Clowns Without Borders South Africa is a registered Non Profit Organisation in South Africa (NPO Registration Number 057-149). We are also a member of the Clowns Without Borders International federation.

**Our Vision:**
Children being children again.

**Our Mission:**
Clowns Without Borders enables children and families to play, laugh, and create through the arts.

**Our Values:**
We strive to build relationships based on trust and respect, and a sense of playfulness and creativity.

**Our Target:**
Community based organisations that provide support to children and families affected by crisis.

**Our Beneficiaries:**
Children and families.
OUR CORE PRINCIPLE:

Clowns Without Borders uses arts-based interventions to provide psychosocial support to children and families affected by crisis.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

1. Partner with CBOs who work with children and families.
2. Perform clown and other artistic shows in communities where our partners work.
3. Conduct arts-based programmes with children and families to help improve mental wellbeing and strengthen relationships.
4. Train CBOs to sustain support groups formed during our programmes.

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Honk! Honk!
2016 was an exciting year of growth for Clowns Without Borders South Africa!

Our programmes were implemented in 7 different countries (the DRC, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, South Sudan, South Africa, and Uganda) as well as 5 South African provinces (Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape, and Western Cape).

We reached an unprecedented number of beneficiaries with over 43 performances for 42,579 children and adults. The Our Story Your Story autobiographical storytelling project continued to build bridges across generations by engaging youth, seniors, facilitators, and teachers in Cape Town.

In collaboration with the Universities of Cape Town and Oxford, we finally received promising positive results from the evaluation of our Sinovuyo Caring Families Programmes for Young Children and Adolescents. Thanks in part to CWBSA’s commitment to strong programme delivery and community engagement, both studies showed short and long-term reductions in harsh parenting and improvements in positive parenting for the programmes in comparison to controls.

These exciting results have led to the rapid scale up of the Sinovuyo programmes supporting positive parent-child relationships to reduce violence against children and improve child wellbeing throughout SubSaharan Africa. As a main disseminating and capacity partner of the WHO and UNICEF-led Parenting for Lifelong Health initiative, CWBSA provided technical assistance through consultancies and partnerships with NGOs and governments by training 100s of facilitators, coaches, and trainers to deliver programmes for 100,000 families.

We also happily found more stable office premises in Cape Town and Pietermaritzburg. The increased activity also expanded our annual budget by more than two-fold, thus allowing us to hire a the most amazing team ever assembled to support our artistic and family strengthening initiatives. This includes Jayne Batzofin (Artistic Director), Linda Kaoma (Programme Manager), Anna Booij and Nomagugu Mukadah (PLH Technical Programme Advisors), Barbara Meyer (Programmes Administrator), Ayanda Nyamende (Finance Administrator), as well as our existing team of PLH facilitators (Sibongile Tsoanyane, Andiswa Mgedle, Phatheka Ntsoyiyan, Lizalise Gantsho, and Sipho Mdletshe). Lastly, we welcomed a new addition to the Clowns Without Borders family with the birth of Managing Director Lulu Ngcobo’s most adorable baby boy, Mpilo!

Looking ahead to 2017, Clowns Without Borders will be celebrating 10 years as a registered nonprofit organisation in South Africa. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing collaborations and support from community organisations, nonprofits, academic institutions, government agencies, corporations, and individuals who work with us to achieve our vision of children being children again. We are committed to expanding our programmes while deepening our impact on the lives of vulnerable children and families affected by crisis. We also aim to create more sustainable financial structures so that we can continue to be a spark of laughter and emotional relief for many years to come.

With gratitude, peace, and laughter,
Jamie Lachman, DPhil
Executive Director and Founder
Thank you so much to all of our Partners and Funders for their generosity, without you CWBSA could not implement our work. We cannot thank you enough!

AMPATH Kenya
Amy Biehl Foundation
ASSITEJ South Africa
Catholic Relief Services
Clowns et Magicians Belgium
Clowns Without Borders USA
Hope Soap
Ikamva Labantu
Masithandane Senior Club
National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers
Nelson Mandela International Dialogues
Rand Merchant Bank Fund
Save the Children South Africa
Seven Passes Initiative
South African Department of Social Development
South African National Arts Council
South African National Lotteries Commission
South African San Institute
Team Tarbaby
The Bantwana Initiative
UNICEF South Africa
University of Cape Town
University of Oxford
Youth Net Counselling Malawi
And Individuals Near and Far!
2016 PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

42579 Audience Members
31132 Families
174 Parenting for Lifelong Health Facilitators
98 Parenting for Lifelong Health Trainers
66 Teachers trained
62 Artists trained
43 Performances
22 Local Partners
19 Our Story Your Story Facilitators Trained
10 Projects

Countries:
South Africa, Malawi, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, DRC, Lesotho and Myanmar

South African Provinces:
Eastern Cape, Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape, Gauteng.
ACTIVITIES

• Performance Tours
• Parenting Programmes
• Autobiographical Storytelling
• Facilitator Training
• Youth Empowerment
• Local Artist Development

ISSUES

• Access to arts for marginalised areas and populations
• Building bridges between seniors and youth in communities
• Psychosocial support for vulnerable children and families
• Positive parenting and child wellbeing
• Preventing violence against young children and teens
• HIV/AIDS risk behaviour
• Children with disabilities/ differently abled children

MONITORING & EVALUATION

• Attendance registers and audience numbers
• Feedback, feedback, feedback!
• During programmes/performances
• After programmes/performances
• Children, teachers, principals, partners
• Multimedia (photos, videos, blogs, etc.)
• Qualitative focus groups and interviews
• Pre-Post questionnaires
PERFORMANCE TOURS

Since 2004, Clowns Without Borders South Africa has reached over 450,000 children and adults through performances in communities affected by violence, disease, natural disasters, and poverty. Using physical comedy, music, storytelling, and dance, our performances are offered freely by professional artists from throughout Southern Africa to provide momentary relief to large numbers of children and adults. They help transform places of grief and emotional suffering into celebrations of laughter, joy and hope. We also raise awareness of important issues facing communities relating to the experience of those affected. These include HIV prevention, gender sensitivity, poverty, and nonviolent conflict resolution. Performances are offered in neutral locations such as public schools and community centers to reduce the stigmatization of children who have been impacted by the HIV/AIDS, poverty, and violence.
Location: Eastern Cape, South Africa
Time: 14 Feb - 12 March 2016
About: CWBSA toured the Eastern Cape with a show that addressed themes of hygiene and saving water.
Partners: University of Oxford, Hope Soap
Funders: National Arts Council, Europcar (sponsorship)
Artists: Annabel Morgan, Sibusiso Khambule, Sibusiso Dlamini, Bongekile Mabuya, and Mandla Matsha
Activities: 4 shows, 8 adolescent workshops, 6 animator workshops
Beneficiaries: 17,600 children, teachers and caregivers

“We like that you guys came here. It’s only on TV we see this. It’s beautiful what you guys are doing. We wish you all the best. Please come back again!” - Community member, Sweet Waters community
Location: Malawi


About: Performance tour in collaboration with Clowns et Magicians Sans Frontieres Belgium and a youth artist cultural troupe from Youth Net and Counselling (YONECO). The theme of the show was ‘One one six’ and ‘Five six zero zero’.

Partners: Youth Net and Counselling

Funders: CWBSA and Clowns et Magicians Belgium

Artists: Annabel Morgan, Sibusiso Khambule, Kevin Brooking and Rachel Ponsonby.

Activities: 18 shows, 5 workshops

Beneficiaries: 11 340 children and caregivers

“We learnt a lot, especially about child abuse. Here in Jali, there is a lot of child abuse so it was good that you presented this message. The 116 helpline is helping people” – Community member, Jali

Read blog Here
**ONS IS DIE BESTE**

**Location:** Northern Cape

**Time:** 14 August – 04 September 2016

**About:** Ons is die Beste ("We are the best" translated from Afrikaans) is a show about three clowns inspired by the Olympics who are fighting and completing with each other but getting nowhere as a result. They learn through trial and error that the only way they can succeed is if they work together as a team. We performed at 15 schools, two children centres and two children’s homes in Kimberly.

**Partners:** South African San Institute-SASI

**Funders:** National Lotteries Commission

**Artists:** Sibusiso Khambule, Natalie Robbie, Carlo Daniels and Mandla Matsha

**Activities:** 21 shows

**Beneficiaries:** 10 877 audience members

"The show was excellent, very entertaining. Good message brought across to our learners that EVERYONE is the best."

- Mrs Shazia Gool, teacher from Endeavour Primary School
Location: Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, and Johannesburg, South Africa

Time: August, October, November

About: The key objectives of these 3-day workshops were to empower local artists to become stronger performers and to gain exposure to clowning by training them in basic clowning methodologies.

Funders: National Lotteries Commission

Activities: 3 3-day workshops

Beneficiaries: 44 youth participants

“We had an incredible workshop with lots and lots of fun and laughter. I personally learnt so much from the 3 days, I was with Zip Zap Circus for 13 years and I never knew much about clowns.” - Siyabonga Swelindawo, Juggler & Acrobat
**Location:** Yangon, Sittwe, Minbya

**Time:** 30 Jan - 14 Feb 2016

**About:** Providing psychosocial support to children affected by war in internally displaced camps

**Activities:** Staff training, CFS animators, community mobilisers, township authorities and teachers plus a day of workshops for children

**Funder:** Plan Myanmar

**Beneficiaries:** 124 Plan staff, CFS animators, community mobilisers, township authorities, and children

“Now we have new games and good ways to teach the children and get them to participate in playing. We need to be patient, playful and to have compassion when we approach the children.”

- Community mobilisers, Minbya
**Location:** Western Cape

**About:** OSYS aims to build bridges within and between communities in South Africa through autobiographical storytelling. We work with participants across racial, gender, religious, and generational lines.

OSYS gives voice to the marginalised through the art of personal narrative; increasing community cohesion and promoting positive change in individuals and whole communities.

OSYS engages participants in an interactive storytelling workshop process where they are guided to identify personal narratives, craft them into stories, and share them with each other. The process culminates with public events designed to share these stories with the greater community.

**Partners:** Ikamva Labantu, ASSITEJ, Amy Biehl Foundation, Masithandane Senior Club, Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading, Radio Zibonele, Nelson Mandela International Dialogues and Team Tarbaby
**Funders:** Rand Merchant Bank Fund

**Artists:** Andiswa Mgedle and Ncedo Zide

**Issues:** Dedication and reliability of youth participants, miscommunication at schools, new coordinator and moving office.

**Activities:**
1. Completed our 2nd year of implementation of the Our Story Your Story project using autobiographical storytelling as a means of empowerment and community building.
2. Worked with seniors from one of Ikamva Labantu’s senior club in Khayelitsha as well as youth recruited from ASSITEJ South Africa’s network.
3. Seniors and youth identified and performed autobiographical stories about home and belonging to each other and in the community, and performed them for the wider community.
4. Provided training to youth on how to facilitate storytelling workshops with teachers and learners in schools. This was part of a performance and workshop tour in schools throughout Khayelitsha in partnership with the Amy Biehl Foundation.
5. Partnered with the Nelson Mandela International Dialogues, an international forum that brings activists and storytellers together to share personal, collective and professional challenges facing those engaged in reckoning with the past.

**Beneficiaries:**
- 6 youth artists and 13 seniors participated in the Intercultural Workshop;
- 140 local audience reached during public event;
- 9 independent youth facilitators trained on how to facilitate storytelling workshops;
- 10 Amy Biehl Foundation facilitators trained on how to facilitate storytelling workshops;
- 3 seniors and 8 youth employed during Schools Storytelling Tour;
- 66 educators trained during Schools Storytelling Tour, and
- 2762 learners reached during Schools Storytelling Tour.

“We have this space just for ourselves where we managed to create a small immediate family so quickly in one morning... it’s amazing how we can feel their stories and their empathy like they are with you every step of the way which is so precious – I am really touched to the bones of my being with this experience.” – Mandela Dialogues participant

“When I was on stage performing my story I could not feel it for myself, but then my niece showed me a video which she took of me while performing, I was amazing! I could not believe that it was me who was doing that amazing job. Usually I’m a shy person but now I believe in myself.” – Elder Mam’ Miriam

[Watch video Here]
CWBSA is a core implementing partner of Parenting for Lifelong Health (PLH), an initiative led by individuals from the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Universities of Bangor, Cape Town, Oxford, Reading, and Stellenbosch. PLH is committed to developing and testing a suite of effective, feasible, culturally relevant, and scalable parenting programmes to reduce the risk of violence against children and improve child wellbeing in low- and middle-income countries. As an implementing partner of PLH, CWBSA is responsible for the dissemination of the PLH programmes for families with young children and adolescents aged 2 to 18 years. These interventions were developed in South Africa and are locally known as the Sinovuyo Caring Families Programmes.

Parenting for Lifelong Health for Young Children Ages 2 to 9 (PLH for Kids) and Parenting for Lifelong Health for Parents and Adolescents Ages 10 to 17 (PLH for Teens) aim to reduce the risk of child maltreatment and improve child wellbeing among low-income, vulnerable families in low- and middle-income countries [1, 2]. The programmes are evidence-informed, group-based parenting interventions grounded in collaborative social learning behavioural change techniques. They use non-didactic methods such as group discussions, illustrated vignettes of parent-child interaction, role-plays to practice parenting skills, and home activities assignments to actively engage parents in positive parenting skills and nonviolent discipline approaches. The programmes were also designed to be relevant in contexts with high HIV-prevalence, with an enhanced HIV-version available for the programme for parents and teens. This programme also includes modules around budgeting, risk identification, and conflict management. The programme for younger children also has an adapted version targeting early childhood (1.5 to 5 years).

CWBSA is currently providing technical assistance to partner organisations on the scale-up of the PLH programmes across Africa and East Asia. These multiyear projects focus on building in-country capacity for sustainable implementation by providing training and supervision to frontline community facilitators and trainers. CWBSA also supports partner organisations on developing systems for ongoing implementation and M&E:
South Africa (four provinces): In South Africa, CWBSA supports various implementing partners delivering the Sinovuyo Kids and Teens programmes across four provinces.

- CWBSA is working with the South African Government’s Department of Social Development (DSD) and the National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers (NACCW) to train and coach facilitators and trainers to take PLH for Teens to scale. Currently the programme has been implemented in the Eastern Cape and plans are underway to scale up to other provinces, including the Northern Cape, Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal. (funded by UNICEF South Africa and the Government of South Africa).

- Process data are being collected in the Eastern Cape from parenting groups run by DSD and NACCW (via DSD). Outcome data are collected by means of a pre-post test among participants from the DSD groups, using standardised measures recommended by PLH.

- CWBSA is providing training and coaching for the implementation of both the PLH for Kids and PLH for Teens in rural farming communities in the Western Cape Province in cooperation with the Seven Passes Initiative and the University of Cape Town.

- With support from the University of Cape Town and the Institute for Security Studies, a community-wide study is being conducted on the process and outcomes of PLH Kids and Teens in Touwsranten. Measures that are similar to those recommended by PLH are being used.

- CWBSA is piloting a brief 6-session version of PLH for Kids in collaboration with Oxford University and the University of Cape Town. This version is implemented by the PATCH Child Abuse Centre in the Helderberg area, with funding from the DG Murray Trust.

- With support from Oxford University and the University of Cape Town, the feasibility of this brief programme will be tested through process monitoring and outcome evaluation, by means of a small survey (N=60) and focus group discussions with participants and implementing staff.

Lesotho (country-wide): In Lesotho, CWBSA is working with Catholic Relief Services and 4Children to deliver an HIV-enhanced version of PLH for Teens with a specific focus on families affected by HIV/AIDS to 30,000 beneficiaries throughout 2016 and 2017. CWBSA is providing training and on-the-ground coaching to 25 trainers and 390 facilitators, as well as support on monitoring and evaluation to local implementing partners (funded by USAID DREAMS Initiative). Catholic Relief Services has conducted a baseline without direct input from CWBSA. Attendance data are being gathered. The process tools developed by CWBSA will be considered for the next wave of implementation and scale-up.

Uganda (country-wide): In cooperation with the Bantwana Initiative / World Education, CWBSA is providing training to 30 trainers and 600 facilitators to deliver PLH for Teens to 20,000 families across Uganda by the end of 2017 (funded by USAID DREAMS Initiative).
The Bantwana Initiative is considering the integration of the PLH process and outcome tools into their existing systems. Depending on approval from their funder, a pre-post test that includes a subset of the recommended measures may be an option.

**Uganda (country-wide):** In Uganda, CWBSA is also working with Catholic Relief Services to develop and test a home-based adaptation of the PLH for Teens curriculum to support the reintegration of children from residential care facilities back into their families. CWBSA will train facilitators and trainers to reach 660 families between 2017-2019 (funded by USAID). With input from various PLH researchers, Westat will conduct a randomised controlled trial to test the outcomes of the adapted reintegration parenting curriculum in Uganda (N=600), using similar measures to the ones recommended. PLH will adapt the process tools for data collection in this specific context.

**Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa):** In cooperation with Catholic Relief Services and 4Children, CWBSA has trained 48 facilitators in PLH for Kids and PLH for Teens to reach 3,600 families during Year 1 of implementation. Through certification, training of trainers, and continued coaching, a cadre of French-speaking PLH staff is build up to ensure quality delivery of the programmes through to 2019 (funded by USAID). Catholic Relief Services/4Children conducted a household vulnerability survey and sample baseline, including parenting items. Recommended measures are considered for the pre-post test among new participants.

**South Sudan (Juba):** In cooperation with Catholic Relief Services and 4Children, CWBSA is training 20 facilitators in both PLH for Kids and PLH for Teens to reach 500 families in Juba in 2016-2017. Further up-scaling and delivery will take place between 2017-2019 (funded by USAID). Catholic Relief Services/4Children is conducting a baseline including parenting items, as well as a pre-post test among all participants in the PLH programmes measuring outcomes in the areas of positive parenting and physical discipline. The recommended tools for monitoring implementation are used.

**Kenya (Western Lake Region):** In cooperation with AMPATH Kenya and the Saving Brains Initiative, CWBSA has trained 54 facilitators in an adapted version of PLH for Kids for mothers with children ages 1.5 to 5 years. Delivery will take place through to 2017 with scale-up of the programme in 2018 and 2019. AMPATH is conducting a feasibility study on the adapted version of PLH for Kids. Data collection includes qualitative focus group discussions and interviews with parents and practitioners.
as well as quantitative assessments of parent-child interaction, parenting behaviours, and child behaviour. AMPATH plans to test Malezi Mema in a larger cluster randomised controlled trial in 2018.

**Philippines (Manila):** Together with the Philippine Ambulatory Paediatric Association, Ateneo de Manila University and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, PLH is adapting PLH for Kids to be integrated within the conditional cash transfer system for 4 million families. With funding from the UBS Optimus Foundation and UNICEF Philippines, CWBSA will help train programme facilitators and trainers between 2016 and 2017.

*Researchers from PLH are conducting a feasibility study with 30 families to assess the acceptability of the adapted programme called Masayang Pamilya. The programme will then be tested in a randomized controlled trial study with 120 low-income families in Metro Manila.*
### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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| Accumulated surplus at end of year (includes opening balance) | R266,485 |

**INCOME DISTRIBUTION 2016**
- Consultancies & Partnerships: 34%
- Grants and Individual Donors: 66%

**EXPENDITURE DISTRIBUTION 2016**
- Administration: 21%
- Salaries and Wages: 16%
- Production Costs: 13%
- Travel and Accommodation: 50%