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Thank you to everyone that has supported us thus far in 2017.

In recognizing individuals and organisations, one always runs the risk of omitting someone. Should we inadvertently do so, please let us know and we will rectify our error.

FUN & MARKET DAY 2017

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- Adrienne Milner Realty
- Broadacres Super Spar
- Carin Van der Schyf
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- Doppio Zero Clearwater
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- Pizza Del Forno (Featherbrooke)
- Random Harvest Nursery
- Ruimsig Super Spar
- Sircles Butchery (Carltonville)
- Village Nursery

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- Kathleen Bush (Bell) Foundation
- Les Goodman and Samantha Peace
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Annual Fun & Market Day

Despite the weather, our 2017 Fun and Market Day was a huge success. More than 350 members of the public joined us and enjoyed a day of riding displays, pony rides, donkey pat n chat and a market of 50 stalls. The important part of the day, of course, is about the children that ride with us. These children come from different disadvantaged backgrounds and all live with a disability, either mental or physical or emotional trauma. Horse riding benefits these children in so many ways (e.g.: self-esteem, balance and co-ordination, strengthening muscles, gross and fine motors skills, communication skills) and assists them in integrating into society.

Besides the riding displays, we were also entertained by the dancing dogs of Border Collie Rescue, a jumping display by Brea Bergh (one of our instructors), an extremely handsome Friesian Stallion, and our highly skilled classical dressage horse, Hercules. The miniature donkeys were also a main attraction, once again offering loves and cuddles throughout the day. The Chikara Stables and EARTH Centre ponies also worked hard at providing magical pony rides on the day.

Although not our biggest annual fundraiser, the event has enabled us to cover some of costs in the weeks to come. In total we made around R28,000 from the Fun and Market Day, which was R28,000 more than we had on the 27th October!!!! This would not have been possible without the help of all our wonderful sponsors and supporters. Thank you to all the companies, individuals, organizations and volunteers that supported in various ways, and thank you to the public for coming through and getting to know how we Create Hope through Horses.



Because of you...

We created HOPE for 160 children with disabilities in 2017! We changed lives, spread smiles and opened doors. We were able to provide therapeutic horse riding and interaction at no charge, for these people that would otherwise not be able to afford treatment.

We also continued to provide vocational work experience for an 18-year-old with emotional and learning disabilities from TARA Hospital. This young man left us recently as the interaction and work that he experienced at our Centre improved his communication skills and confidence and enabled him to secure a job at a Retirement Home. He will be undergoing training there and will sit verbal examinations to allow him to train as a carer.

At the beginning of 2017, we purchased EduRide, - an income generating remedial riding programme for children with special needs and learning disabilities. This included an additional 5 equine therapists. EduRide lessons have grown from 18 clients to 28 in the last 10 months.

Our first Youth Development Programme was run by Katrina, Natalie, Nicole and the herd. The group of 10 boys from Randburg Clinic School have learning and behavioural challenges. The 12 week programme taught the boys

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- Tekkie Tax
- The Matasis Foundation
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about non-verbal communication; body awareness; taking ownership of one's feelings to make autonomous choices; contextualizing behaviour within surroundings; and internal resources to build and maintain relationships.

In 2018 we look forward to growing our programmes and touching more lives through our wonderful equines therapists. **Remember that we can only do this with your help!** Be it your time, skills or money, if you can contribute to our programmes please contact us [HERE](#) or visit our website [HERE](#).

Click [HERE](#) to watch our short montage of 2017.

We are looking for a new treasurer to serve on our committee.

If you have a couple of spare hours each week and have a knowledge of finances and book keeping, please let us know!

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SAVE THE DATE!

- 14 February – Valentines Coffee Morning
- 21 February – Sponsors visiting day
- 20 March – Autumn Equinox Drumming
- May – Gala Dinner
- 25 May – Tekkie Tax Day
- August – Swing into Spring Golf Day (Thursday)
- September – Coffee Morning
- 21 September – Spring Equinox Drumming
- 27 October – Fun and Market Day



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

SARDA Gauteng at the EARTH Centre (125 Peter Road, Ruimsig —Map available on request)

Tuesday, 23 January	(9am to 12pm)	Intermediate and advanced
Wed, 24 January	(9am to 12pm)	Intermediate and advanced
Thursday, 25 January	(9am to 12pm)	Beginner
Monday, 29 January	(9am to 12pm)	Beginner and intermediate

Current and first time volunteers are invited to join us for training on the above dates. The leader training involves getting to know the ponies and learning how to work with them in lessons. Side walker training focuses on how to support and encourage the riders throughout their lessons. Please RSVP to let us know which day you will be joining.



Creating Hope through Horses

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