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EMPOWERING CHILDREN.
105 1ST AVENUE, RONDEBOSCH EAST, CAPE TOWN





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CHILDREN OF LIGHT EDUCARE

Children of Light Educare is a registered Trust (Trust No. IT20863/2014), Non-Profit Organisation (NPO No. 149-100), Public Benefit Organisation (PBO No. 930080014), and is registered with the Western Cape Education Department (WCED No. C21892/J217).

OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS



Executive Summary

Children of Light Educare provided education and holistic support to 20 children, with 18 graduates during the reporting period.

The organisation has 8 staff members as COLT transitions from a volunteer-based structure towards the appointment of formal staff. In addition to the educare programme, social care and health support were also offered to children and families.

A key funding highlight is that the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) is now providing funding support to the organisation. COLT has also undertaken various improvements to the school and maintained compliance with requirements related to the school vehicle.



Organisational Overview



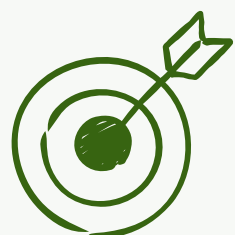
ABOUT COLT

- Early childhood development centre dedicated to providing free, quality, holistic education to children
- Serving three impoverished communities in Athlone and Lansdowne, Cape Town
- Opened its doors in October 2017



VISION

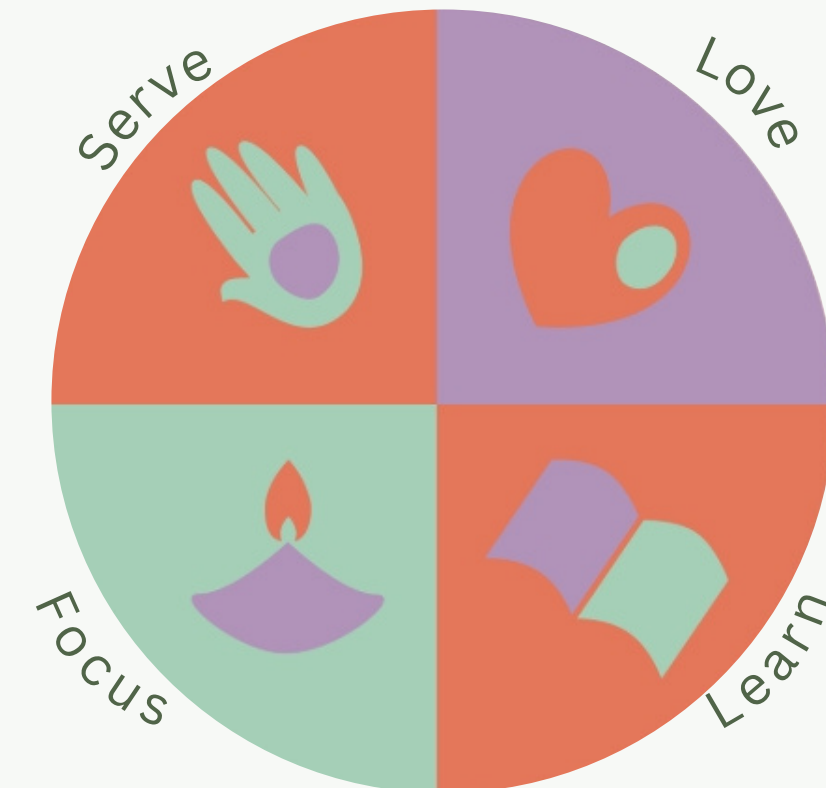
Integral Education that nurtures the innate divinity and potential of children.



MISSION

To provide education that focuses on the physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual development of children by establishing independent early childhood development centres based on the principles of Integral Yoga.

THE CORE VALUES THAT FORM THE FOUNDATION OF COLT ARE:



OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Ensuring the growth and development of children by implementing high-quality outcomes-based education.
2. Promoting social inclusion
3. Building an effective and efficient organisation responsive to the needs of children and youth
4. Ensuring sustainability of COLTs operations
5. Researching the impact of COLT curriculum on vulnerable and traumatized children.



Human Resources Update

Board of Trustees:
Mala Makan - Principal and Managing Trustee
Marchelle Whitebread - Treasurer
Volker Wolf - Spiritual Head

Administrator - Laetitia Paulsen

Teachers - Juliet Mabhawuwah,
Jenine Koopman, Ntombie
Nkompe

Cleaner/Cook/Class Assistant -
Ntombizinani Bhukwana

Driver - Stephen Kay

Fundraising and Marketing Officer - Wendy Witten

New Appointments

- **Driver:** Stephen Kay was appointed
- **Class Assistant for Daisy Class:** Jenine Koopman was appointed
- **Cleaner/Cook/Class Assistant:** Ntombizinani Bhukwana was appointed
- **Administrator:** Laetitia Paulsen was appointed
- **Fundraising and Marketing Officer:** Wendy Witten was appointed

Staff Training

Integral Yoga

- Swami Vidyananda conducted philosophy sessions focusing on Raja Yoga.
- Hatha Yoga classes were presented by Swami Parvathiananda and teachers from Ananda Kutir Ashrama.

Wendy Witten attended:

- Think Good – a workshop on the latest trends in fundraising and marketing for NPOs, focusing on capacity building and sustainability.

All staff:

- Deepened their understanding of Waldorf pedagogy and themes, while engaging in personal development through artistic processes facilitated by Mary G-Hauptle.

- Appointed and managed staff in line with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, Employment Equity Act and Labour Relations Act
- Registered 6 staff with the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF)



Educare Programme

Our Approach

A holistic, child-centred approach that integrates the National Curriculum Framework with the Waldorf Education pedagogy, guided by the philosophy and practices of Integral Yoga.

Weekly Rhythm:

- Gardening
- Art
- Walks to the Park
- Baking
- Creative Arts
- Sewing

Outings:

- Visit to Little Stream, Constantia
- A train trip to St James Beach
- Walks along the Alphen Trail
- Intaka Island
- Rosebank house in Rosebank - Old Age Home

Festivals:

- Autumn
- Winter
- Advent
- Christmas

Special Events:

- Sports Day with LKRS ECD centres
- Graduation Ceremony
- COLT 8th Birthday Celebration

Our Classes

Class (Age Group)	Number of Children	Focus Areas	Teachers
Daisy Class (3 to 4 years)	6	Focus on rhythm, routine, movement and free play.	Teacher Mala and Teacher Jenine
Sunflower Class (4 to 5 years)	14	Focus on rhythm, connecting with nature, seasons, sensory and movement development	Teacher Juliet and Teacher Ntombi

Youth Programme:

- 87 past children
- 14 part of monthly Youth Yoga Programme

New Admissions: 18 new students enrolled for 2026

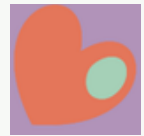


Operations Update

Building Maintenance and Improvements:



Sunflower Class Roof Upgrade by Covertile Roofing



Installation of laminate flooring in the Sunflower Classroom by Starling Blinds



Purchase and installation of a storage unit



Upgrade of the front play area

Transport and Vehicle Management:

The COLT vehicle remained operational and compliant throughout the reporting period and continued to support the safe transport of children and programme activities.





Social and Health Care

Social Care Support Included:



6 abuse and neglect interventions



18 Grade R School application assistance



6 Birth certificate applications



2 Counselling referrals



1 foster care liaison and family relocation support

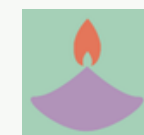
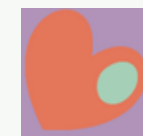
Parent Engagement: Held quarterly parent-teacher training sessions

Healthcare Support:

- Free dental services offered twice per term by Dr Bhavnesh Ramjee
- Occupational Therapy support by UWC Students
- Red-Cross Developmental clinic referrals

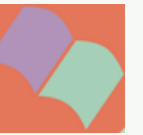
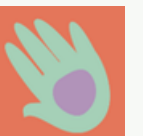
Nutrition Support:

- Food and Nutrition Impact study conducted
- Quarterly food parcels given to 20 families
- Monthly parcels to 14 youth
- Bread Distribution Programme - from Albany and Nahklistan to be given to 70 families



Food Parcels Contents:

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|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| • Bread | • Sugar | • Peanut Butter |
| • Box Milk | • Salt | • Towels |
| • Oil | • Lentils | • Vegetables |
| • Tea Bags | • Soap | • Clothes |
| • Jam | • Fruit | |



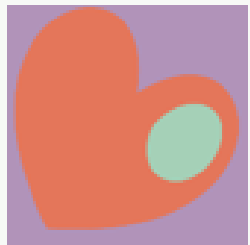


Fundraising and Marketing



Key Focus Areas

- Increased awareness and impact of COLT Educare's work
- Strengthened donor relationships and community engagement
- Expanded fundraising initiatives and supported outreach



Achievements

- Maintained the COLT website and all social media platforms
- Strengthened donor relations through regular communication and acknowledgements
- Managed donor administration, reporting and compliance requirements
- Issued Section 18A tax certificates

Articles in newspapers - The Tatler and People's Post



Fundraising Highlights

- Successful Brunch Fundraiser in August 2025
- Amrut Foundation covered the funds for the Educare upgrade
- Registration and compliance with The Community Chest of the Western

New Funding

- WCED
- DG Murray Trust
- Bill Rawson

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<https://colt.org.za>

MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION
ASK FOR AN 18A RECEIPT



Financials

	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total Assets	443 097	491 476	357 415	347 317
Total Equity and Liabilities	443 097	491 476	357 415	347 317
Revenue	809 591	847 614	582 447	345 378
Operating Expenses	857 191	716 862	572 349	470 185
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	-47 000	130 752	10 098	-124 807

 REVENUE	2025	2024	2023	2022
Donation income	568 610	832 552	534 783	340 772
Fundraising income	74 150	–	44 835	–
Interest income	13 183	15 062	2 829	4 606
Grant funding	153 648	–	–	–
Total	809 591	847 614	582 447	345 378

 OPERATING EXPENSES	2025	2024	2023	2022
Employee costs	491 411	330 107	242 131	186 267
Motor Vehicle expenses	40 866	69 311	44 787	31 193
Accounting fees	28 750	32 775	52 483	25 896
Repairing and Maintenance	29 731	23 050	48 442	10 595
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