



A big Sawabona

Welcome to our first newsletter. Thank you for your interest and are excited to share with you some news since our launch in May and information about our charities.

The generosity and support for our projects has been incredible. We have had the privilege of receiving donations from 3 birthday fundraising campaigns as well as Facebook fundraisers and are deeply thankful for these generous initiatives. We are well over half way towards raising funds for the PYMA classroom and have managed to help support some children on the Bright Start Programme.

We have been working hard at expanding our on line presence and exposure. We have enhanced pages on Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram) and are now live on shopping portals such as Bildungsspende, where a purchase via thousands of shops such as Booking.com, Bergfreunde, Ikea, Pharmacists, Bookshops, etc. donate a percentage of their sales to a charity of the shoppers choice without any additional cost. See below for more details. We have also made sponsoring a Bright Start child easier and have created an on line sponsorship form.

Covid-19 and the recent riots have had a devastating effect on the economy of South Africa. Both PYMA and Bright Start have lost many sponsors for their initiatives over the last year so we are grateful to be able to launch at a time when help is needed more than ever. Thank you for believing in our dreams and helping us start this incredible journey to change lives in a positive way - one child at a time.



Become a member of Sawabona Africa e.V.

We have opened up an on-line membership application on our Website. We welcome anyone who would like to support Sawabona Africa and offer support in fundraising or helping with some administration.

Join now:

<https://sawabona-africa.com/mitglied-werden/>



Spotlight in Supplementary Tutoring

Sawabona Africa has dedicated its 2021 fundraising initiatives towards supporting the PYMA Afterschool Programme. This programme entails providing academic support to learners through additional classroom learning based on the South African Department of Education's curriculum, provide homework supervision and help improve learners' literacy and numeracy levels. Tutoring sessions are held every day at the learning facilities. Tutors are trained and honed with relevant skills and knowledge to conduct tutoring sessions. In 2020:

- 266 tutoring sessions were held
- 378 learners reached.
- 30 Grade 12 learners received data every month to assist with their learning through the Covid crisis.
- 50 Tutors were trained to support providing relevant content to learners

PYMA for Sawabona Africa



PYMA learner receives scholarship to study in the USA

PYMA and Sawabona Africa are very proud of Nkosinamandla Jeju, one of their 2020 graduates who obtained two distinctions in Tourism and Life Orientation in his final exams for 2020. Nkosinamandla was awarded a Bursary from the University of Johannesburg.

The learner has also been awarded a scholarship to study in the USA.

Highlights from PYMA 2020 Annual Report

PYMA has published the 2020 Annual report. We share a few highlights. If you wish to receive the full Annual Report, please [email us](#)

71

learners have completed Grade 12 with PYMA's support

87,3 %

of learners passed Grade 12

74 %

of all learners have accessed tertiary education (University or college)



About Bright Start

In one of the most unequal countries in the world, Bright Start Education Support Programme levels the playing field. With its truly holistic educational program, Bright Start ensures that children in Hout Bay, Cape Town have the opportunity to reach their best potential and to follow their dreams.



[Bright Start Video](#)

Through corporate and private sponsorship, they support historically disadvantaged children in and out of school, to ensure they get access to quality education. Their successful partnership with 8 schools means that they are able to consider the best school for each child, thereby paving a way for them to university, further education, or a career.

And it's not only the children who benefit. The Bright Start Educational Support Programme changes the lives of entire families and effects change in the wider community of Hout Bay and beyond.

Every child dreams of possibilities. A good education makes these dreams possible.

From the new Programme Coordinator's desk

The first month as the newly appointed Bright Start program coordinator was spent getting to know the children, learning more about their journey, home environment, talents, and gifts as well as academic performance.

One-on-one time was spent with each child, discussing their Term 2 Reports, listening to their feelings and thoughts about their results. We discussed ways and strategies to reach their goals in the coming Term. The children's ability to self-reflect and assess their needs as well as take pride in their achievements was astonishing. It takes honesty and great maturity to admit to needing help or even express the fact that perhaps they could have put more effort into their work. The children are commended for their desire to do better and reach their full potential.

A humbling month for me and the team at Bright Start.
Keep reaching for the stars. Virginia



Support Sawabona Africa On-Line

Here is an overview of the on line platforms where you can support us. Many are only available in Germany



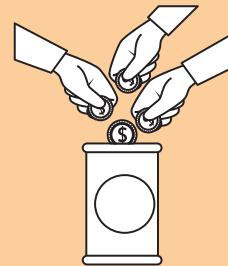
Rather a donation than a birthday gift?
Start a public fundraising campaign on
Facebook



No need to place your clothes in a
container. Donate your unwanted
clothes and vote for us on
Platzschaffen mit Herz.
<https://www.platzschaffenmitherz.de/>



Shop at thousands of online shops via
Bildungsspender. A portion is donated to
Sawabona Africa
<https://www.bildungsspender.de/>
or download the BS|WCH app



Create a fundraising activity for your
business via Social Funders
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Learner Profile

Meet our Bright Start learner, Diego

Diego has been on the Bright Start program since pre-school & will be writing his Matric exams at the end of this year.

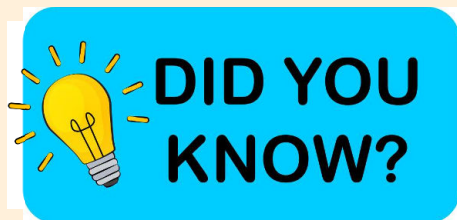
This bright learner has an even brighter future & already achieved so much.

His hard work & dedication has earned him a spot in the top 14 learners at his school Camps Bay High Cape Town. He has great leadership abilities & has been selected as house captain at his school.

Diego was also selected to go to Italy on an elite soccer training camp and raised money to do this through selling sausages and burgers from his home in Hangeberg.

Diego's mom has been instrumental to all his achievements and very supportive of his learning journey.

Because people believed in him and invested in his education, Diego's dreams of a brighter future can come true.



Over 63 % of all youth (aged 15 - 24) are unemployed in South Africa

<http://www.statssa.gov.za>



Quote of the Day

"He who opens a school door,
closes a prison."

Victor Hugo