

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT





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## TRUSTEE REPORT

2024 has been a year of growth as we strengthen governance and expand our impact. With a clear vision, mission, and service pillars in place, we are building a strong foundation for the future.

We hope this report encourages you as you read about the incredible work our teams are doing in the community. This year, we welcomed Future Stars to Ubomi, further enriching our impact alongside Future Sparks and Social Care initiatives, strengthening our ability to uplift those in need.

Looking ahead, we are focused on enhancing governance, fundraising, and partnerships to sustain growth and deepen impact. We remain deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, and partners who make this journey possible. With faith, we move forward, trusting in God's provision.

Towards the end of the year, we also welcomed Limitless Movement to Ubomi. Their passion for youth development aligns with our mission, and we look forward to their impact on the young people they serve.

With gratitude,

**Lyn Vrettos (on behalf of Ubomi Trustees)**





**Ubomi = Life  
in isiXhosa**



## **INTRODUCTION**

Ubomi is dedicated to providing holistic care and building meaningful relationships within a 5km radius of the CHS Life Centre in Kirstenhof.

Rooted in faith, we journey alongside those in need through practical and ongoing support.

By connecting our community, we strive to bring hope and create lasting transformation.







## **VISION**

We are a community of hope, creating opportunities for lasting transformation.

## **MISSION**

We journey together with those in need, providing holistic support through education, skills training, youth development & social care.

## **VALUES**



### **COMMUNITY**

We build and nurture relationships that strengthen and unite us.



### **HOPE**

We bring encouragement and support to those facing challenges, believing in a better future.



### **INTEGRITY**

We maintain honesty, transparency, and accountability in all our actions.



### **DIGNITY**

We see each person as made in the image of God and treat every individual with respect and honour, recognising their inherent worth.



### **LEGACY**

We lay the foundation for sustainable impact, creating opportunities and transformation that empower future generations to thrive.



## SKILLS REPORT

### Pathway to Purpose and Employment

Unemployment in South Africa remains a crisis, with 32.1% jobless and youth unemployment at 45.3%. Work is more than a pay cheque, it brings dignity, self-respect, and purpose. Many who join our Job Journey classes come feeling hopeless, but they leave equipped, empowered, and ready to find work.

The Bible reminds us: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." (Colossians 3:23) We believe God designed us for work, and he desires that all people experience the blessing of employment.

Beyond training, we provide CV assistance, interview prep, and job readiness support. Looking ahead, we are excited to launch the Skill Wise Computer Course in early 2025, equipping people with essential digital skills to enhance their job prospects.

At Ubomi, we believe transformation happens when people are given opportunities to work and thrive. Through Job Journey and new skills programs, we continue to restore dignity, hope, and lasting change.

**Thobelani Mbala**



*Nolu joined our Job Journey work readiness course and quickly secured an admin job. Determined to grow, she completed a Skill Wise computer course. Now, through our connection with her employer, she has returned to the Life Centre to facilitate the same course, empowering others.*





## SOCIAL CARE REPORT

### Caring for Our Community

We believe small acts of kindness make a big difference. Whether it's sharing a meal, offering a warm shower, or stepping in during a crisis, we're here to restore dignity and bring hope.

Our monthly community lunches for our unhoused neighbours are more than just food, they're a place of connection and care. Alongside this, our shower service at the Life Centre provides a safe space for people to refresh and regain dignity.

When disasters struck in 2024, we stepped in. During the severe July storms, we partnered with U-Turn to provide emergency shelter for 10 people. After floods in Westlake, we supported families with food and clothing. Later, fires in Westlake and Overcome Heights left many homeless, and we responded with essential supplies.

We've also continued to visit families in crisis, offering practical support and encouragement. Every meal, shower, and visit reminds people they are not alone.

**Thobelani Mbala**



*Genevieve felt lost in addiction and an abusive relationship, with no hope for her future. We helped her enter a 16-week rehab program, find safe shelter, and reconnect with her family. With support, she secured a cashier job with Pick n Pay and began pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse.*



# EDUCATION REPORT



## Future Sparks: Giving Kids a Chance to Shine

In our communities, many children are determined to succeed despite the challenges they face. Future Sparks provides the extra support they need to stay in school, grow in confidence, and reach their full potential.

Each year, we see high retention rates, with students returning because they feel supported and motivated. In 2025, we're especially excited to have our first-ever Grade 12 class, a huge milestone.

This year, our tutors have helped students improve in reading, math, and schoolwork, while our mentorship program and sports activities have given them confidence and positive outlets. Outings and new experiences have also broadened their world, making learning exciting.

None of this would be possible without our incredible donors and partners.

Your support is changing lives, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

**Nomaphelo Magdala**



*Sibabalwe Mrasi, a former Future Sparks tutor, shares: "Life after Future Sparks is nothing like I envisioned. I'm now pursuing my second qualification in Accounting at CPUT after completing my Financial Management diploma. Future Sparks shaped my journey, teaching me to give back. I now volunteer at Camp Hope—none of this would have been possible without Future Sparks. Forever grateful".*





## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



### Future Stars: More Than Just Soccer

At Future Stars, soccer is more than a game, it's a place of belonging, growth, and hope. Our players develop skills, build confidence, and learn life lessons both on and off the field.

This year, despite relocating for safety, we continued providing a safe space for training, mentoring, and tackling real issues like bullying, commitment, and respect. Through career expos, life-skills sessions, and family days, we've helped players dream bigger and strengthen relationships.

Older players are stepping into coaching roles, becoming positive role models for younger teams. Meanwhile, our dream of a safe soccer field near the community is coming to life, thanks to Bay City Church and generous donors.

None of this would be possible without our coaches, volunteers, and supporters. Thank you for believing in these young players and helping them thrive on and off the field.

**Miranda Van Tuijl**

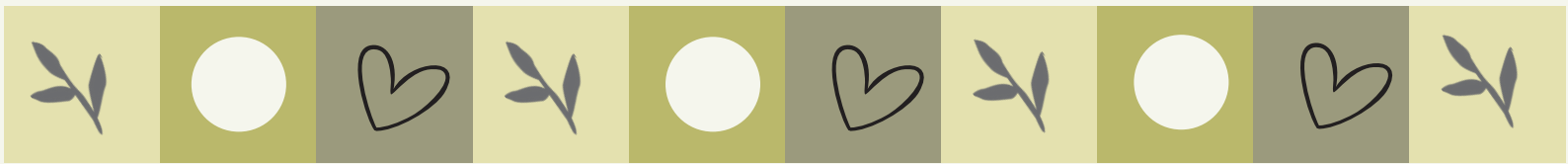
*Tony has been part of Future Stars for eight years, finding family and support through the program. When he lost his father this year, Future Stars became his closest support system, keeping him from going down the wrong path. Recently, after being attacked by seven people, he chose forgiveness over retaliation, a powerful testament to the values he's learned. Now, at 18, he plays for the U18 team and coaches the U14s, inspiring younger players through his resilience and leadership.*

# **IMPACT REPORT**





“Every seed sown in kindness grows  
into a harvest of hope.”





# FINANCIAL REPORT

We are deeply grateful for the generous financial support we have continued to receive from our long-standing donors, as well as the significant contributions from new donors in 2024, specifically targeted towards Ubomi's various programs. Thanks to this remarkable support, total donations for the year reached R899 865, complemented by an additional R7 515 from other income sources, including interest.

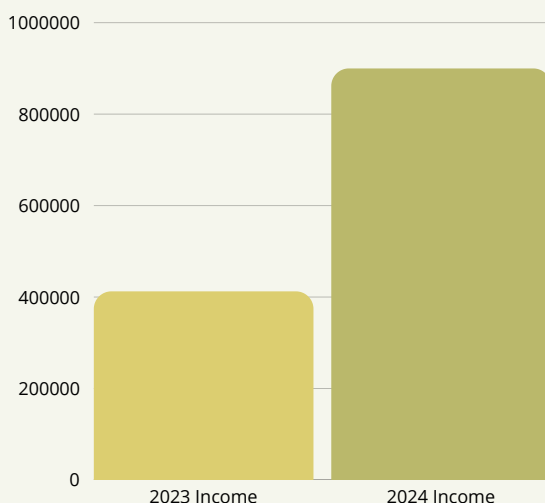
On the expense side, total expenses for 2024 were carefully managed, amounting to R567 296. Notable increases included tutor stipends. Additionally, salaries increased due to the employment of two permanent staff members. Conversely, rental expenses decreased significantly as Ubomi shifted from a dedicated office space at the Life Centre to shared office space with CHS.

This careful balancing of expenses and generous financial support resulted in a surplus of R340 084 for 2024. We are excited and hopeful about how this surplus will empower Ubomi to launch several inspiring new initiatives and projects in 2025, furthering our mission and deepening our impact in the community.

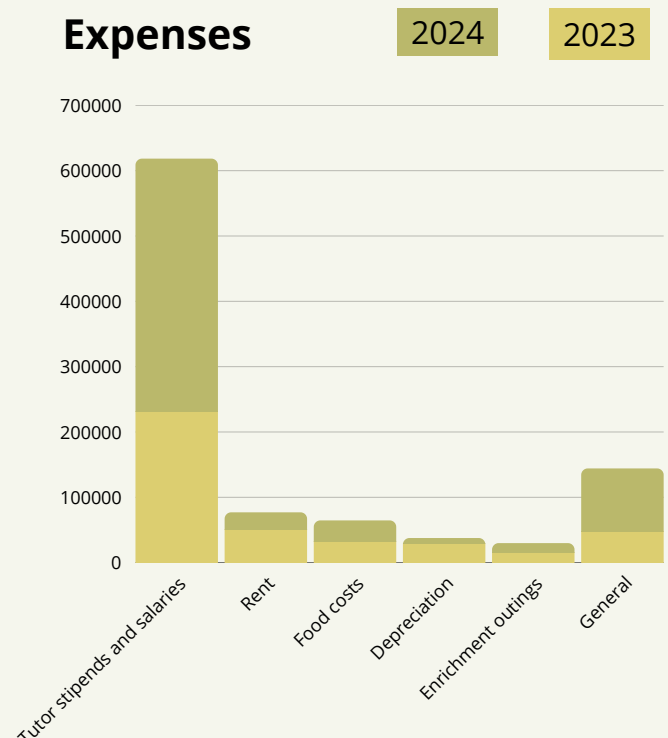
**Prepared by: Moray Wilson Treasurer**



## Donation Income



## Expenses





# THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the amazing partners who have made our work possible. Thank you for your partnership, your generosity, and your dedication in supporting our mission to bring hope and lasting transformation to those we serve. We are especially grateful to our volunteers whose commitment and hard work continue to inspire us.

## FUTURE

## SPARKS

## FUTURE

## STARS

## UBOMI

## SOCIAL CARE & SKILLS

Old Mutual Foundation  
Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation  
Open Box Software  
Chic Mamas (netball shoes)  
Wings of Support  
Westlake United Church Trust  
Reddam House Constantia  
Bruno Rasson  
Peter Young  
Dr Edwin Levin  
Colleen Cloete  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
CHS Life Centre  
Kirstenhof Business Network  
Various Individuals



AAtop  
Ambassadors Football  
Bay City Church  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
Frontline Global  
Various Individuals



Sower's Trust  
FinCoach Foundation  
CHS Life Centre  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
The Table Cafe  
Job Journey  
SkillWise  
Westlake United Church Trust  
U-Turn  
Kirstenhof Community  
Ward 71 Councillor Caro  
Various Individuals





## INTRODUCING LIMITLESS MOVEMENT

### Empowering Youth Through the Arts



Limitless Movement is all about empowering young people through creativity. I believe the arts have the power to shape lives, build confidence, and open doors to new opportunities. Our goal is to create a safe space where young people can grow holistically, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Through our Holistic Youth Development Programme, in partnership with Rise Above Development (RAD), we're working in Lavender Hill, a community facing real challenges, poverty, gangsterism, and substance abuse.

Many kids grow up without positive role models or safe spaces to learn and dream. That's why we do this. Our program provides mentorship, life skills, leadership development, and emotional support. Through artistic expression, young people develop talent, confidence, and a sense of possibility.

In 2025 I am excited to keep building and impacting more lives. I am grateful to be part of the Ubomi team - let's keep making a difference!

**Brandon Solomon**



*My name is Aimley and I grew up in Mitchells Plain, I was surrounded by gangsterism and drug abuse. Limitless Movement became my escape—a place where I could dance, feel safe, and be supported. Through mentorship, I built confidence and found purpose. Today, I travel the world doing what I love, using dance to inspire others*





# 2025 VISION!

Our focus for the year is on growth, sustainability, and deeper community engagement. This means:

## EXPANDING OUR REACH

Ensuring more individuals and families have access to essential support services, mentorship, and opportunities.

## STRENGTHENING OUR TEAM

Investing in leadership, staff, and volunteers to build capacity and enhance our programs.

## DEVELOPING OUR PROGRAMS

Refining and scaling initiatives like Job Journey, Future Sparks, Future Stars and Limitless Movement to empower more people holistically.

## SECURING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

Deepening partnerships with donors, businesses, and grant providers to ensure long-term stability.

# LOOKING FORWARD

As we step into 2025, we are filled with anticipation and determination to strengthen our work and expand our impact. Ubomi has always been about bringing hope and transformation to those in need, and this year, we are committed to taking our mission even further.

We are excited for the journey ahead and grateful for every partner who walks this road with us. Together, we can transform more lives in 2025 and beyond.



CREATING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

LASTING TRANSFORMATION

## GET INVOLVED



### DONATE

Partner with us through CSI, 18A Status and Monthly Donations

### VOLUNTEER

We need volunteers to help with our tuition, life skills and community development initiatives

### PARTNER

We know to make impact requires holding hands with others. Please reach out to partner with us

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