

NEWSLETTER



A new year and new beginnings!

DEAR READERS, SUPPORTERS
AND FRIENDS..

We are so excited to be presenting our first newsletter to the world. It gives us extreme joy and honour that we can report on all the amazing things that the Lord has been busy with in the lives of our youth. He has been so good and we give Him all of the glory! This year has been a year of new transitions and evolution for Local Motion. We have been exploring our surroundings and the needs of our youth. This lead to fine tuning our projects and focusing our mission, vision and goals to more directly impact the youth in their areas of struggle. Where Local Motion started out, two years ago, as an outreach program that help the youth of our vulnerable communities surrounding George, through surfing, swimming and hiking.

These activities allowed us to see deeper into their lives and struggles and therefore we were able to adjust our programs and strategies to attempt to make a more sustainable and deeper impact. Local Motion has now evolved into a development organisation that focuses on changing the futures of our youth, assisting them with their school work, helping them achieve their dreams, polishing their potential and acting as a bridging agent that seeks opportunities for the youth and helps them to actively pursue better futures and lives. We love to partner with different businesses and organisations to safeguard and motivate our youth to pursue excellence. But don't you worry, we still us surfing, the arts, and hiking as vessels of inspiration and ministry. To show the children Jesus and to connect them to the Father who cultivates their potential. We believe that God has called all of our youth, that He has called us to connect them to Him so that they can be chosen to make a change in their lives and the lives of the people in their surrounding communities. We at Local Motion, are raising world changers! Our theme this year is 'a time for everything', and our hearts for our kids this year is that they learn that with one step at a time they can ultimately conquer and reach their dreams through Jesus Christ.

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING -

ECC 3:1 - FOR EVERYTHING
THERE IS A SEASON, A TIME FOR
EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER
HEAVEN.

Mission

We want to learn from one another, motivate, guide and help one another through faith, sports, arts and skill development.

Vision

To reach young adults from vulnerable communities, to see them employed or studying, while having a relationship with Jesus and bring heaven on earth within their neighbourhoods
Matthew 6:10



Success stories!

DAYWIN!



One of our biggest desires of the heart of Local motion is to see our youth flourish and practically have their needs met and help them to attain all their practical requirements. This includes being disciplined and prepared for the year, helping them with their college admissions and pushing them to get their drivers licenses. We got to start off our year doing all of the above. Meet Daywin!! He aspires to be an engineer, unfortunately, his grades were just under the requirements for admission into Stellenbosch. This did not stop our team from seeing his potential and seeking other alternatives. Our brother in arms, Bradley Bloem, wrestled and sought alternative measures for Daywin, eventually finding a program run by the university, specifically for students that did not attain the required grades. Sabrina and Bradley drove Daywin all the way to Stellenbosch to register him into this transition program. Unfortunately, Daywin did not make the entry into this program. However, our victory of this week in Stellenbosch was that Daywin got to be spiritually injected, as he was able to attend a special **Shofar** students camp in Stellenbosch, which inspired him and showed him the opportunities that are available to him.

We are so proud of him, and know that he is going places. As soon as he came home from Stellenbosch, he passed his drivers license and got a job!! Go go Daywin!



Volunteer Teams!

We are blessed with an incredible base of volunteer teams that visit our centre on a weekly basis, sharing the gospel, helping with homework and teaching skills.

A big thank you to **Shofar, George**, and their interns, who come to the centre every Monday afternoon. A Thank you to **Ethnos** and their outreach team who come and minister on a Tuesday afternoon, and our team of freelance volunteers who come and bless us with their talents whenever they have time!

We love you guys and could not do Local Motion without you guys.



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BRAD!!

This term we say goodbye to one of our most devout and fiercely loyal volunteers, **Bradley Bloem**. He was around from the start of Local Motion and has been part of every step, supporting every decision. He has ministered too, disciplined, and loved our kids with his whole heart. We are sad to see him go but are very excited about his return. He will be going to America for 9 months. Brad, we will be praying for you and trust that the Lord has His hand on you. Thank you for everything you do. Our kids spent a wonderful beach day with Brad, to say goodbye, they swam, surfed, soaked up the sun, and received the word of the Lord. We love days like these, as they are the perfect environment to create family, and set foundations of love.



LIFE SAVING

We are super excited about the partnership that we have created with the **George fire department**, who have started a community project that forms part of the **Outeniqua lifesaving club**, who teach youth in the community how to become strong swimmers, with the purpose of training them how to become lifesavers. This is a benefit because the boys in our program, whom we have enrolled in this program will be able to soon become employed during the holidays to life save on our beaches!! Our boys have been attending their lessons weekly, and are one step closer to becoming empowered and employed contributors to their societies, who can become a difference to the community around them. Our boys are breaking boundaries. Thank you **Richard**, our boys appreciate you.

Skills development - Leather purse making

Our wonderful friend, **Anna Marie**, the owner of the **Roobea Coffee shop** in George, lent us her special leather-making skills and devoted a full month to teaching our kids how to make leather purses. They had so much fun, even our bus driver **Devon** joined in the fun and make his own purse. She invited our children to her coffee shop, as well as visit our centre once a week. We are so grateful. We also took this opportunity, once the purses were finished, to teach the children about the parable of the talents, where we gave the kids the option to keep their purses or to make a profit from them and sell it. We are moving forward in teaching our kids entrepreneurship.

TRANSPORT

Another important member of our team is Devon from Prince transport. He is our humble and loving driver. Local Motion sought a reliable driving service that would be safe and comfortable for our children, and we found that in our new friend Devon. He fetches the children from school every day, brings them to that centre, and takes them home. We also hire him for Thursday night youth transporting and for outings and special events. Thank you for your warm heart to our kids Devon, we appreciate you.



Homework and extra lessons

Some of our kids practical needs help with their homework and studying for their exams. Unfortunately, we work with children who are surrounded by chaos and broken homes, making studying very difficult. They need help, patience, and time. We have been so blessed with amazing and willing volunteers who have spent time helping and explaining difficult concepts. Just recently, our director, **Des-lie Van Wyk** and his church team at **Unite180**, came and gave our kids a crash course in Maths. We already have a testimony of one of our kids grades increasing because of these lessons.

Thanks guys!





Food

Two very important needs that we have at Local Motion are food and transport. We believe that nutrition is a very important aspect in terms of being successful and able. We reached out to a strong pillar in the community of Parkdene, to help us to make the food for our afternoon programs, and gosh, she can cook. Her name is **Lorna Jones**, and as we affectionately call her, 'Tannie Lorna.



CAREER DAY!!

It became obvious to us that in order to inspire our kids to make the best of their lives, we needed to introduce them to the possibilities that are available to them. For the last term, Monday afternoons have been career day. We have had the most inspiring visitors and have made the coolest field trips to different locations. Our kids have been hosted by the **George fire department**, the **SPCA** as well as a visit from **Ms. Linda Geweld**, the Matron at the **Harry Comay TB Hospital**. We are pumped to invite more professionals and inspiring individuals to come and speak life into the lives of our youth in the new term. Please contact us if you feel led to come to inspire or if you know anyone with an awesome career who can come and educate our youth on the possibilities out there for them.



Camp time!!

It is the end of a term and it was time to celebrate our first camp together as a team, and for many of our kids, the first camp that they had ever been on. We partnered with our friends **Sally Versfeld from Usapho Indlu** and **Pearly Lewis at Shydac Ministries**, who sent some of their youth in their ministry to the camp. Our youth were so excited to meet new friends and learn about their identity in Christ. We could not have anticipated the way that the Holy Spirit flowed and broke chains of oppression and brought healing into the kids lives this weekend. It was truly life-changing.

We want to thank our friends **James and Marilize Oosthuis**, for coming through on Saturday night, ministering the word of God, and ushering us through the Holy Spirit. We are expectant to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit's encounter in our children's lives in this next term. We just know that Father God has ministered his grace and presence in each of their lives, and there is no turning back now, we are ready for the new term and great victories. A big thank you to all the people who sponsored this camp, you helped to sew everlasting seeds in the lives of our youth.



Greetings!!

We thank all our readers, with all our hearts, for the input, the contributions and the prayers. It has been a great term, and we look forward to the next.

Greetings in the name of Jesus
Local Motion Team