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Annual General Meeting to be held at Beacon Church on 7 August 2018.

1. Chairman's Report

JumpStart experienced a slow but steady progress towards the analysis and implementation of initiatives aimed to alleviate various forms of disadvantage in our town and region.

The past year has seen the completion of administrative, legal processes and full implementation of the Math Tutoring program from just being a Pilot Program. This was characterized by a growing relationship between JumpStart and Langebaan Primary School and this was evident in attending the Annual Prize Giving Ceremony at end of 2017 as well as the 2018 Parent Evening. We believe that mutual responsibility for this relationship will play a pivotal role in the future to see various disadvantages in our community alleviated. The other initiatives such as quilting and needlework continued with the prospect of greater community impact. The expansion of dual purpose facilities at the premises of Beacon Church creates more opportunities for existing and new initiatives.

On a strategic level there are much room for collaboration between the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to guide and facilitate increased awareness and involvement from the Beacon Church Community, as well as the prospect of other local churches and the local business community. God graciously calls us to a dynamic partnership with Him and with each other as gifted and complementing members of the body of Christ. JumpStart was conceived and birthed from within the local church, and we believe that the local church and the message it carries are the hope of the world.

2. Financial Review

- 2.1. Annual financial statements for the 12 months end 28 February 2018 were issued, reviewed and accepted on 18 June 2018.
- 2.2. The monthly contribution of R5000 from Beacon Church continues and the amount of R60 000 were received for the period March 2017 – February 2018.
- 2.3. Individual donations to the value of R77 500 were received for the period March 2017 – February 2018. Article 18A certificates were issued to each donor.
- 2.4. The bank balance as at 28 February 2018 was R116 326.
- 2.5. The Loan account is inactive from March 2018 with a balance of R194 256 with no repayment terms set at this time, not interest bearing and could at a future date be written off completely.
- 2.6. The financials are available on the JumpStart Website. (www.jumpstart.net.za)

3. Successful Initiatives during 2017 - 2018

3.1. Needlework

3.1.1. Hand-Quilting

A group of five women meet weekly for Bible study and friendship while learning the skill of hand quilting and creating beautiful items from donated scrap material. In partnership with a West Coast non-profit organization, Siyabonga Care village, a weekly morning outreach is held at the Siyabonga women's safehouse where women are ministered to through the skill of quilting.

3.1.2. Machine-Quilting

A group of four women meet weekly to learn the skill of machine quilting with the aim to create beautiful quilts to be donated to children's homes within the West Coast.

3.1.3. **Knitting**

Volunteers from Beacon Church completed 58 sets of Beanie and Mitten kits for babies, children and adults and were distributed during the winter of 2018. We hope to receive more donated wool to run this project again next autumn.

3.1.4. **Sewing**

Volunteers from Beacon Church prepared Tracksuit and Pajama (boys and girls 3months to 10 years old) sewing kits from donated material. To date 20 completed tracksuits received, 15 tracksuits ready to sew, 25 pajama kits are still available. These will be donated to children in need as identified by social workers from Badisa Social Services and Siyabonga Care Village.

3.2. **Afternoon Tutoring**

3.2.1. **Mathematics**

The Math tutoring has been the core initiative of JumpStart. A dedicated team of volunteers from within and without Beacon Church work in partnership with Langebaan Primary school. They assist 130 learners from Grade 4 - 7 with mathematics. Using tablets with the CAMI software, which is accredited and aligned to the school curriculum enables the tutors to reinforce the fundamental mathematical work done in class. Weekly hour sessions during the school term starts by sharing a 15 minute gospel message and giving practical life application from the message. Each learner also received their own personal Bible. As the initiative and technology improve we envisaged that Individual Progress Reports will further assist in relevant feedback, ie, identify individual problem areas.

3.2.2. **Reading**

The hour prior to the grade 5 math tutoring, 30 grade 5 learners have the opportunity to sit and read in small groups under the guidance of volunteers. The focus is on reading, pronunciation and comprehension. The reading initiative has potential to grow and reach more learners.

3.3. **SALT - Senior Adults Living Triumphantly**

Senior participants gather once a term for support and encouragements while enjoying a skills activity or guest speaker over a cup of tea and cake.

4. **Initiatives under review 2018 - 2019**

4.1. **Holiday Club**

Our heart to make a real difference and have a lasting impact in children's lives, the Holiday Club is under review and we are redefining objections and programmes. We aim to host age appropriate holiday programmes targeting smaller groups of children following a suitable curriculum. Hence, we have not presented any holiday programmes during the past year.

4.2. **Vegetable Gardens**

Due to various obstacles and circumstances the initiative aims to start in due course. The Training Area is ready, and we aim to train 20 participants in creating a home vegetable garden.

5. **Future Initiatives**

5.1. **BrightStar**

Life skills training to facilitate growth and insight to empower participants in living significant lives filled with compassion, integrity, excellence, fun and continuous growth! The programme will focus on youth and young adults in three modules in a safe environment to grow as individuals, building relationships and leadership. SAQA Accredited programme, qualified facilitator and programme manager.

5.2. Mom & Baby Wellness

In support to the local clinic babies will be monitored for healthy growth during their first thousand days of life. Currently it is not effectively being achieved due to capacity and resources restrictions. This will allow access to young mothers to share information on health and life orientation issues and address poverty alleviation by educating mothers. The success of this future possible initiative is reliant on the availability of a qualified doctor to lead the programme with trained volunteers in direct partnership with the clinic and Department of Health.

6. Directors and Executive Committee Members reappointment

The Board of Directors:

Theo Reynolds - reappointed
Wouter Oosthuizen - reappointed
Adriaan van den Berg - resigned June '18
Mark Maynard - appointed June '18

Executive Committee Members

Theo Reynolds (Representing the Board of Directors)
Albert van Dyk - reappointed
Rob Flynn - reappointed
Allison Abrahams - reappointed
Petri vd Merwe - resigned July '18

7. Acknowledgement of our Donors and Sponsors

We thank Beacon Church for their continued financial support. We thank individuals who contributed to the financial resources. We thank individuals who contributed through donations in various forms. All of which would not be possible without your heart for investing in people's lives.

8. Thank you to our volunteers

Our most valuable support system are our volunteers! We thank our members and friends of Beacon Church who gave freely from their hearts... their time, talents and love.

We are dedicated to see social injustice addressed from the only perspective we believe will bring lasting fruit, and that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In keeping the Gospel as foundation and driving force we believe the Initiatives of JumpStart will uplift, educate and empower.