Radiance

FOUNDATION

A RAY OF HOPE



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2018 – 2019

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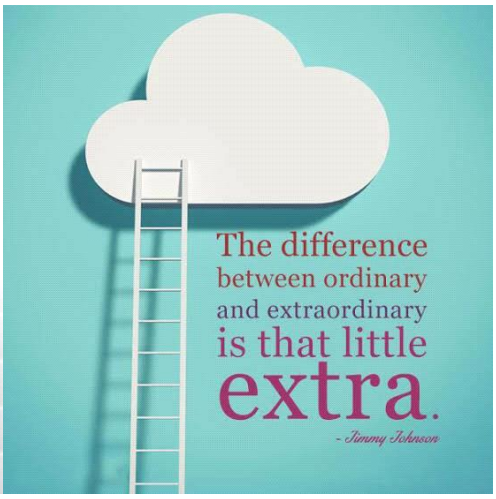
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# 1. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Since the first seed for Radiance Foundation was planted over cups of coffee in 2013, five amazing years have gone by, we have learnt so much, has grown as a team and as an organisation, but most importantly - many lives have been changed! From the start we have been aware of a greater Hand at work and we feel immensely grateful to have been part of this amazing journey!

Our mission remains unchanged - to restore sight to those who are deprived of one of life's most precious gifts - the gift of sight! During the past 5 years Radiance Foundation has become a solid and well-known NPO with ordinary people doing extraordinary things with passion and going the extra mile! With the assistance of all our collaborators we have managed to organise, sponsor and conduct more than 60 cataract operations per annum since our inception, but this year we surpassed all previous years with a new record of 143 surgeries! We have now reached a grand total of 343 surgeries to date!

During the past financial year we have been blessed with many donations and was also approached by the famous Dr Michael Mol who has been supporting our cause ever since. Our second year of participation in the Mandela Day initiative was once again a great highlight and we feel privileged to continue being part of this drive by the Department of Health.

We believe that 2019/2020 will be bigger and better than ever before! We plan on forever moving forward, continuing to grow as an organisation, and expanding on the work that we do.

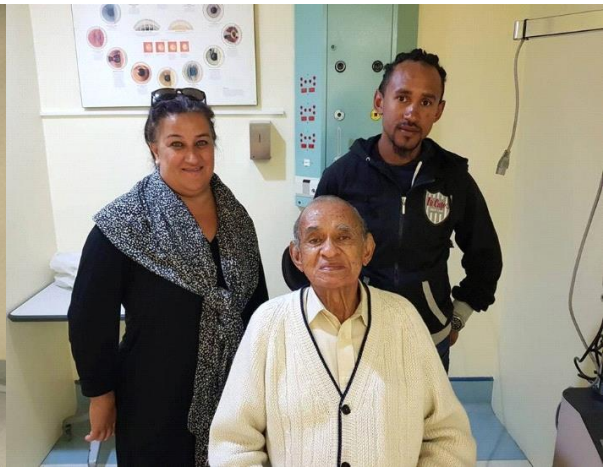
Blessings,

*Madeleine Pretorius*

# 2. HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018 – 2019

## 2.1. Saturday Surgeries





We had another successful year with regards to our Saturday Surgeries project coordinated professionally and efficiently by Dr. Junet van der Merwe in co-operation with the Eersterivier Hospital Eye Clinic. We have managed to successfully conduct 143 cataract surgeries and 108 screenings for the financial year ending 2019.

For this financial year the total costs for our Saturday Surgery project were R454 363.05 where of R21 285.37 was in respect of consumables payable to the hospital directly, and R175 050.00 towards staff salaries.

We are once again thankful to Eersterivier Eye Clinic that provides us with the facilities for conducting these operations free of cost and we hope to continue our partnership with this world-class facility.

## 2.2. Donations and new partnerships

We have secured donations in total of R374 995.56 this year that enabled us to conduct even more surgeries. We are immensely thankful to these donors who have helped us make our dream come true, and who have enabled the blind to see. A special thank you to Nangila and MMI Health and once again to the Ackerman Foundation for their generous donations. You are changing lives!

On 12 May 2018 it was with great excitement that Radiance Foundation welcomed the celebrity personality Dr Michael Mol from Hello Doctor to the Eerste River eye clinic. Dr Mol's visit was eye-opening for him in many ways. 21 Patients received cataract surgeries that day and he even assisted in theatre. He also wrote a beautiful article on his whole experience. We are extremely grateful for his warm-heartedness, support and donations that have made a huge difference in so many patient's lives. A warm thank you to Dr Mol and his team. What we fondly will remember of that day was the moment when one of the patients' eye patch was removed after surgery and we all held our breaths as she started reading the Snellen chart

from top to bottom , a smile slowly spreading across her face when she realised just how good her 'new eye' was and the gratitude that followed.

The video – “For the World to See” - that Dr Mol and his team have put together, touched all our hearts and motivated us to continue giving back even more. This made the experience more memorable than we could ever have imagined. On 20 October 2018 20 more cataract patients received the gift of sight due to Dr Mol’s generosity. We are extremely grateful!







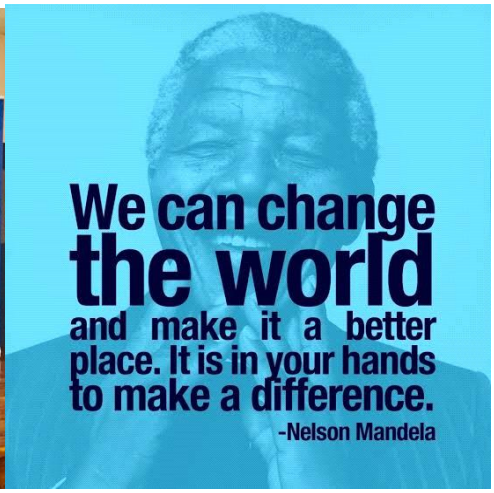

## 2.3 Fundraising

At the beginning of the financial year our team had big plans to host another fundraising function and had many wonderful ideas. Willi Botha, the owner of Crown Restaurant at Meerendal Wine Farm, offered to once again give us his venue for free and also offered to organise the function for us through his newly established events planning business. We had a few meetings and decided that the beautiful Nasdak building in Cape Town would be ideal. We were also very excited that Dr Michael Mol volunteered to be the MC at our next function.

Unfortunately, due to difficulties in finding a main sponsor for the event and scheduling problems, we decided to cancel the event in the end. However, we are still hopeful that we will be able to generate sponsors in the next financial year for an event or two to raise awareness and funding.

## 2.4. Mandela Day 2018






Dr. Beth Engelbrecht, Head of the Department of Health of the Western Cape, requested that Radiance Foundation again be a participant in their Mandela Day Initiative for 2018. What an honor! We once again partnered with the Ackermann Foundation and on Saturday 16 June 2018 we had a marathon session and conducted 40 surgeries for Operation100.

We would like to thank Drs. Junet van der Merwe, David Steven and Zahier Murudker for performing these surgeries. As always, the staff of Eersterivier Eye Clinic did a stellar job to coordinate the flow of patients into the theatre. Radiance Foundation is now firmly established as one of the Department's partners in the private sector successfully making a difference in the attempt to eradicate preventable blindness in the Western Cape.

# 2.5. Certificate of Appreciation

On 16 July 2018 Madeleine Pretorius and Anita Janse van Rensburg represented Radiance Foundation and accepted an award from the Western Cape Department of Health for our participation in the Mandela Day Joint & Sight Initiative of 2018.

We had the opportunity to network with other NPO's, institutions and organizations who took hands with the province in order to make a difference in patient's lives in memory of the late Nelson Mandela's legacy.








## 2.6. Media exposure



For the second time Radiance Foundation was fortunate to be asked by television presenter Rouchelle Liedeman to appear on Die Groot Ontbyt television show. On 18 September 2018 Madeleine Pretorius did an interview about Radiance Foundation and what we do, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

# 3. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As a non-profit organisation we are solely reliant on donations and fund raising. We received sufficient funds this past financial year to support 143 patients' cataract surgeries. We were able to meet all of our financial obligations, but unfortunately the financial year closed on a negative balance that needs to be rectified. The foundation remains compliant to the Department of Social Development's NPO database.

# 4. FUTURE PLANS

Radiance Foundation remains dedicated in raising funds to support underprivileged patients in need of cataract eye surgery at Eersterivier Eye Hospital. We will continue with our efforts to motivate organizations and individuals alike to partner with us in reaching our goals. We plan on putting our heads together to come up with and organise more fundraiser initiatives in the coming year, so watch this space! We are also committed to continue supporting any initiative of the Department of Health for future Mandela Day or similar surgery projects.