

Changing Lives
**with the
gift of hearing**



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2024
Annual Report

**“I believe that if I can, I can help show the world
that there is no limit to what deaf children can do.”**

Marlee Matlin



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2024

A year of hope



Our God-given
"To make a
in Deaf Edu

From the Chairman

Reflecting on 2024

As we look back on another impactful year, our hearts are filled with profound gratitude. The generosity of our donors has once again enabled us to change countless children and adult's lives by giving them the gift of hearing and thereby transforming their worlds.

The gift of hearing allows the deaf to participate more fully in conversations, thrive in educational settings, and navigate life with greater independence. With hearing comes the chance for personal growth, social inclusion, and the ability to dream bigger than ever before.

We are sincerely grateful for every contribution that has made our life-changing work possible. Your continued support empowers us not only to change lives but also to transform families.

Warm regards,

Jan Grobbelaar
Chairperson



The Foundation started in 1997 with a God-given vision * to make a difference in deaf education. Through the Foundation for Children with Hearing Loss in SA, the Euplex schools came to life.

Eduplex is an inclusive mainstream school where deaf children learn alongside their friends with normal hearing – without using sign language.



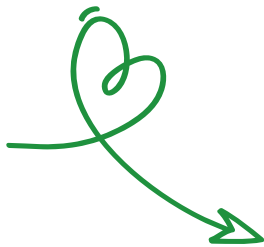
*The vision was originally given to the founder, Nico Van der Merwe in 1992 and the Foundation was formed in 1997.

Our Vision & Mission

Over the years

Our vision has expanded over the years to also help families in need by raising funds to cover the expensive costs of cochlear implants, hearing aids, and school fees.

A school bursary allows a deaf, underprivileged, child to also experience high-quality, inclusive education at Eduplex - a model for inclusive education internationally.



*"The smallest act
of kindness is worth
more than the
grandest intention."*

Oscar Wilde

Foundation Operations

Non-Profit

Inclusive
Education

Active
Fundraising

Training

Eduplex Schools



Cochlear
Implants



Eduplex Training
Institute



Parent Guidance
& Cochlear
Implant Support



Eduplex School
Bursaries



Professional,
Student & Parent
Training



“Eduplex has become our family in all aspects of life. I now have a son who hears, speaks, writes, and reads thanks to your vision. I am grateful for your dedication & hard work that you invested not only in my child’s future, but in so many other deaf children’s lives.”

Maureen Mofokeng - Marumo Makgatho's mother



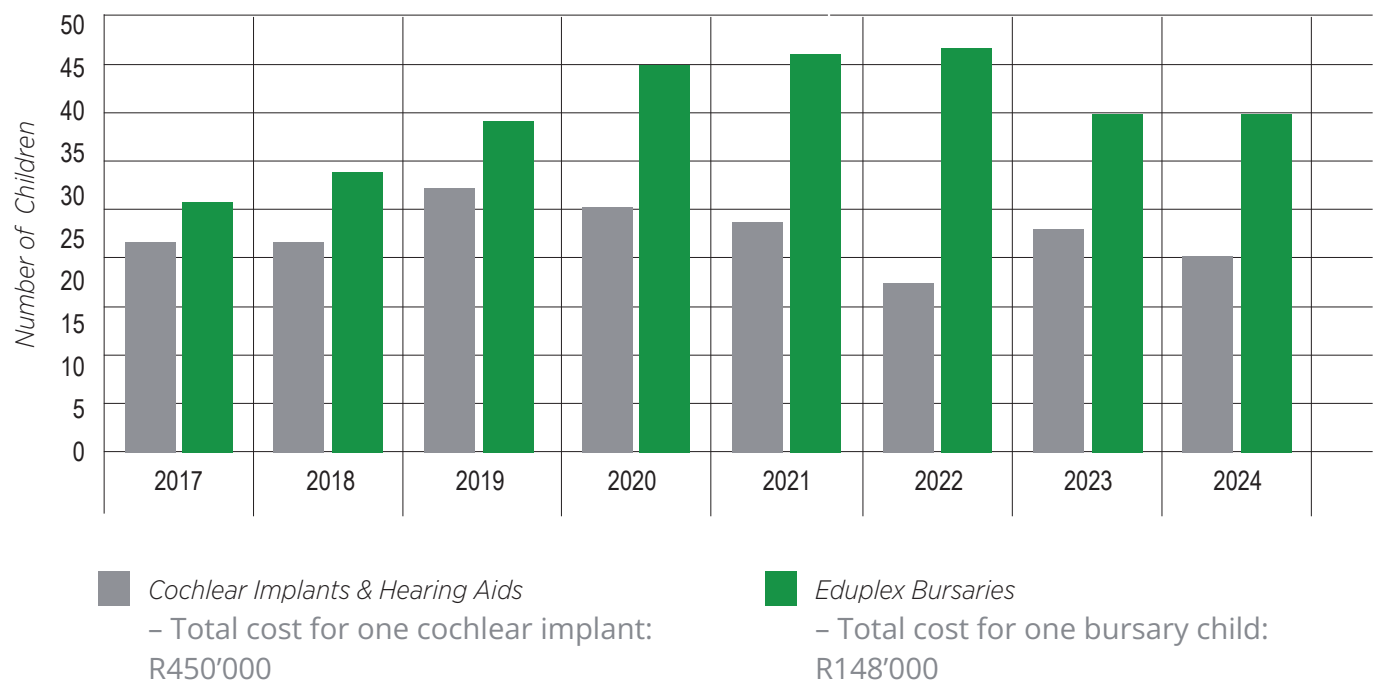
Our work in action

Our work has only been possible due to the generosity of our donors.

Thanks to our donor support over the past 28 years, we've been able to provide the gift of hearing through cochlear implants and hearing aids, cover school fees, and offer deaf children access to world-class education—enabling them to fully participate in society at large.



Our impact since 2017





“The cochlear implant has brought hope and joy into our family’s life. Letlotlo’s progress since receiving the implant has been nothing short of amazing.

She can now vocalise words, including ‘mama’ and ‘daddy,’ which fills our hearts with so much happiness!

We are deeply thankful to the generous donor who made this life-changing surgery possible!”

Vincent Marakalala – Father of CI recipient, Letlotlo



Thanks to you we can hear!

Cochlear implants

Adults

Dirk Nortje, Linda Snyman, Marius Espach,
Simangele Dlamini

Children

Achumile Mama , Chermelle Maasdorp, Ditiro
Segola, Kganya Molefe, Leah Strydom, Lindo
Buthelezi, Mosa Kgaphola, Morei Lewele,
Mukhethwa Mulaudzi, Nkanyiso Diago,
Onalenna Mokwena, Onteboge Ngobeni,
Rebaone Masigo, Simesihle Thwala, Wikus
Brits, Jordan Burger & Kiara Lee, Linne
Koekemoer & Izabella Ristow

Cochlear Implant Video

-Sounds of joy with the gift of hearing
Scan the QR code:



Dirk Nortje



Linda Snyman



Marius Espach



Simangele Dlamini



Thanks to you
we can hear!

Lindo Buthelezi



Achumile Mama



Kganya Molefe



Mosa Kgaphola



Chermelle Maasdorp



Leah Strydom



Morei Lewele



Ditiro Segola



Linné Koekemoer





Mukhethwa Mulaudzi



Nkanyiso Diago



Onalenna Mokwena



Onteboge Ngobeni

Rebaone Masigo



Kiara Lee



Jordan Burger



Simesihle Thwala

Wikus Brits



Izabella Ristow

*"Thanks to you,
little ears can hear big dreams."*

Mia le Roux, Miss SA

Mia le Roux, Miss SA, shares in the joy when a young girl, Chermelle Maasdorp, hears sound for the first time.



2024 Highlights & Achievements

Cochlear Implants

1.

Mia le Roux, Miss SA

was present to witness the life-changing moment when our young patient, Chermelle Maasdorp's cochlear implant was activated. As someone who went through the same journey, Mia's presence made the day even more special.

Watch the unforgettable moment that brought smiles and tears!

**Follow the link
or Scan the QR code:**



<https://qr-codes.io/G1gmsz>

2.

Live on Groot FM

International month for deaf people was celebrated with a magical highlight when we reached our funding goal for two babies' cochlear implant surgeries. The surprise announcement by the donors, live on the radio, made it even more special.

Listen to the heartwarming interview here!

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or Scan the QR code:**



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3.

Live on GrootOntbyt

After a major fundraising initiative and support from our incredible donors, 14-year-old Chermelle finally received her cochlear implant, the start of a brand-new future!

Hope, help, and heart! Watch her story here:

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or Scan the QR code:**



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4.

Live on E-nuus

Two young cochlear implant recipients who are hearing the world for the first time. Thanks to the generous support received from donors, the Foundation raised the necessary funds in just three months. We were honoured to share this unforgettable moment with their families.

WATCH: Wikus (2) and Leah (1) experience the gift of hearing!

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or Scan the QR code:**



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EDUPLEX

Where deaf students thrive alongside their friends with normal hearing, without using sign language.



2024 Highlights & Achievements

Eduplex

*Established in 2002

5.

Celebrating World Hearing Day

On World Hearing Day, we focused on educating our children about the importance of hearing conservation and the challenges faced by deaf individuals. Aphiwe Mbewu, a grade 12 student with profound hearing loss, shared how Eduplex helped her integrate fully into the hearing world.



6.

The Mayor of Tshwane

Cilliers Brink, visited the Eduplex and addressed the learners.



7.

Visit from International donors

Since the Foundation's inception, donors – the Suters and Susy Thaler, have supported us. Their generosity ultimately led to the establishment of Eduplex 10 years later.

8.

100% pass rate

100% pass rate for the 9th consecutive year. True to the school's vision, all three deaf Grade 12 learners passed with university admission.

*When I see places like this...
I know that everything is right in South Africa".*

Cilliers Brink

Amogelang Godwin

"A testimony of God's grace! Supported academically, nurtured in faith and love, and surrounded by people who truly believe in his potential!"

Ursula Godwin, mother of Amogelang Godwin, 3 years old



Testimony

The Gift of an Eduplex Bursary

Having Amogelang receive a bursary to attend Eduplex is nothing short of a miracle and a testimony of God's grace! It has been a life-changing blessing for our family. As a mother of a child with hearing loss, I know firsthand the challenges of ensuring he has access to the right support and opportunities. Eduplex is more than just a school, it is a place where children like Amo are not only included but truly understood and empowered!

Since joining the Eduplex family, I have seen incredible growth in his confidence, speech, and overall development. The dedication of the teachers, therapists, and support staff is unmatched! The love and care they pour into their work gives me so much hope for Amo's future.

This bursary is not just financial assistance; it is a divine opportunity for Amo to thrive in an environment where he is supported academically, nurtured in faith and love, and surrounded by people who truly believe in his potential! I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and for the generosity of those who make it possible.

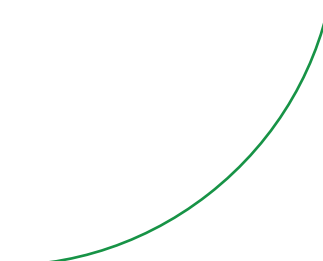
Philippians 4:19 says' *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*

This bursary is definitely proof of that promise. Thank you so much donors & Eduplex, for being God's instrument in Amo's journey, a beacon of hope, and a place where children like Amo can shine!

With love and gratitude,

Ursula Godwin

Mother of Amogelang Godwin, 3 years old



**“The future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams.”**

— Eleanor Roosevelt



Appreciation

Looking back at the many incredible moments that shaped our year

Another year has passed, and once again, I stand in awe as I look back at all the incredible moments. Each story of restored hearing shows the huge difference we make together.

A big thank you to all our donors for your kindness and belief in our mission. It's an honour to work with you, and I'm truly grateful to be part of this life-changing journey, *bringing the gift of hearing to so many.*



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**“KINDNESS in words creates confidence,
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in GIVING, creates love”**

Lao Tzu



Governance

Board of Directors

Mr J Grobbelaar (Chairperson)
Mr D Mbokane
Mr N van der Merwe Jnr
Mr P van Deventer
Mr N van der Merwe Snr (Founder)

• Association incorporated under Section 21:
1997/010956/08

• Non-profit Organisation:
030-787NPO

• Public Benefit Organisation:
930005868

• Tax clearance Status: Compliant, Good Standing.
(PIN on request)

• B-BBEE Status: LEVEL 1, Procurement Recognition
135%, 75% Black Beneficiaries

On Request

- Governance certificates
- Audited financial statements
- Section 18 A tax certificate
- Proof of bank details
- Tax compliance pin & verification



Snap here to pay

**“What you are
doing here,
is changing
tragedy into
triumph”**

Nelson Mandela
Opening of the Eduplex
March 2002. ©





*From challenges to change,
made possible by your generosity.*

Thank you!



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