

ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018

At the Bokamoso Life Centre (BLC) in Winterveldt, South Africa, in 2017-2018, 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.

Bokamoso Life Centre Changes Lives in Winterveldt, South Africa

In 2017-2018, the youth participants and leadership of the Bokamoso Life Centre in Winterveldt, South Africa, continued to take long strides toward a better future.

- The Bokamoso Life Centre annually trains students in life skills and makes educational and vocational opportunities available beginning with its Adolescent Development Program.
- The Centre staff has put in place strong accounting and money management policies and practices and have received unqualified audits for the past three years.
- Since 2008, the BYF has awarded 395 scholarships benefiting 224 youth with higher education opportunities.
- Many of the youth participate in activities of their choice, including the Centre’s drama group, where they practice to present plays in South Africa and in the annual arts tour to the United States.
- The Bokamoso Drama Group performed at the Counsel for Scientific Investigation and Research annual event in Pretoria and received a R 6,000 (US\$ 450) honorarium.
- To raise funds, several Bokamoso staff have come together to do catering for events in the Winterveldt community.
- Twelve students and three staff members traveled to Washington, DC in January 2018 for the month-long arts tour. The Dream Breakfast at St. Andrews Episcopal School delighted everyone and raised more than \$ 27,000 in support of the Bokamoso Scholarship Program and Centre operating expenses. While the February performances at George Washington University featured beautiful dance, music, and original plays by the youth.



A Growing Entrepreneurial Culture in Winterveldt

Thanks in part to the support provided by the Bokamoso Life Centre, a growing number of young South Africans in Winterveldt are acquiring the education, skills and business acumen needed to start and run their own businesses. Some of the ongoing efforts include **Black Art**, a music and dance group formed by Bokamoso Alumni; **Scripted Streets**, a local clothing enterprise founded by Thabelang (Teddy) Phoku. Scripted Streets was contracted to provide the performance T-shirts for the 2019 U.S. Tour; and **Inthuba Chicken Enterprise**, a chicken farm that produces broilers for sale to local residents. Pictured left is Levi Maponya tending to the chicks.

Julye Williams Joins BYF Board

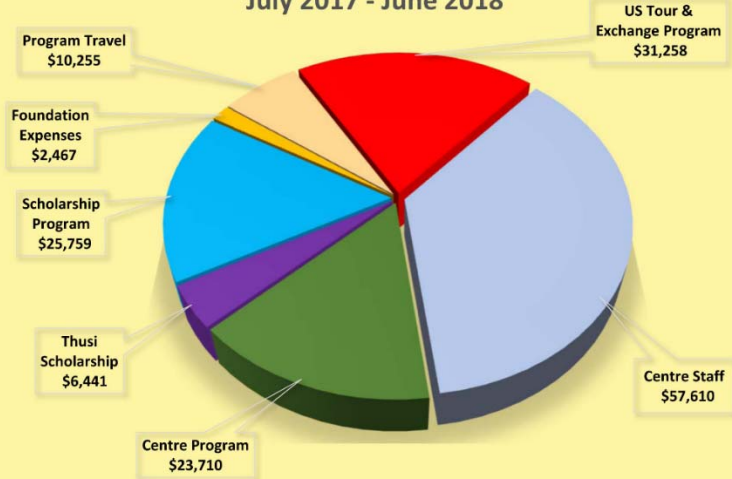
In Summer 2018, Julye Williams joined the Bokamoso Youth Foundation Board, bringing her passion for giving kids an equal opportunity to achieve their highest potential. As Director of Resource and Program Development at First Book, she helps develop educational resources for the more than 400,000 educators working in low-income communities in the United States. Previously, she cofounded a charter school, North Star Academy-Liberty Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey, which continues to educate 450 students in grades K-4 annually. Welcome, Julye!

To support Bokamoso, mail a check made out to the Bokamoso Youth Foundation to 3927 Military Road, Washington, DC 20045. 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.

**Bokamoso Youth Foundation
Financial Statement
July 2017 - June 2018**

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 58,460
General Contributions	\$ 117,641
Thusi Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,500
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 11,372
Other Revenue	\$ 276
Expenses	\$ 157,500
Net Change	\$ (24,711)
Net Assets End of Year	\$ 33,749

**Bokamoso Youth Foundation
Expenses
July 2017 - June 2018**



Staff of the Bokamoso Life Centre: (left to right) Doreen Mnisi, Art Therapy – Frans Sekhula, Youth Facilitator ADP – Steve Baloyi, Program Coordinator – Paul Musomali, Centre Coordinator – Joseph Rikhotso, Security – Miriam Lerato Moraka, Youth Facilitator ADP – Peggy Malebane, Scholarship Program Administrator – Sara Sithole, Nutritionist/Cook – Brenda Mathete, Social Worker – Aaron Thobela, Grounds Keeper [Not shown Jane Sethosa, Bookkeeper – Thuli Sithole, Facilitator Gallows – Teddy Phoku, Facilitator Gallows - Mary Masekeka, Kitchen Helper].

Number of Bokamoso Scholarships awarded In 2018	27
Number of students who have benefited from Bokamoso scholarships since 2008	224
Number of scholarships awarded in the program since inception in 2008	395



Photo Right - St Andrews student and host Sydney Giunta (left) visiting with Betty Nokere in Winterveldt. Betty is currently studying to be a Dental Assistant on a Bokamoso scholarship.

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; Artistic Director, Prof. Leslie Jacobson; Founder, Roy Barber; Dr. Louis Jacobson, Benny Pittman, Elese Sizemore, Julye Williams.