



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

At the Bokamoso Life Centre (BLC) in Winterveldt, South Africa, young people continued to take charge of their lives. Bokamoso means “future” in the Tswana language —and the Centre and the Bokamoso Youth Foundation (BYF) in Washington, DC, continued their strong partnership to help Winterveldt youth lay solid foundations for their futures through ongoing joint efforts to build a stronger and more resilient community organization.

FOUNDATION

We say goodbye to some of our Founding BYF Board members as they move on to retirement and new adventures. We wish them well and are grateful for all of their contributions, and that they will continue to be involved with the Foundation and the Centre through other channels.

- Roy Barber, Founder and past President of the Foundation.
- Leslie Jacobson, Founding Board member and Artistic Director
- Elese Sizemore, Board member and former Board Secretary
- Lou Jacobson, Board member

Let's Welcome New Board Member Kenneth Jay Giunta



Ken Giunta Ken Giunta assists charitable organizations on matters related to management systems, accountability and transparency. He also offers consulting in fundraising, board management and strategic planning. Prior to retiring in 2007, Ken held numerous management positions in federal and state government as well as in the not-for profit sector, including Interim CEO and Vice President at the American Council for Voluntary International Action (InterAction); Senior Director for Corporate Resources and Marketing and Secretary to the Board of Directors at the Overseas Development Council (ODC); and Deputy Director and Acting Director of the District of Columbia’s Office of International Business (OIB). Ken has also held senior leadership positions on several community and international boards. Ken is a Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate of Tufts University, and earned his Masters Degree in International Affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Ken has been a St. Andrew’s host parent for two Bokamoso exchange students.. He helped revise the Bokamoso host parent handbook and has worked with the Foundation’s Board on communications strategies.



The Bokamoso Life Centre Board of Directors and Manager (left to right)

Patricia Hochleutner, Board member;
Thomas Ledwaba, Manager; Palesa Nhlapo, Board member; Tebogo Loate, Chair; Mokhutwane Phooko, Board member; Benny Pittman, Bokamoso Youth Foundation Board Representative (not pictured).

Alumni Spotlight - Meet Nkosinathi “Nathi” Mbatha

Nkosinathi Mbatha is a vibrant 24-year-old who matriculated in 2014 at I.R Lesolang Secondary School. Here is her inspiring story, in her own words:

“I didn't have plans on what I was going to study after my matric but I've always had love and interest in fashion.

When I was growing up, my family couldn't afford a lot of things and buying clothes for us was always a challenge, so all the time if I see a friend or distant relatives wearing new clothes, I would get so sad and frustrated until I got used to it. That's when I decided to study clothing so I'd be able to sew clothes for me and my family.



But in my high school, I realized that Fashion is not just about sewing clothes and wearing them; it's actually more than that. After I found out all the things involved in fashion, the love for it sparked even more. Since I didn't have any plans about my matric, I was told about Bokamoso Life Center (BLC) so I decided to start attending. Little did I know that it would be the best decision I've ever made in my life.

In 2016 I was granted a scholarship by BLC to study clothing production. I studied for two years in Tshwane North TVET College. Early this year, in February, I was selected by the college to intern in the Tshwane North College fashion factory for 18 months, which will end August 2020.

I can proudly stand tall and say if it weren't for the scholarship that was granted to me by BLC I wouldn't be here.”



ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Scripted Streets is a clothing design and production business owned and run by four Bokamoso alumni: Thabelong (Teddy) Phoku, Tshepo Seabi, Nkosinathi (Nathi) Mbatha, and Blessing Rakaole. They each bring their individual talents to the business. Blessing is a talented artist, studying graphic design; Nathi graduated from Clothing Production and Design school and brings her knowledge of fashion; Teddy is using his marketing degree to increase the visibility of Scripted Streets in the community; and Tshepo is using the business aspects of his travel and tourism degree to help the business succeed. Scripted Streets designed the Bokamoso logo and produced the t-shirts for the 2019 and 2020 US. tour, and they designed and produced the costumes for the drama. This talented group is looking forward to expanding their operation and buying new equipment. Their goal is to have a profitable business and provide jobs in their community..

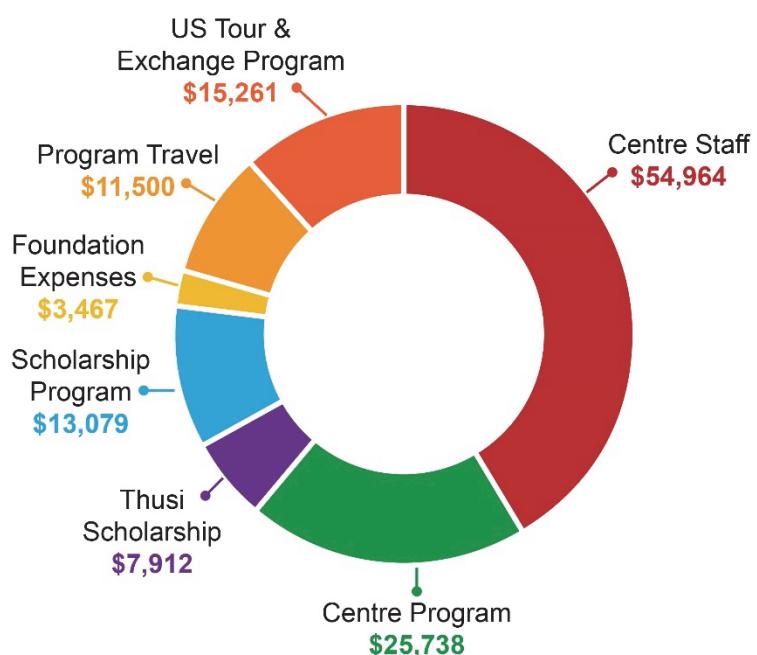


FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND EXPENSES

Bokamoso Youth Foundation Financial Statement September 2018 – August 2019

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 27,986
General Contributions	\$ 119,549
Thusi Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,500
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 11,500
Expenses	\$ 131,921
Net Change	\$ 2,628
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 30,614

Bokamoso Youth Foundation Expenses September 2018 – August 2019



To support **Bokamoso**, mail a check made out to the **Bokamoso Youth Foundation** to 5614 Connecticut Avenue NW # 167, Washington, DFC 20015-2604. Or donate online at www.bokamosoyouth.org; click on Support, then select Donate. Visit the site for more information. The BYF is a U.S. tax-exempt 501(C)(3) charitable organization dedicated to transforming the lives of youth and empowering community leadership in Winterveldt, South Africa.

The support of the Bokamoso Life Centre is a creative partnership of a number of DC area groups and individual volunteers. Long-time supporting institutions include St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Seekers Church, George Washington University, National United Methodist Church, All Souls Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Inc of North Brentwood, Abt Associates and a number of other local churches and schools. The BYF Board of Directors: President, Dr. Constance Sullivan; Vice President, James Cawley; Secretary, Kathryn Tobias; Treasurer, Charles Vance; Ken Giunta, Benny Pittman, Julye Williams.

The Bokamoso Life Centre celebrates its 20th year anniversary in 2019 – founded in 1999 in response to the lack of opportunities for the youth of Winterveldt, the Centre has operated continuously as a safe haven for young people (generally 18 to 24 years old) to develop life skills, to artistically express themselves, to explore new paths for them selves and to develop the confidence to follow those paths.



FOUNDED

1999



250+

youth have benefited from the nearly 400 scholarships offered by the Centre since 2008

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Bokamoso graduate has received national attention for his film work; his films have been shown on TV and he received a prestigious national film award



1,250

youth have graduated from the Centre's Adolescent Development Program



**More than
260**

youth have participated in the US Tour



30
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Bokamoso youth are currently studying at South African colleges and universities



of whom have received scholarships directly from the universities they are attending

Bokamoso graduates are employed in:

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| • Nursing | • Banking |
| • Teaching | • HR & Employee Training |
| • Social Work | • Policing |
| • Community organizing | • Entertainment |
| • Day Care | • Media (photography, videography, radio) |
| • Youth programs | • Information Technology |

Bokamoso graduates have started their own businesses

- Chicken farming
- Clothing
- Photography
- Performing Groups
- Movies (producing & production)
- Small shops selling consumer goods



Apartheid and its legacy destroyed, in many, the human will to dream for a better life; Bokamoso has rekindled the ability to dream within the youth they serve – and has equipped them with the tools and skills to pursue their dreams



Bokamoso graduates are contributing to the families in which they were raised, often affording younger siblings opportunities to advance