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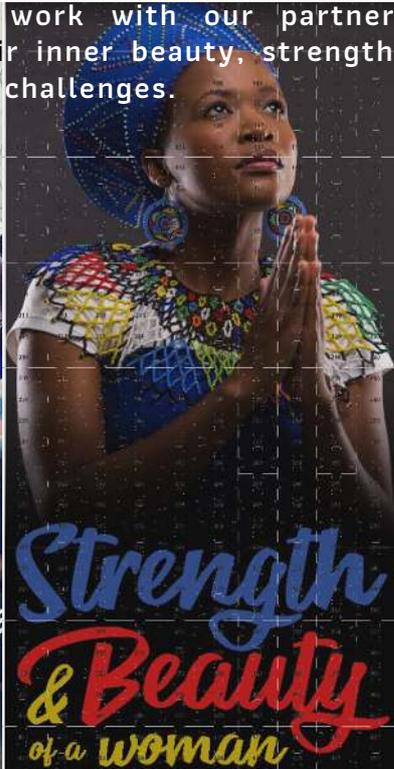
Updates for the Church Alliance for Social Transformation (CAST NGO)



#I AM Empowered

We wish to thank all those who gave so generously to help make a difference in the lives of the young women in our communities this past Christmas.

A total amount of R58 119,93 was raised which will enable up to 250 girls in 5 communities to take part in our ongoing mentorship programmes as well as sports and relationship-building activities this year. Please continue to hold these girls in prayer as we work with our partner churches to develop their inner beauty, strength and faith in the midst of challenges.



OVERVIEW:

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We are excited to bring you the first edition of our quarterly newsletter in 2020!

Watch this space for the latest news, ministry highlights and upcoming events in the CAST Community.

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Ministry Highlights

YES Internship



During the month of December 2019, CAST was blessed with a total of 33 interns sponsored by ABSA Bank Ltd. in partnership with Catalyx

Consulting as a host organization. Our duty was to implement the Youth Employment Service [YES] programme initiated by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Like many young people in our country, many of these interns have tertiary qualifications but have not been able to find full-time employment. This year-long internship aims to assist unemployed South Africans aged 18 - 28 years old in gaining full-time employment in their chosen fields.

Many of the interns selected have previously committed themselves as volunteers in our programmes in the communities and now have the opportunity to make the best use of their time and talents in gaining work experience in the various aspects of the organization.

Each intern was also given a smartphone by Absa with the purpose of providing easy access to their



learning material for work-readiness and ethics through a pre-loaded app.

They will be continually assessed through surveys done throughout the year.

Their energy, enthusiasm and fresh perspective has already brought renewed life to our communities and boosted our capacity to serve. We look forward to helping to develop these young men and women into future leaders with a heart for serving God.



Better Health for our Communities

In partnership with Anglo-American and UKZN, CAST was able to conduct health screenings in 5 communities last year, namely: Kwa-Dabeka, Chesterville, Mariannridge, Noodsberg and Appelsbosch.

294 participants were screened for diabetes [blood glucose], hypertension [blood pressure], malnutrition [mid-upper arm circumference - MUAC], Tuberculosis, cancer [women through Pap smear], HIV and Body Mass Index measured. These tests were done by 11 professional nurses, 14 student doctors from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal as well as 53 trained volunteers.

CAST on its own did not have the capacity and budget to address these needs and was not able to do health screening in any communities had it not been for the funding by Ambassadors for Good project.

We are also grateful to the Lions International team who joined us in Mariannridge to provide optometry services and were able to give referrals for ongoing care.

Our long term goal for the health screening is to train Community Health Workers and conduct these services on a continuous basis for effective results.

Upcoming events

We have many exciting events in store this year! Please diarise the following:



Thursday 30 April

CAST Annual General Meeting [AGM]

Venue: Home Ground Westville Baptist Church
Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Join us for an evening of fellowship [and good food!] as we reflect on what God has done in our communities in 2019. All are welcome, free of charge.

Kindly RSVP to info@cast.org.za by 15 April for catering purposes.

**Thursday 21 May -
Saturday 23 May**

Ibandla Malivuke Church Leaders Conference

Venue: West City Fellowship, Chesterville

After our first successful Ibandla Malivuke Conference in 2018, our next installment will focus on equipping churches to meaningfully engage diversity challenges and youth issues, as well as the most successful approaches to local church-based community transformation.

For more information or early booking, do not hesitate to contact us:

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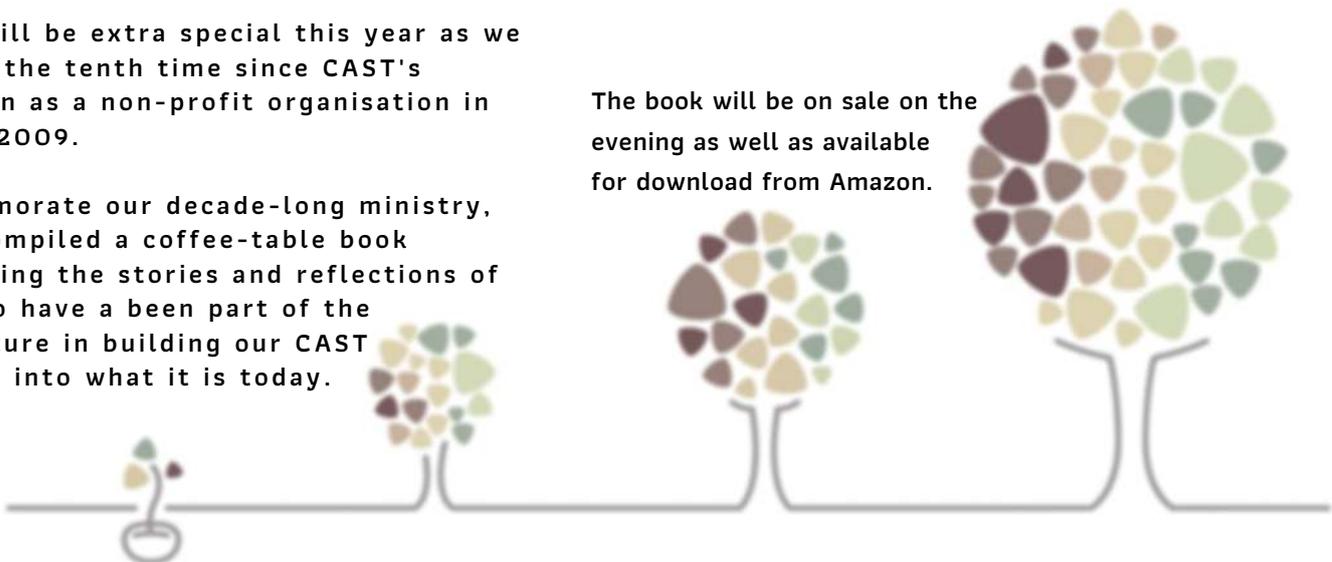
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CELEBRATING A DECADE OF GROWTH

Our AGM will be extra special this year as we gather for the tenth time since CAST's registration as a non-profit organisation in December 2009.

To commemorate our decade-long ministry, we have compiled a coffee-table book encapsulating the stories and reflections of people who have been part of the bigger picture in building our CAST community into what it is today.

The book will be on sale on the evening as well as available for download from Amazon.



Get Involved

[Join the Movement]

Join us in furthering our mission to mobilise and align local churches for the purpose of reaching out with practical compassion to empower, transform and redeem communities.

CAST works in the field of addressing social injustices such as: food insecurity; educational poverty; economic poverty; and a lack of resilience affecting academic achievement, psychosocial behaviour and the physical health of young people.

Our commitment is to assist communities through sustainable community development projects which are made possible by way of purposefully engaging with local church partners and encouraging active participation in their surrounding communities.

Volunteer:

We have many opportunities for giving back to underprivileged communities in our ongoing programmes run in 11 target areas in KZN and Gauteng:

Health & Nutrition

- food parcel & clothing distribution
- health screening

Child & Education Development

- literacy tutoring
- creative arts
- Holiday Club facilitation
- Kids' Ministry teacher

Youth Development

- Resilience Life Orientation facilitation
- sports coaching
- mentorship

Local Economic Development

- business training
- skills development
- entrepreneur mentorship



Pray with us

Please hold our team in prayer as we carry out our work, that we may exemplify Christ as we lead and guide others in seeking God.

Current Needs:

To accommodate our intern staff and grow the capacity of our programming, we would greatly appreciate any donation of the following items:

- Computer equipment [towers, monitors, keyboards, mice] that are in working order and not more than 5 years old.
- Office chairs
- Lockable steel cabinets
- Curtains
- Room dividers
- Sewing machines

All donations will be received at the CAST office [see address below]

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