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### **2019 annual report**

The Three2Six 2019 Annual Report was released in July this year. The report showcases the successes we have achieved over the last year and the challenges we've faced. The report provides all the facts, figures and information about our project in 2019, insight from our past learners and partners and information around our fundraising efforts.

Despite the difficulties faced in 2020, we are growing in many ways. Here is the link to the report:

<http://www.three2six.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Three2Six-2019-annual-report-.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1gCO3NkNBo-QarqR-iHBj2Oo60OrVUg2LIVm45uh7vGbDOpSFaz1LCJho>

**...let me find my humanity,  
right here next to you...**

**THREE2SIX**  
**Annual Report 2019**

This month, we felt particularly blessed as we received many donations from various donors. These reached our families who were very grateful as they remain in real need of humanitarian assistance during the current crisis.

### Partnership with CoRMSA



In July, the project partnered with the Consortium for Refugee and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA) for their COVID-19 and lockdown humanitarian assistance. After having assessed some of our most vulnerable families, support was provided to them mostly in the form of food aid which was the most dire need among the community. Our families received the food parcels at the end of July, which also included hygiene items.

Thank you so much to CoRMSA for their support of our families.

### Mandela day donations and NOAH CAN donations



The Norwood, Orange Grove and Houghton (NOAH) CAN kindly donated soup and loaves of bread to our children as their act of kindness for Mandela Day. In addition, a team of CAN members got together to make sandwiches for our learners and teachers. Following Mandela Day, the group also distributed fruit packs to our children. This allows for volunteers to donate and still ensure there are no concerns around food preparation, especially given the current pandemic.

Nutrition is an essential part of a child's development and ability to learn - thank you NOAH CAN for helping us provide!



## Blankets and clothes donations

To keep our children warm during these cold winter days, Maxine Gray and the NGO Imagine Nation donated a blanket to each of our 225 children. They were all very excited to bring them home. This winter has been the coldest on record for four years - we are thankful for the support in keeping our children safe in this weather.

Earlier this month, our community also benefited from donations from an alumna of one of our host schools, Sacred Heart College. Piles of clothes were donated to us which were distributed to the parents of our three campuses.

Thank you so much!



## COVID-19 flyers donations by Obs CAN



Community Action Networks (CAN) are made up of organizations and individuals who try to provide relief and assistance through the year and especially in the face of the spread of COVID. Our local Observatory CAN has dived in to help spread information about COVID and what you can do to prevent the continued transmission of infection. We were fortunate to receive flyers from them to distribute to our families to help them learn more about COVID hygiene, wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing.

## Private donations

We would like to thank our generous donors for their contributions made this month which include Joan Hanly, a donor from Ireland, who has renewed her support to the project. These donations will help us fund our regular activities as well as our COVID related ones.

## Fundraising initiative



The project has started a new exciting partnership with an online second hand shop, My dear Luisa. 50% of all profits will be donated to the project. Michaela Rebelo who is behind this initiative volunteered at the project during its holiday programme in 2019 and had since then been looking at ways to get further involved in the project. Thank you so much for the support.

## JPCCC counselling sessions



In July, the Johannesburg Parent & Child Counselling Centre (JPCCC) hosted counselling sessions for the children of our Sacred Heart College and Holy Family College campuses, to help them understand the COVID situation and to provide them with coping mechanisms. Anxiety around the current pandemic is a very real and scary thing and we want our children to be equipped to manage.

## Three2Six in the media

As part of our drive to create awareness around the project, what we do and how we do it, our team chatted to Health-e News' Kalay Nair. Her team spent some time on our Holy Family College campus on the 28th of July, getting to know our teachers, children and their parents to better understand how the current crisis has affected them.





Following is the link to the article on their visit:

[https://health-e.org.za/2020/08/07/undocumented-migrant-children-unable-to-attend-school/?fbclid=IwAR3rEYG3QVqgl542DRfvKiHEK5f6\\_OBq39MtEXPh2VjVSbjG3JBK4qSKoc4](https://health-e.org.za/2020/08/07/undocumented-migrant-children-unable-to-attend-school/?fbclid=IwAR3rEYG3QVqgl542DRfvKiHEK5f6_OBq39MtEXPh2VjVSbjG3JBK4qSKoc4)

And here are the links to two videos filmed on this occasion if you would like to find out more:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-6DB7-IRPI&fbclid=IwAR0mQnO1ijWjX4qk8t1EBimDyGIWKOJvdUmzTTPmGB7\\_kiXRmaZs55pNk5o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-6DB7-IRPI&fbclid=IwAR0mQnO1ijWjX4qk8t1EBimDyGIWKOJvdUmzTTPmGB7_kiXRmaZs55pNk5o)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgjpjicDf2M0&fbclid=IwAR0r3-ggDepmx1NLctwLxS0ufuGQ2RjK1DuZGcLtQ1DDzcNIO-Yz-VxUeo8>

This month, Three2Six also featured on the Champagnat blog. Our director, Mark Potterton, penned an insightful piece on how we have operated through the lockdown and what our project has done for our children who have had to adapt to different learning circumstances under lockdown.

(<https://champagnat.org/mundo-marista/three2six-project-operates-through-the-lockdown/?fbclid=IwAR1Io1unOt4nv62CRYIE2HAefDYCGcOk20hrpMwf6C-BZoQeX01PtaEmQZ8>)

The project is always trying to increase its reach. Please do not hesitate to email us if you have any relevant contacts that we can connect with ([communication@three2six.co.za](mailto:communication@three2six.co.za)).

### Staff update



At the end of the month, our research intern, Katja Korhonen, left the project after completing her new research project for Three2Six. She had joined the team again in September 2019 to conduct a research project that looked into school-based violence among the Three2Six learners. Stay tuned for more information on it.

We wish you all the best Katja and come visit us soon!

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