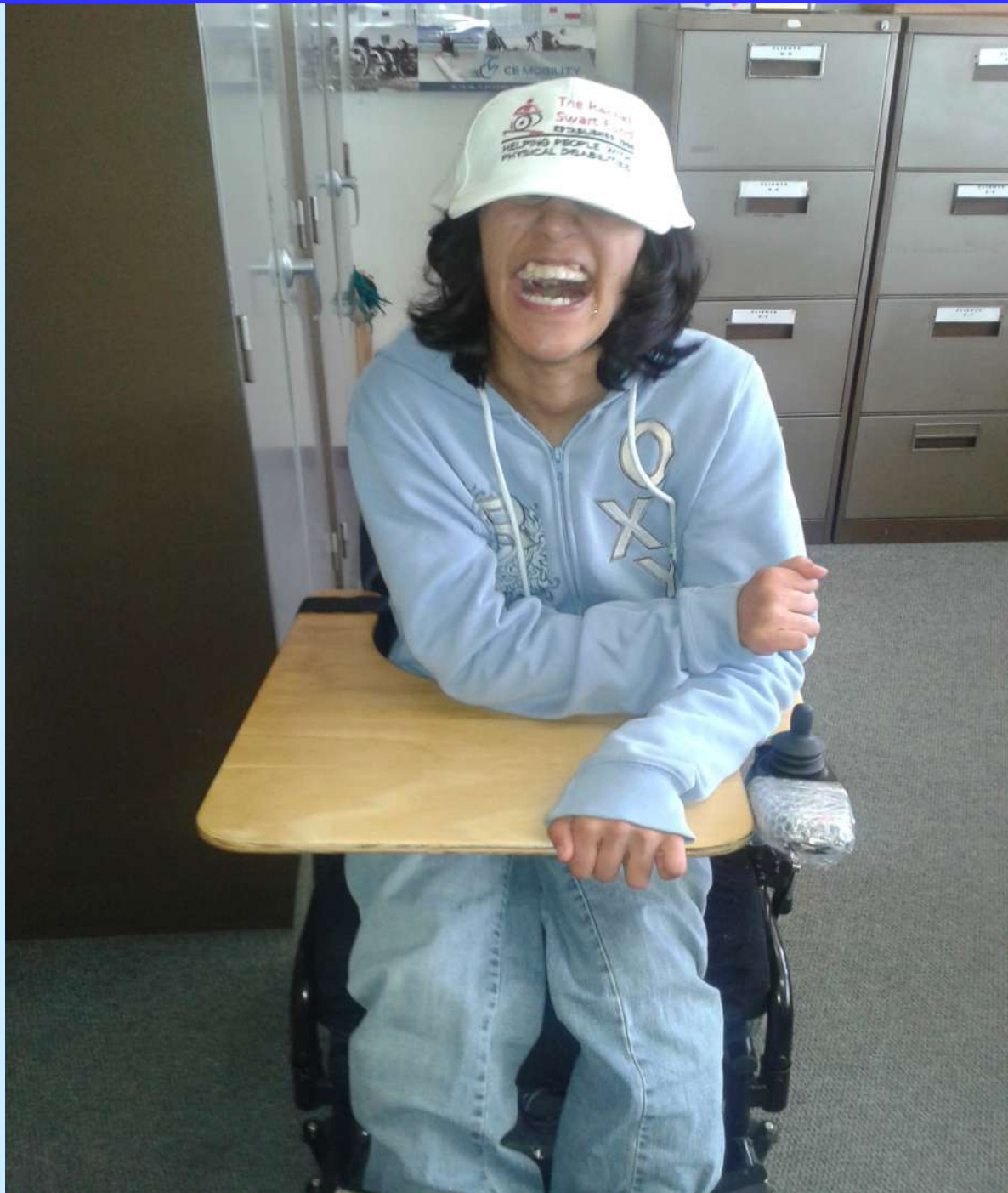




# The Rachel Swart Fund

HELPING PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES  
ESTABLISHED 1960

## April 2013 – March 2014 Annual Report



# Overview

2013- 2014 was a satisfying year for the Fund. Income nearly doubled to just under R2.1 million whilst assistance to the disabled rose from R605 000 to R946 000. Operating expenditure fell by 3% following cost reduction measures.

This was achieved by a twofold income raising strategy. The Fund sought to re-engage past donors and was successful with The National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund, Momentum and The DeBeers Trust Fund. New donors were also found – the Carl and Emily Fuchs Foundation and Capitec Bank began funding Rachel Swart in the 2015 year. In addition, current donors such as the Ellerman Foundation, the Anglo American Chairman’s Fund, the Australian High Commission, the Victor Daitz Foundation and Apexhi continued to support the Fund.

The second part of the income raising strategy was led by Joy Badham-Thornhill, the Fund’s manager. With the staff she organised and managed two fund-raising functions: a dinner-dance and by getting twenty-one runners to raise money for Rachel Swart by completing the Two Oceans Marathon. One of the runners, Jeremy Hazell a paraplegic, completed the ultra-marathon in his wheel-chair. These two functions raised more than R150 000 which far exceeded Joy and her team’s expectations.

The Fund continued with its corporate governance initiative. A second follow-up questionnaire was designed and implemented to further Rachel Swart’s monitoring and evaluation programme.

More than 200 people were helped by Rachel Swart during the course of the year.



# Impact



## The National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund

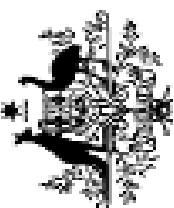
In August 2013 the Fund Received R 599 750 from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund. This was the first time that part of the grant was allocated to running costs. Overall 19 clients were helped with motorized wheelchairs and existing clients were assisted with maintenance and repairs of their current motorised wheelchairs.



Australian Government  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## The Australian High Commission

Ten clients were assisted with the contribution from the Australian High Commission. Fransina Ncamane (right) is one of the recipients. Prior to receiving the motorized wheelchair she was crawling on the floor. Her poor trunk control and hand function made it very difficult to manage her manual wheelchair. She was always dependant on others to move her around. Fransina now is living a more independent life. Her mother is now free to do tasks other than care for Fransina.



## The Anglo American Chairman's Trust Fund



Iliyaaz Noordien is a pupil at the Vista Nova School in Rondebosch. Having been born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Iliyaaz was unable to propel himself in a manual chair. He was also at risk of developing severe spinal deformities.

Since having received his motorized wheelchair we have received reports from the school on how happy, confident and more independent Iliyaaz is. In a letter of thanks from his mother, she said it was like a dream that had come true. This contribution has improved not only this boy's life, but that of his family and school.



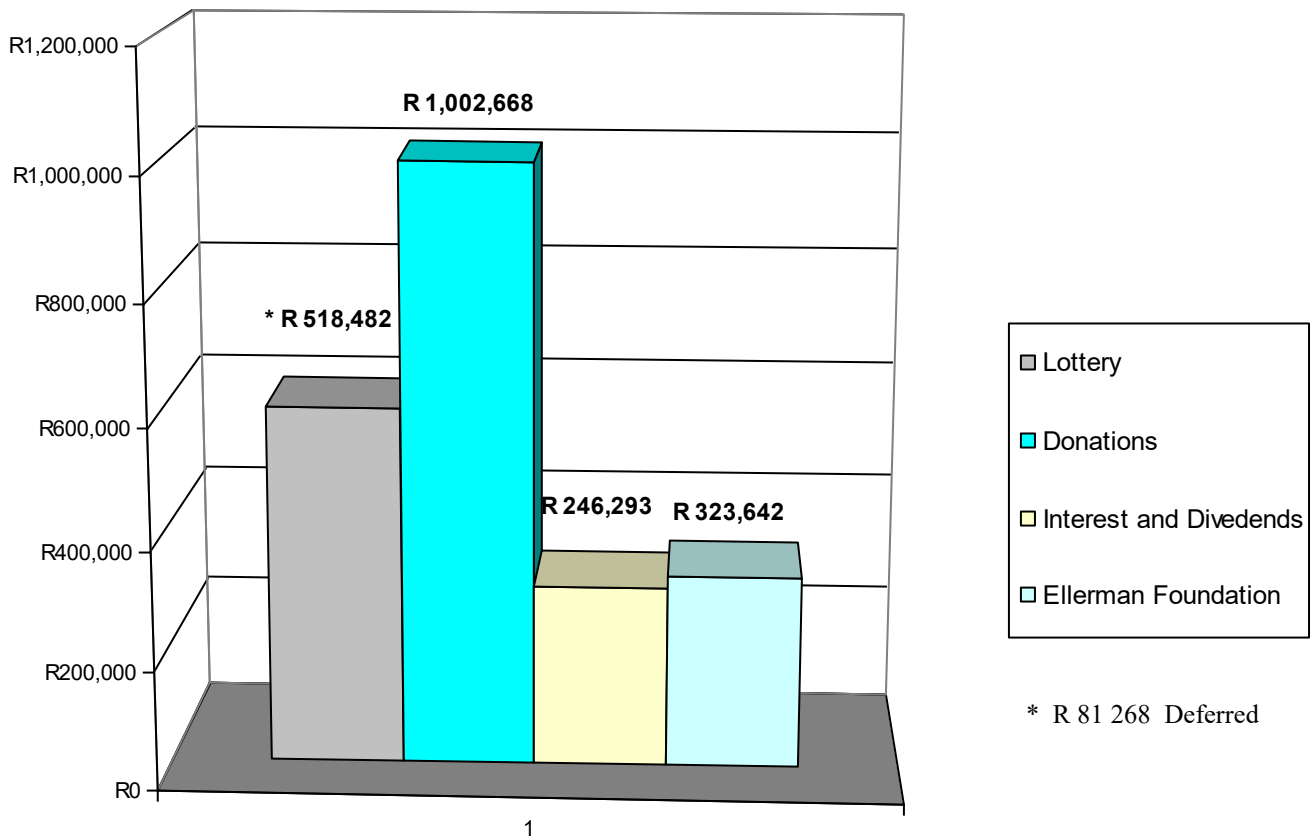
## The Victor Daitz Foundation

Bonakele Zungu has been described by her pastor as a selfless, self motivated, tenacious and intelligent individual. Due to her high level of disability Bonakele had found it extremely challenging to find employment. However Green Office (Pty) Ltd based in Durban has given Bonakele the opportunity to start her own business by collecting their clients' old printing cartridges for refilling. This has enabled her to start her own business.

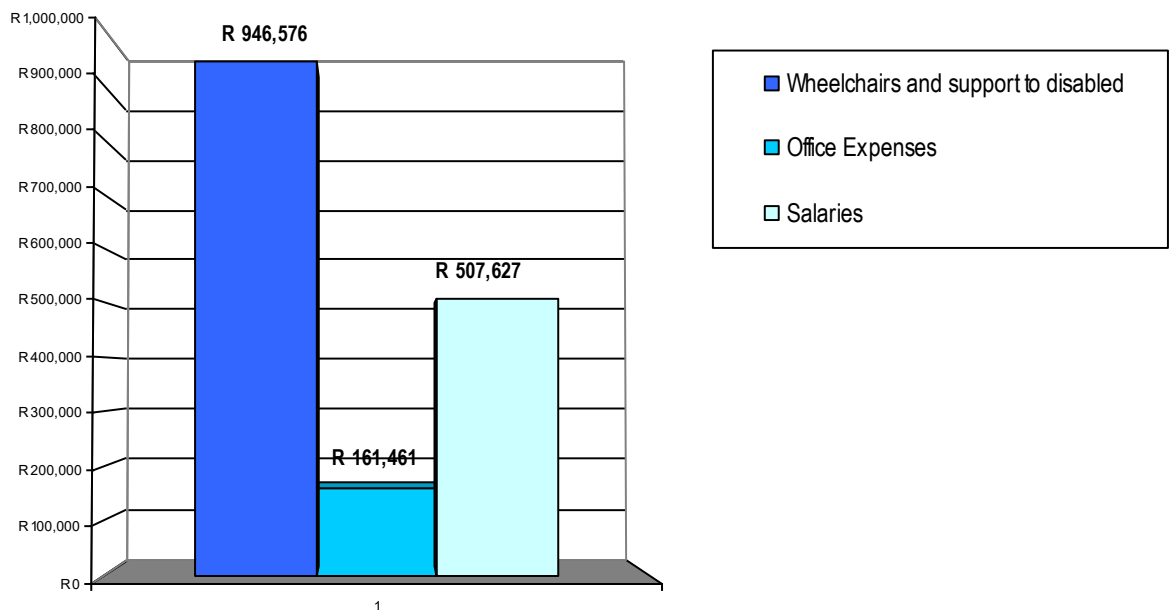
Bonakele's increased mobility now allows her to assist her elderly mother with the shopping. Bonakele is very involved with the youth in her community. She is a role model to others who are struggling with coming to terms with their disability.



### Income received from April 2013 - March 2014



### Expenditure April 2013 —March 2014



## Financial Report

As indicated, the Fund's finances are in a healthy position. The sustainability reserve covers between three and four years of programme and operating expenditure.

### Donors that have helped the Fund:

The Ellerman Foundation	National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund
Australian High Commission	Anglo American Chairman's Trust Fund
Victor Daitz Foundation	Apexhi Charitable Trust Fund
Theodore Bewitz Trust Fund	E.G Woods Trust Fund
F.G. Connock Trust Fund	The Nussbaum Foundation
Aaron Beare Foundation	De Beers Trust Fund
Clifford Harris Trust Fund	Malcolm and Gladys Cameron Trust Fund
C.E Harding Trust Fund	

In addition to these donors, R 52 000 of the fund's income is from our beneficiaries and family members who give regular small donations.

The Fund is incredibly grateful to all of its donors.

## Governance and Monitoring and Evaluation

The Rachel Swart Fund is committed to good governance practices as part of the Independent Code of Governance for Non-Profit Organizations in South Africa.

Ongoing monitoring and evaluation is carried out by the fund. Each client receiving a mobility aid is requested to fill out an evaluation form which clearly reflects the impact of the mobility aids. In addition a 6 month follow-up is done and is used to gauge the effectiveness of the Fund's programmes. This information is shared with donors.

## Staff and Committee Members

The Rachel Swart Fund is made up of three staff members and eight committee members.

**The staff members are:** Joy Badham-Thornhill, Nathaline Petersen and Mandy Newman

**Committee Members:** Mark MacGinty (Chairman), Richard Heath, Igsaan Hendricks, Mirriam Mokosana, Necia Miller, Sameer Rahim, Joan Vosloo and Jan Hofmeyr

## *Thanks*

### **Helen (Honey) Richter**

Honey has been a part of the Rachel Swart Fund from the beginning and left an indelible mark on the Fund. In the 1980's Honey formally joined as the administrator of the Fund. In 1998, she moved onto the Committee until her retirement in 2014.

Honey brought great humanity and energy to the Fund. When it became too expensive to import motorised wheelchairs, Honey started local design and assembly of motorised wheelchairs (including using a Mazda car seat!). 236 people benefited from this initiative.

The outpouring of affection and respect on her retirement showed how many lives Honey influenced and helped. Honey still continues to help the Fund and organises wheelchair races in Hermanus.

### **Dr. Veruschka Ramanjam**

Veruschka spent nearly a decade on the Committee and gave invaluable medical advice to the Fund. She showed great empathy and her new work unfortunately forced her to move on.

However, she nominated Sameer Rahim as her successor and his knowledge and commitment is proving invaluable to the Fund.

## **The Staff**

Joy, Mandy and Nathaline hold the Fund together. Under Joy's effective leadership it has been a privilege to see the enthusiasm and effort they put into the dinner dance and the Two Oceans Marathon. Joy has also managed to recruit some efficient volunteers who have helped with these activities.

Special tribute must be paid to Joy who has grown into a brilliant organiser and a good manager.

## **The Committee**

The last five years have been turbulent and I must thank the Committee for the guidance and extra effort shown. That the Rachel Swart Fund has emerged stronger and more sustainable is tribute to their work.