

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to reflect on SPD – matters for 2010-2011.

Gauteng-North Services to People with Disabilities (SPD) has a proud and long standing history serving our disabled people with excellence and distinction. Our services are vast, comprehensive and specialised and cover the following needs:

- Childcare
- Education
- Rehabilitation
- Housing and Care
- Training and Development
- Arts and Crafts (Artista)
- Human Rights
- Service Consumers

SPD is still a non-profitable organization, funded largely through funders, donors, the general public and the Department of Health and Social Development. The ongoing efforts of staff members to explore all opportunities to raise funds are commendable and much appreciated. Our challenge is to find sustainable income, even in difficult financial times. The EXCO is currently investigating various options in this regard.

Internal personal growth plans have been implemented and several staff members have benefitted through empowerment and skills training. We are now reaping the fruit from these capacity building efforts. Six persons with disabilities also commenced computer training.

The enhancement of mobility receives regular attention and several persons could be mobilised/assisted. We also render an advocacy service to adapt the workplace environment (access, toilet facilities, general adaptations etc.) to ensure a safe and more user friendly environment for people with their special needs.

SPD has also undergone a very successful audit from PKF Auditors, as appointed by The Auditor General, to audit NGO'S nationally. They commended SPD on thorough and meticulous recording, filing and documentation.

Our Director's personal touch, approach and diligence is also to be commended. Through her experience, contacts and endless efforts to enhance the world of our disabled people, she not only brings stature to SPD but also dignity. The day to day running of SPD matters are in good hands. Thank you dr. Botha!

It is with regret though that I need to point out that matters with entities on the premises have not yet been resolved and had to be handed over to legal advisors.

The core services which has been running since 1941, has developed into a complex structure with many divisions / services and also on a much more professional level , compared to the humble beginnings almost 75 years ago!

We are positioning ourselves to take up the noble challenge to deliver excellent Service to our People with Disabilities in Gauteng North, still for years to come.

I would like to express a word of special and sincere gratitude to committed and diligent staff members, for a job well done!

### Mr. J.N Stapelberg: Chairperson



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