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Dear friends,

The New Year has started and our teachers and children are back from a well-deserved break. We have already reached our full capacity and are all eager to make 2020 another great year for the children who are entrusted in our care.

Despite a few hick-ups, Lerato had another successful year in 2019 and we want to make an even greater impact on the lives of 500 children who are entrusted into our care.



We ended in December with a beautiful celebration of culture day, an inspired spelling-bee competition and a great Christmas party with lots of presents for the children ... and again a great number graduated into our primary school.

Highlights for the year were the 80th birthday party for Sr Mary who founded Lerato in 1999 and is still a valuable source of advice to our board and a great



In 2019 we added 2 more class rooms to



our centre, build a new hall that will be used for meetings and also open to the community. Unfortunately, all our computers were stolen and we had to stop computer classes for our learners and the many young adults from the community who benefitted in the past.

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Our main focus for 2020 will still be the registration of the school. We will try to re-open the computer centre and we will continue to train our teachers and young people from the Jacksonsdrift community.

In the name of the board of Lerato, our children and staff I would like to express our greatest thanks for the support we received from all our supporters in 2019.



Lerato is now in existence for over 20 years and those who have been with us for all these years have seen the huge progress we made. Not only in numbers – we started with a few children in the year 2000 and now reach more than 500 children. We have also been able to develop a strong board of management, well trained staff and an excellent relationship with the community.

This has enabled us to not only overcome the many obstacles we face on a daily base. We are also very proud that Lerato children get a better start in life through great education, opportunities to play and learn and never go hungry.



Lerato is still not state-funded and relies entirely on donations from the public. None of this would have happened without the support of many individuals and groups who support Lerato and many have done so for a long time.

Ishwar, please, convey our biggest thanks to your whole team. We want to particularly thank you personally for organising and co-ordinating the support we received from your group. Thank you for always listening to our needs and keeping our children in your heart.

Your quote from Ghandi expresses your life philosophy very well ... and the Charity Golf Day was a nice way to meet many people with open hearts.

I know that you are very humble in your doings, but If you and your group would like to be mentioned on the website and facebook, please, send me a few photos and lines that I post ...

Thank You very much!

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Bruno Pauly, chairperson & the whole team



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Lerato has been exempt from tax and is registered with SARS as a non-profitable organisation. As such we are entitled to issue Section 18 A certificates to our donors where appropriate. Please, contact me if you or your company requires one.

We welcome any funding that can be used for salaries, meals and maintenance.