



TO COMMEMORATE OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR NEW LOGO

Mountains

We've included the majestic mountains of the Swartland as a visual tribute to the diverse and talented community of people that surround Goedgedacht.

Tree

The tree, elegantly flowing and interweaving signifies the continuous growth and interconnectedness that has fuelled our journey. It serves as a visual reminder of the collaborative efforts and partnerships that have supported us throughout the years.

House

The central focal point of our logo continues to feature the house from our original design, representing three decades of resilience, progress, and dedication. It symbolizes the strong foundation upon which our organization has been built.

Green

To further enhance the design, we have chosen the colour green that exudes energy, optimism, and growth. It symbolises our passion, determination, and the unwavering commitment of every individual who has contributed to our success story.




Goedgedacht


*Empowering Rural Lives:
30 Years of Hope and Impact*


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As we commemorate this significant milestone, it is essential to acknowledge the community who have been the driving force behind our work.


Our new logo stands as a powerful representation of our 30-year journey. It encapsulates our history, captures our present moment, and propels us forward into a future brimming with promise. We are immensely humbled by what we have achieved together, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all our friends and donors.


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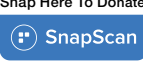
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MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR



Deon Snyman

Dear friends,

It's our first newsletter for the year ... and I'm delighted that 2023 marks the momentous occasion of Goedgedacht's 30th anniversary.

Off course, this celebration would not be possible without the steadfast support and generosity of our loyal friends and donors. THANK YOU for being part of our Goedgedacht story!

The past three decades is a testament to your unwavering commitment to create tangible impact on the lives of countless young people and their communities.

I can't say that our journey has been without challenges, but through perseverance, compassion, and the collective efforts of our dedicated team we have overcome obstacles and achieved remarkable milestones. Together, we have built bridges of hope and opened doors of opportunity for those who often find themselves on the margins of society.

To our donors, sponsors, and partners who have stood by us through thick and thin, generously supporting our cause and enabling us to create a sustainable difference – no words could ever express our appreciation. Your trust and belief in our mission have been instrumental in our success. We are honoured to have you as our pillars of support.

I hope you'll be as excited as we are when you read the stories today – it's certainly doesn't cover every single life touch but it does bring to life our mission – and our commitment to improving the lives of those who need it most.

In this season of immense possibilities, we embrace the power of collaboration, and knowledge-sharing to amplify our efforts. As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, I invite you to join hands with us. Let us continue to work relentlessly, driven by our shared belief in the potential that lies within every child.

Deon Snyman

“GOEDGEDACHT – A PLACE OF HOPE”

The former Public Protector, Prof Thuli Madonsela, and senior officials of the Swartrand Municipality visited Goedgedacht recently. We love it when our friends visit!

Prof Madonsela commended Goedgedacht for the significant role played during the COVID pandemic. She was inspired by the love and care that came from the open doors of the organisation. It was encouraging to hear her describe Goedgedacht as a place of hope and inspiration. A place of refuge for those who are burdened with struggles of injustice and pain.

Thanks to our many donors we can be that beacon of hope in the community. She concluded her visit saying that people who return home after a visit to Goedgedacht, must be impacted by the experience and become change agents within their own communities.



Thank you for visiting us Swartrand Municipality and Prof Madonsela!



LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our POP centres need refurbishments – repairs, painting, broken windows and doors! If you're looking for a place to invest your 67-minutes this Mandela Day or for more information. Email Val Govender fundraising@goedgedacht.org



CELEBRATING SEF AND COMMUNITY GARDENS



Our Care for the Planet programme is on a roll! The team is making great progress in the Swartland community. A huge thank you to the SEF (Social Employment Fund) Care for the Planet community champions who are motivated to make a difference.

We celebrate that the community champs who have worked as volunteers for many years are finally being remunerated for their hard work. Several new community gardens have been established as a result of their dedication. As we head into the winter season the focus is on soil preparation and harvesting of rainwater through the winter months.



**Save the date:
30 September!**

**Our 30th Anniversary
Celebrations and launch of
our Harvest Market.
More details to follow.**

CBC VISIT

We recently had a special surprise – learners from CBC St John's Cape town visited the Pre-school and our Riebeeck-Kasteel POP Centre. It was a day of much fun and laughter. We are so grateful for these precious visits which show our little ones how much they're loved. If you would like to arrange a visit with us – please get in touch by emailing fundraising@goedgedacht.org



ROAM

We recently hosted a Regenerative Organic and Mindfulness (ROAM) Training, where 24 participants from the SEF programme were schooled through this 15-day resident training programme. We are so delighted to share that 12 participants were selected as mentors to facilitate the work in the communities. Four participants will join the Goedgedacht Fellowship programme in the coming months to gain deeper practical experience.

We were also so glad for the opportunity to engage with the Project Biome team, Zach Bush and Jay Naidoo recently. It formed the foundation for discussion around large-scale regeneration and collaboration within the national networks.



OLIVE DEDICATION DAY

We are always so grateful for the support we receive on our Olive Dedication Day – it’s heartwarming to share this precious journey with families as they unveil the plaques and share memories of their loved ones. Our first ceremony for the year was held on 15 April.



In addition to 80 plaques that were unveiled, we had a few special plaques that we celebrate this year:

The first was in honor of Mary Lack who was one of the founders of Goedgedacht and a #foreverfriend. Mary passed away but we wanted to keep the beautiful memories of Mary alive on the farm.

Second, BTS the popular South Korean boy band consisting of Jin, Suga, J-Hope, RM, Jimin, V, and Jungkook, were honored for their support of Goedgedacht. Kim Seokjin Baby Unit was named after BTS’ Jin and opened from the generosity of the BTS ARMY across the world.

Third, Desmond Tutu, former Archbishop of Cape Town was honored for his efforts in creating a democratic and just society without racial divisions in South Africa. His memory will be honored for years to come, at Goedgedacht

UK SCHOOLS



A few years ago, we had a thriving UK Schools programme where many learners from England visited us at Goedgedacht. It was a great cultural exchange opportunity and an amazing experience all around. Due to travel restrictions as a result of COVID this programme came to a halt in 2020.

The great news is that as of April we have resumed the programme and welcomed many learners to Goedgedacht. Here are some photos for you to share the experience.



Winter Accommodation Special Now On!



Exclusive Offer: 20% discount for bookings this June and July (subject to availability). Contact reservations@goedgedacht.org