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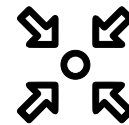
VISION

To restore hope and develop people to a point of self-reliance.



MISSION

To transform the lives of the destitute, sick and vulnerable in South Africa through educational, healthcare and training projects.



CORE VALUES

Team
Integrity
Compassion
Stewardship
Professionalism

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MD ANNUAL REPORT 2018

"There are no great people in this world, only great challenges which ordinary people rise to meet" - W. F. Halsey Jr.

Thembalitsha Foundation is made up by a group of almost 100 ordinary people, who during 2018 rose to meet the many great challenges faced by all South Africans on a daily basis. Our strength lies in our collective commitment to our vision of transforming lives through restoring hope to the poor, vulnerable and destitute. Add our supporters and funders, and we have an extraordinary team who together bring "new hope" to thousands of South Africans every month.

During 2018 Thembalitsha Foundation celebrated its 21st Anniversary. Not with a big celebration, or increases for all staff members, but by doing what we do every day, working hard to be the change we want to see in South Africa. We had a difficult financial year during 2018. While the government is increasingly unable to deliver many basic education, training and health services, the funding is not made available to meet the growing needs in a deteriorating political and socio-economic climate.

Some of our regular supporters might no longer feel safe to invest in an unstable South Africa. The reality, however, is that the ordinary person is the one most affected by the increasing cost of living, lack of basic services, rising unemployment, increasing drug abuse, crime and lawlessness that is spreading through our country. We cannot turn a blind eye to the plight of the millions of poor, vulnerable and destitute people who have lost all hope for a better future.

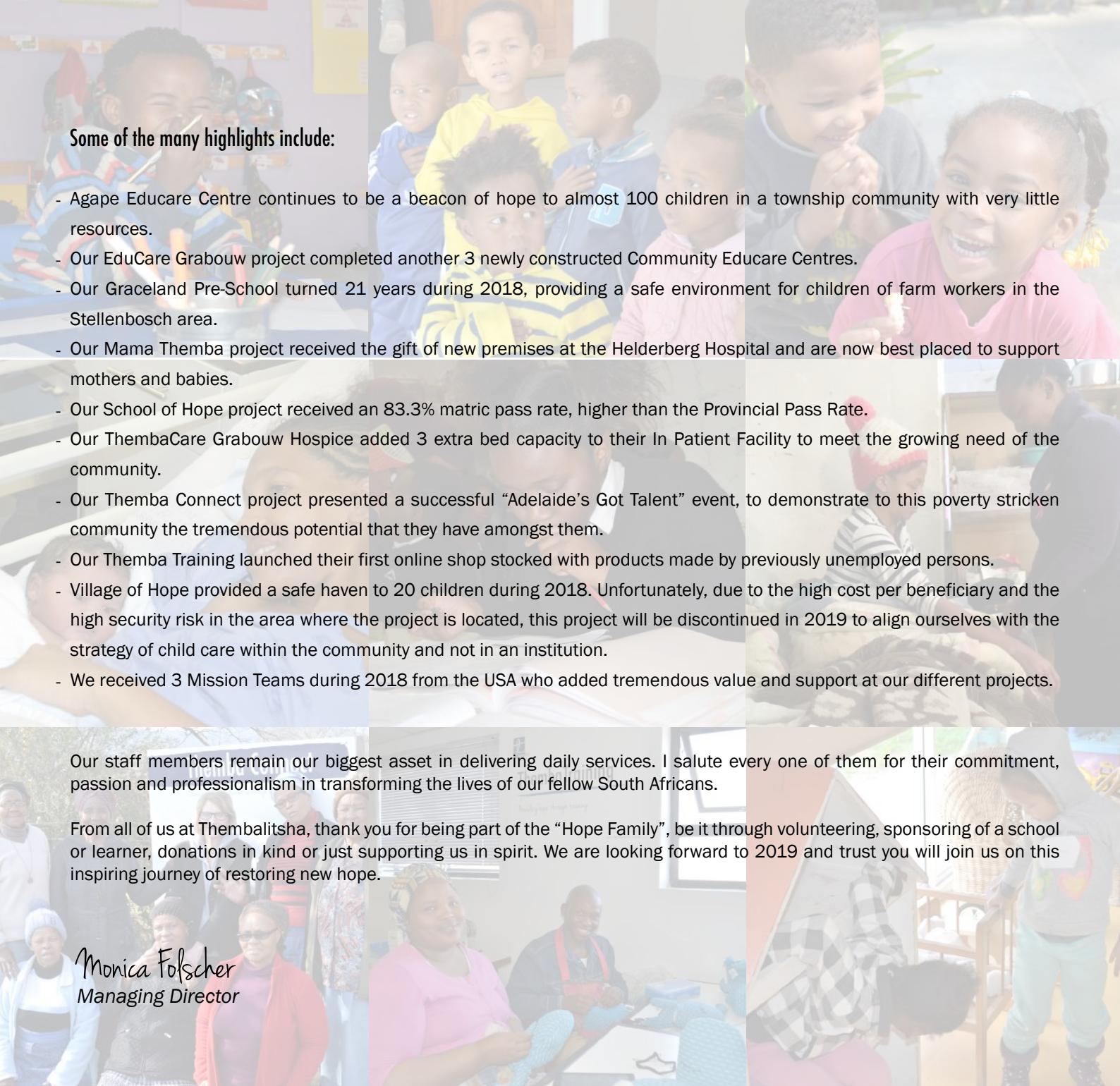
In 2018, our staff continued to deliver services of the highest quality amidst protest actions, violent riots, transport strikes, closure of national routes, interrupted electricity supply and threats for their safety in some communities we operate in.

Being a service delivery organisation, we do not involve ourselves in politics and continue to be flexible and creative in ensuring uninterrupted services to our beneficiaries. Through our 3 service focus areas, Education, Training and Health, we continued making a difference, we continued changing lives amidst all the challenges, and most critical of all, we continued to restore hope.

**NO. OF BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED THROUGH
THEMBALITSHA'S SERVICES EACH MONTH:**

4870+





Some of the many highlights include:

- Agape Educare Centre continues to be a beacon of hope to almost 100 children in a township community with very little resources.
- Our EduCare Grabouw project completed another 3 newly constructed Community Educare Centres.
- Our Graceland Pre-School turned 21 years during 2018, providing a safe environment for children of farm workers in the Stellenbosch area.
- Our Mama Themba project received the gift of new premises at the Helderberg Hospital and are now best placed to support mothers and babies.
- Our School of Hope project received an 83.3% matric pass rate, higher than the Provincial Pass Rate.
- Our ThembaCare Grabouw Hospice added 3 extra bed capacity to their In Patient Facility to meet the growing need of the community.
- Our Themba Connect project presented a successful “Adelaide’s Got Talent” event, to demonstrate to this poverty stricken community the tremendous potential that they have amongst them.
- Our Themba Training launched their first online shop stocked with products made by previously unemployed persons.
- Village of Hope provided a safe haven to 20 children during 2018. Unfortunately, due to the high cost per beneficiary and the high security risk in the area where the project is located, this project will be discontinued in 2019 to align ourselves with the strategy of child care within the community and not in an institution.
- We received 3 Mission Teams during 2018 from the USA who added tremendous value and support at our different projects.

Our staff members remain our biggest asset in delivering daily services. I salute every one of them for their commitment, passion and professionalism in transforming the lives of our fellow South Africans.

From all of us at Thembalitsha, thank you for being part of the “Hope Family”, be it through volunteering, sponsoring of a school or learner, donations in kind or just supporting us in spirit. We are looking forward to 2019 and trust you will join us on this inspiring journey of restoring new hope.

Monica Folscher
Managing Director



MAMA THEMBA

Equipping vulnerable mothers to nurture new life.



BENEFICIARIES

7853
(Mothers & Babies)



CARE BAGS

1994 to Newborns and Premature babies.



COUNSELLING

3762
Health Care Education



VOLUNTEERS

Packing Carebags & Visits: 25
Knitting & Miscellaneous: 55

Highlights:

- Donations of goods reached a record high in the last few months of 2018.
- We offered volunteer opportunities to an additional 22 community members.
- We formed and strengthened relationships with new Donors and Ambassadors resulting in much needed funds and goods.
- We received a small office complex and contents on the grounds of the Helderberg Hospital, which has greatly enhanced all aspects of the service we provide.

Challenges:

- Rising cost of baby clothes, blankets and toiletries, especially during a bitterly cold winter.
- Increase in numbers of poor and vulnerable mothers to be and low birth weight babies.
- Influx of pregnant women from other countries in Africa and in particular from the Eastern Cape to our already full and busy maternity units, 1 of which is undergoing renovations.
- Sponsorship for operational costs and sustainability.
- Operating out of one room became very challenging. Our new building resulted in our old premises becoming storage (saving storage costs) and more space to involve our volunteers and host donors, mission teams and visitors.

We are grateful for every funder, ambassador, volunteer and supporter who contributed towards the nurturing of new lives. We could not serve our communities as we do without this invaluable assistance. We welcome 2019, as we continue to ensure that vulnerable pregnant women are equipped with the knowledge and support they need to nurture their babies into adulthood.

Lindy Officer
Project Manager

THEMBA CARE GRABOUW

Taking healthcare to our vulnerable community members.



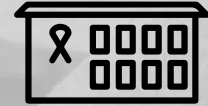
IN-PATIENT UNIT
38 patients received
quality palliative care.



HOME-BASED CARE
+/- 215 patients received
quality home care each month.



**NON-COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE SCREENINGS**
3321 Beneficiaries



**HIV & TB TESTING
AND SCREENINGS**
2649 Beneficiaries

Highlights:

The Department of Health awarded ThembaCare with 3 Funding Service Level Agreements throughout the year. We achieved over 80% in the Department of Health Annual Audits. Partnering for the first time with the Stavanga Gospel Choir from Norway, specifically for funding for the Home Based Care Team. Coca-Cola (formerly Appletizer) came on board this year, with awarding some of their CSI funds towards some much needed facility improvements. We partnered with the Cancer Association of SA (CANSA), Right To Care (RTC), the Department of Health's Community Primary Care Sister (The Overberg District) and the Grabouw Day Clinic during our Open Hospice and Breast Cancer Awareness Day; commemorating World Palliative Care Day and Breast Cancer Month, as well as ensuring the community of Grabouw had the benefit of and access to health testings and screenings on the day.

Challenges:

- The placement of long term stay patients with challenging psychosocial circumstances into other appropriate long term stay healthcare facilities in the Western Cape.
- Security challenges especially during the annual periodic community protest riots.
- Ongoing Funding to ensure the facility's future and long term sustainability.

ThembaCare would sincerely & wholeheartedly, like to thank the Department of Health (Overberg District) and all of our most avid funders and supporters (local & international), for partnering with us during 2018. Every human being has a right to the access of adequate healthcare and your support ensured that ThembaCare continued to provide that including the effective and much needed Palliative & Holistic Patient Care to the most vulnerable patients and their families in the community of Grabouw, the surrounding farming areas and the Overstrand area in the Overberg District

Thandi Sifilo
Project Manager

VILLAGE OF HOPE

Providing a haven for at-risk children.



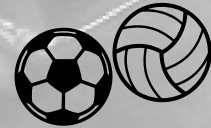
BENEFICIARIES
20 Children



LEARNING ASSISTANCE
20 Children received
quality learning support



NUTRITIOUS MEALS
25 550
(Breakfast, Lunch and Supper)



**SPORTS OUTREACH
SUPPORT(Goodsports)**
+/- 450 Youth each month

Highlights:

- In partnership with GoodSport, reaching hundreds of young people every month in an area with almost no recreational facilities.
- With assistance from Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency we drilled our own borehole, bringing to an end the water crisis.
- Our children received much needed psycho-social support from university students.
- 2 of our children were reunited with their families during 2018.

Challenges:

- High cost per beneficiary.
- Changing government strategies moving away from institutionalized care.
- High risk in terms of safety and security on the VOH premises.
- Water and electricity interruption challenges.
- Tim Afrika, the project manager, said his goodbye during October 2018.

During 2018 we provided a safe haven to 20 children from high risk situations, placed with us through the judicial or social services system. It is heart breaking to get to know the circumstances of these children, but such a joy to see their growth and stabilization in a safe and nurturing environment. Thank you to each and every supporter during a very difficult financial year.

After an extensive process over a period of 18 months; monitoring and assessing all operational factors and risks, Thembalitsa's Board of Directors South Africa has declared their intention to discontinue our Village of Hope project in Grabouw, as from the end of March 2019.

We see this as the successful end of an era during which time VOH addressed the need for care of children living with HIV. During the last few years, that need decreased due to improved treatment options.



EDUCATION



AGAPE

Providing education and loving care.



BENEFICIARIES
98 Children



GRADUATES
24 Children prepared
and ready for Grade R



NUTRITIOUS MEALS
58 800
(Breakfast, Snack and Lunch)



WORLD PLAY DAY ATTENDANCE
160 Children from Agape
and 3 local Educarees

Highlights:

- We managed to find 21 sponsors for children whose parents can't afford their school fees.
- We held our first World Play Day event which included 3 local schools in our community; Small World Educare, Rise and Shine and Siseko Pre-school. It was a very successful event and most importantly, an opportunity for holistic development which had a positive impact on our children, staff and community.
- Department of Health visited and loved our Facility, our children were immunised by the Local Clinic and also visited a dentist.
- We had an array of German volunteers each month, which were always so helpful and willing to assist.

Challenges:

- This year we received news from the Department of Fire and Safety Services stating the new law that wooden/wendy house classrooms (grade 00 and R) were no longer seen as suitable class facilities as they are not safe for children.
- We are now in the process of fundraising to build our two new classrooms.
- Educating the children's parents in seeing the importance of Educare and ensuring constant attendance.

Agape has had a successful year, thanks to our Staff, Governing Body, Volunteers, Donors and of course our Service Centre's assistance. We look forward to the new year of continued educational growth and loving care for the children of our community.

Thabisa Mafolomba
Principal/Project Manager

EDUCARE GRABOUW

An early start for a brighter future.



**SUPPORTED
EDUCARE CENTRES**
7



BENEFICIARIES
286 Children



GRADUATES
49 Children prepared
and ready for Grade R



NUTRITIOUS MEALS
143 000
(Breakfast, Snack and Lunch)

Highlights:

- The construction of our EduCare Grabouw facilities and model Educare Centre, Thembani were successfully completed.
- EduCare Grabouw has provided safe and secure Early Childhood Development Centres to over 250 children within Grabouw.
- Through the existence of these centres, crimes against children have decreased because children are well supervised and cared for by our trained staff while their parents are at work.
- We have seen a high number of college students choosing EduCare to do their practicals in our facilities because of the good reputation we have built in the ECD sector.

Challenges:

- The early year drought had a huge impact on employment of the parents on farms in Grabouw. Many parents could not sustain their jobs from the farms and were therefore unable to pay their childrens' school fees for a number of months.
- We faced challenges with a political civic organisation interfering with early education. These are politicians mobilising people for upcoming elections through targeting organizations and municipality.

Through the support of its partners, funders and donors, EduCare Grabouw has managed to reach many children, through quality Early Childhood Education in which some wouldn't have otherwise received in Grabouw. It is a great pleasure to extend a word of gratitude to all of our partners for their contribution in the investment of education for our future leaders.

Unathi Mabufu
Project Manager

GRACELAND PRE-SCHOOL

Getting education right from the start



BENEFICIARIES
47 Children



GRADUATES
18 Children prepared
and ready for Grade R



NUTRITIOUS MEALS
28 400
(Breakfast, Snack and Lunch)



EXERCISE CLASSES
+/- 40 with EveryNation
Stellenbosch Students

Highlights:

- Graceland has served the Devon Valley Farming Community for 21 years.
- An Occupational Therapist informed and educated us in the necessary skills used in assisting our children with special learning requirements.
- We held our very first "Trip Around The World" Fundraising Event. A taste of the different cuisine from the following countries; South Africa, Italy, Hawaii, America and England. It was a succesful event enjoyed by our children, their parents and supporters in our community.
- We appointed a cook, Tania Willemse, who has been of great assistance to all our teachers, who would previously take turns cooking our children's meals.

Challenges:

- Continuous cable theft in the area often left us days with no electricity in the cold winter months, along with internet and server issues in the Devon Valley area.
- Our faulty fridge only allowed for small purchases of groceries at a time, which meant more trips into town.
- Educating our parents after our workshop with the Occupational Therapist was quite difficult, most parents didn't want to hear about possible learning difficulties, but we need to educate parents on the risks of drugs and alcohol on their childrens holistic development.

We would really love to thank everyone who helped us achieve many of our goals this year, all your contributions of volunteering, donations and continuous encouragement is much appreciated. We look forward to your support and guidance going into 2019.

Elizabeth Solomons
Principal/Project Manager

SCHOOL OF HOPE

Providing a second chance to vulnerable youth.



BENEFICIARIES
131 Learners



PASS RATE
Matrics (83.3%)
Grade 8 - 11 (75%)



NUTRITIOUS MEALS
42,926
(Breakfast and Lunch)



HOPE UNITED SOCCER
16 Matches | 2 Tournaments
(Southern Suburb's Football League 5's Winner)

Highlights:

The Pass Rate for the Matric class of 2018 stands at 83, 3%, with Grades 8 to 11 at 75%. We continue as a great institution of learning, making impressive strides in delivering on our mandate, which is to deliver quality education to previously disadvantaged learners. We can proudly say that we are part of the solution required to transform the educational landscape in South Africa, where every learner should be afforded an opportunity for a quality education.

Challenges:

Financial stability remains the number 1 challenge facing our institution of learning; the retention of professional and experienced teachers as well as ensuring the delivery of quality education, requires market related remuneration packages for teachers. We hope 2019 will turn the tides around for the entire foundation to become more financially buoyant. Hence, we require continuous financial support from new and existing donors.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to various stakeholders and donors who have contributed invaluable to the completion of another academic year at the School of Hope; your contribution, be it an individual or corporate is highly appreciated. You have made many dreams of completing secondary education possible for many children and young adults living in various disadvantaged communities across the Cape Flats.

Thank you again for your wise investments. Our School is definitely a better place for learning because of you all!

Ade Dyewo
Principal/Project Manager



TRAINING



THEMBA CONNECT

Connecting people to their potential through teaching and training.



SEWING TRAINING

15 Ladies

(Masiphakame Women's Group)



SAVEACT MEMBERS

Adults - 34
Children - 13
(Aged 7 - 13 years)



MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

293 Children benefiting
from the services.



ADELAIDE'S GOT TALENT

125 Participants
12 Finalists

Highlights:

- Yellowwoods Private Preparatory School, held a toy drive in aid of Mandela Day and donated books and toys for the Toy Library and again showed their generosity in providing Santa's Shoe Boxes to the supported ECD Centres.
- We assisted the local ECD Principals in applying for nutrition for their ECD Centres, after not having received funding from The Department of Social Development.
- ECD Principals have been meeting at Themba Connect once a month to share ideas and plan their themes, activities and songs.
- Working together with Every Nation Church we hosted a successful Adelaide's Got Talent Show.

Challenges:

- We had to update the electrical wiring on the premises in an effort to be compliant with health and safety standards.
- The Mobile Toy Library has not been running as efficiently as it should be, due to the lack of a vehicle.
- To comply with the Toy Library Association South Africa, we are in need of more educational toys, handmade toys and story books.
- Save Act had a month where they did not save due to their facilitators absence.

Through the provision of our sewing courses to the The Masiphakame Women's Empowerment Group, guiding and supporting ECD Practitioner's and their ECD Centres as well as providing basic computer courses to unemployed individuals, we have worked consistently in connecting people to their potential. Thank you to our Donors, Supporters and dedicated staff members who have made it possible to restore hope in our poverty stricken community. We look forward to your continued support in 2019.

Sonia Mbojiya
Project Assistant

THEMBA TRAINING

Empowering communities through social entrepreneurship.



BENEFICIARIES
39 Trainees



BASIC COMPUTER COURSE: 4
BASIC SEWING COURSE: 6



PRODUCTS PRODUCED
750 items for Etsy Shop
and public sales.



**CONTRACTED PRODUCTS
PRODUCED**
+/- 1232 items.

Highlights:

During 2018 Themba Training dared to re-imagine what we do. We moved into our new premises in Strand, started our very own ETSY shop and developed over 40 new products and fostered 3 new wholesome partnerships as well as a continued On-the-Job training with 3 members of the sewing team.

Challenges:

The business and computer training opportunities have been phased out and will no longer be presented. Funding remains a challenge as well as improving our exposure to potential clients, but we look forward to you partnering with us in this regard in 2019.

A big thank you to all those who have supported Themba Training by donating materials and time, who helped spread the word about what we do ...and to those who have purchased products from us. We appreciate every one of you deeply!

PS: CLICK the icons to take a look our our Etsy Shop and our feature in Darling _ North Surreys' Winter Edition.



[Themba Shop_Etsy](#)



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