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“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

- Nelson Mandela
The Baby Therapy Centre (BTC) is an Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Centre and registered Non-Profit Organisation (NPO), based in Lynnwood, Pretoria that provides rehabilitative therapy for children with developmental delays or special needs from birth to three years old, for them to overcome barriers, prevent secondary complications and fixed disabilities. As part of our value system no child, regardless of creed, race or socio-economic background, is turned away from our doors. Where parents are unable to pay, we subsidise or provide our services for free. We prioritise therapy at the earliest age at the time of most rapid brain development so that we can achieve maximum results.

Our key performance areas are as follows:

OUTPUT 1: Therapy, Evaluations and Training

- **Physiotherapy:** Gross motor activities as prescribed for each child to enhance physical development.
- **Occupational Therapy:** Activities to enhance hand function, hand-eye coordination, sensory integration, cognitive skills, social and emotional development and creative participation.
- **Speech-Language and Feeding Therapy:** Enhances feeding skills to eventually encourage self-feeding and facilitates social interaction, communication and speech.
- **Music Therapy:** Acts as a catalyst to help develop communication, socialisation, self-expression, emotional regulation, concentration and sensory-motor skills.
- **Dietetics.**

Our child- and family-centred techniques include, but are not limited to:

- Individual therapy sessions.
- Group therapy sessions, often including the participation of parents and caretakers to promote their learning and interaction skills.

The combination of the above services enables us to identify and treat the following conditions successfully:

- ADHD/ADD
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Cerebral Palsy and other neurological conditions
- Congenital abnormalities
- Developmental delays
- Feeding disorders
- Genetic disorders (e.g. Down Syndrome)
- Sensory processing disorders
- Premature infants
- Speech- and language delays
- Visual impairment

There is an immense need to not only provide these services to parents and disadvantaged communities who don’t have immediate access to quality medical care, but to also educate and train the staff of neonatal units at hospitals. In addition to our therapy service, BTC has made it our mission to educate caretakers in the effective care and treatment of children with special needs.

Our trans- and interdisciplinary approach falls within multiple frameworks which includes the Neuro-Developmental Therapy Approach and the Sensory Integration Approach and follows international standards. As part of our ethos, we prioritise therapy at the earliest age in the time of most rapid brain development to achieve maximum results. Most brain development and growth occur during the first three years of a baby’s life, presenting a crucial window of opportunity for optimal development of these children.
BTC is the first port of call for children who show signs of developmental delays. By using our interdisciplinary approach, our team of therapists, in consultation with paediatricians, performs a full evaluation of the child. Following the evaluation, our team creates a therapy intervention programme which is tailor-made to suit each child’s individual needs and challenges.

OUTPUT 2: The BTC Day Care Centre

The recurring therapy sessions, however, provide an obstacle for some parents due to logistical problems. They are unable to transport their children on a regular basis due to work obligations or prior commitments.

At the BTC Day Care Centre, we aim to bridge this obstacle for the parents. We provide daily care for children from four months to the age of three years. The Centre enables the parents to leave their special children in the care of our Registered Professional Nurse and trained staff while they go to work. While they attend to their obligations, their children can attend their scheduled therapy sessions with our in-house therapy team as well as participate in group music- and occupational therapy sessions. The Day Care staff are specially trained in the care of children with special needs and provide the children with a safe, fun and stimulating environment.

OUTPUT 3: The BTC Outreach Programme

The largest segment of BTC parents are unable to pay for the therapy that their children desperately need. At BTC, however, our mission is to make our services accessible to all, regardless of their ability to pay or not. Through the BTC Outreach Programme, we provide therapy services on a weekly basis to disadvantaged communities and children who would otherwise not have access to quality medical care.

Our Outreach Programme extends to:

- **Mooiplaats**: This is a disadvantaged community in Pretoria, Gauteng who don’t have access to quality therapy services.
- **Salvokop PoPuP Project**: We provide our therapy services to disadvantaged children within the project on a weekly basis. Our service also includes the training of teachers and caregivers.
- **Tshwane Place of Safety**: We provide free on-site therapy sessions every Thursday for abandoned and vulnerable children.
- **Abba House**: We provide early evaluations and therapy services at Abba House on a weekly basis.

OUTCOMES

1. Achieve maximum developmental progress for each child in our care.
2. Improve the caregiving abilities of parents and caregivers.
3. Improve knowledge and awareness of ECD through support and training for nurses, clinic sisters and nursery school teachers.

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The Baby Therapy Centre endeavours, based on Christian principles, to provide Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services to children with developmental delays or special needs from birth to the age of three to provide:

**SERVICES**
Holistic therapy services to achieve maximum developmental progress.

Training and counselling for parents and caregivers to enhance their caregiving abilities and to maintain the well-being of families.

**SUPPORT**
Therapeutic services to families from disadvantaged groups, regardless of creed, race or socio-economic background.

**EXCELLENCE**
To continuously strive to be a Centre of excellence by maintaining the highest professional standards within our interdisciplinary approach while providing evidence-based therapy.
2018 has been a challenging yet fruitful year for the Baby Therapy Centre. As a Centre, we have continued to lay the foundation for ECI in South Africa and have been rewarded with an improved awareness and knowledge of ECI. More importantly, though, we are in the wonderful position of seeing our patients improve daily. The look of wonderment on their faces when they master a new task has been our daily bread.

In keeping with our mission statement, BTC has continued to provide ECI to thousands of children from disadvantaged communities as well as educating and counselling their parents through our Outreach Programme. In addition, and in alignment with our training objectives, we have offered numerous CPD training workshops to healthcare professionals. We are blessed with a passionate and dedicated team of therapists who continue to implement new programs and techniques at our Outreach Programmes.

As a result of the current economic climate, we have experienced a decline in attendance at the BTC Day Care Centre. Many parents can only afford to send their children for two (2) days per week, and in many cases, not at all. As the structure of the Day Care Centre provides for continued structured stimulation and therapy, we are concerned that many special needs children are not receiving the care that they need when they are placed in the care of a nanny or family member who has not been trained in their specific needs. As part of our fundraising strategy, BTC is actively focused on obtaining sponsorships for children to attend the Day Care Centre and to receive continued therapy.

During the first part of 2018, our Centre was visited by a high-level delegation from Nigeria. As BTC is the only Centre of its kind in Africa, we are in a unique position to extend our training arm to other African countries whose aim is to implement our model in their own territories.

As part of the rebrand of BTC, which is slowly being rolled out, we have upgraded our website with a more modern look. Our partners can stay up to date with BTC activities at www.babytherapy.org.za.

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our donors and partners for your continued support of BTC, even during the current tough economic climate. It is through partners such as you that we can continue to provide ECI services to hundreds of children with special needs who would otherwise not have access to quality medical care.

Yours faithfully

Dr M von Chevellarie
It is once again that time of year when we at BTC reflect on the year that has passed. Over the last twelve (12) months, our team has continued to work hard at accomplishing our Vision and Mission – to provide ECI services to babies and toddlers with special needs. The therapists focused on developing the abilities of each child and to maximise their potential for independence. As part of our ethos, we believe that we can make a difference in every child’s life through love, care, compassion and dedication. As such, we applaud and support the resilience and well-being of our families.

We have achieved great successes in addressing the needs of babies and toddlers through our multidisciplinary approach. We are extremely proud of the outstanding service we have provided to our special needs children and we know that we are an asset to the community and play an invaluable role in the development of our children.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Our administrative personnel have remained consistent throughout the year, and consist of:
- Two (2) Receptionists.
- A Bookkeeper.
- A Fundraising- & Marketing Coordinator and
- Two (2) General Assistants.

In April 2018, we appointed Maryke Allers as the new Fundraising- & Marketing Coordinator, and with her help, a huge load has been removed from the shoulders of the administrative staff. In January 2018 we embarked on an exciting journey of renewal with the relaunch of the BTC brand. This included the adoption of a new logo and corporate stationery as well as a brand-new website. This process has allowed us to realign with current trends within the industry and community. We are convinced that this innovative process will lead to better outcomes for our Centre and our little patients.

**BTC DAY CARE CENTRE**

Due to the current economic climate, we have been faced with declining attendance in our Day Care Centre due to financial pressures on parents. Despite this, however, we have continued to maintain an environment in which our children of working parents can prosper and grow. We continue with our weekly themes and daily routine activities in Day Care. This plays an important role in the care and development of our children. The children love the weekly group music- and occupational therapy sessions, weekly themes and their cooking hour.

**THERAPY TEAM**

Our dedicated therapy team consists of:
- Two (2) Occupational Therapists
- Two (2) Physiotherapists
- Two (2) Speech-Language and Feeding Therapists
- One (1) Music Therapist and
- One (1) consulting Dietician

We have seen some changes in the therapy team during the past year. Suzette (Physiotherapist) immigrated to the United Kingdom (UK) and Marna left the Centre to further her studies and to present courses on Neonatal Assessments. Jenna (Occupational Therapist) also left the Centre in December to complete her master’s degree in the UK. Though we were sad to see them go, we are very fortunate to have been able to appoint experienced and capable therapists in their place. We welcomed Lizl Dennis (Physiotherapist) back into our team. New to our team is Taryn Camden-
Smith (Physiotherapist) and Heléne Crafford (Occupational Therapist). The remainder of the team has remained constant. I am grateful for the teams’ commitment and dedication.

**BTC OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

Work at our three (3) Outreach Programmes have continued to grow steadily. At Mooiplaats there has been a growing number of patients seeing our therapists for evaluations and treatment. We have also seen an increase in parents conscientiously bringing their children for follow-up therapy sessions.

Work at the PoPuP Project has remained steady with our two (2) Therapists (Music and Speech) providing group therapy and teacher training on a weekly basis.

Our Occupational Therapist provides assessments and therapy to babies at the Tshwane Haven on a weekly basis. She works with the new high-risk babies and offers treatment to children who would otherwise not have access to therapy. On Thursdays our therapists also provide on-site therapy to babies from the Tshwane Place of Safety Organisation. These are children that have already been placed in foster homes and are awaiting adoption.

Appointments have increased exponentially over the past year, with many parents seeking help for their children who are not meeting their developmental milestones or who present with a disability. As a result, we have had to create extra therapy slots to accommodate these children. At BTC we don’t turn any child away from our doors.

I would like to extend my sincerest thank you to our Board Members, every BTC staff member, volunteers and donors for your dedicated contributions over the past year. The precious gift of your time, skills, donations and assistance of any kind are graciously received and much appreciated. We trust that the Centre will reach even greater heights in the coming year and we look forward with anticipation to what 2019 may bring.
“This is our special duty, that if anyone specially needs our help, we should give him such help to the utmost of our power.”
- Marcus Tullius Cicero
MEET OUR THERAPY TEAM

Ilse van Niekerk
Music Therapist

Mehnaaz Karim
Speech-Language and Feeding Therapist

Martelize Gropp
Speech-Language and Feeding Therapist

Heléne Crafford
Occupational Therapist

Janine van Niekerk
Dietician

Taryn Camden-Smith
Physiotherapist

Candice Els
Occupational Therapist

Lizl Dennis
Physiotherapist
MEET OUR DAY CARE TEAM

Sr. Annarine Welthagen
Professional Nurse

Sr. Margot Häusler
Professional Nurse

Veio Mahlangu
Day Care Assistant

Miriam Magoma
Day Care Assistant

Patricia Ngcobo
Day Care Assistant
MEET OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Karin Müller
Head of Centre

Louise van der Walt
Administrator

Maryke Allers
Fundraising & Marketing

Sophy Zimu
General Assistant

Matthews Puti
Garden Maintenance

Magriet Müller
Receptionist

Pam Best
Bookkeeper

Annah Modisa
General Assistant
Our Year

IN REVIEW
AUGUST 2017

- Start of a brand-new swimming school on our premises.
- Dr Engela Honey presents a lecture on Genetic Disorders as part of our Training Programme.
- We extend our Outreach Programme to Abba House.

JANUARY 2018

- Two new Therapists start at BTC.

MARCH 2018

- Commencement of the BTC rebrand.
- Celebration of World CPD Day.
- Annual General Meeting.
- Lecture by Drs Erasmus and Lippert as part of our Training Programme.

APRIL 2018

- Tuks Camerata and Kammerchor Wernigerode Choir Fundraising Event.
- BTC Team participates in the 702 Walk the Talk.
- A Nigerian delegation visits BTC.
- The start of HorseWorx at BTC for all our children.

MAY 2018

- Premiere evening of Raaiselkind.
- Celebration of Rare Disease Day.

JUNE 2018

- Our new Physiotherapist starts at BTC.

JULY 2018

- Memorial Bench Ceremony
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Occupational Therapists at BTC believe in the axiom that “it takes a village to raise a child”, even more so in children who present with developmental limitations or disabilities. This year we have strived to understand that families need a focused, sustained and empowering intervention in which inherent skills and knowledge are incorporated. As a team we aimed to provide coordinated, integrated and preventative services in concurrence with partnerships with the family and thereby contributing to an improved quality of life for our little ones and their families.

In 2018 our therapy programmes needed to be flexible and make use of multiple theoretical frameworks, assessments and treatment interventions. One of the methods we use as Occupational Therapists at BTC is play. It is often through play that babies and children learn to make sense of the world around them. Therefore, we have aimed to combine a child’s need to play with our skill and knowledge to assist in facilitating each child’s functioning and independence.

This is carried over into the Occupational Therapy Group which is facilitated on a weekly basis within the Day Care Centre. With the identification and assistance of strengths and supports within the therapy program as well as partnering with Day Care staff, an informal curriculum has been enhanced resulting in sustainable stimulation for the children in our Day Care Centre.

The Therapists continue to be involved in the BTC Outreach Programme. Group therapy is provided at Chrysalis Preschool on a weekly basis and ECI was provided at the Tshwane Place of Safety and Abba House. The aim of these visits was to identify any developmental delays and to offer therapy to the babies and children in need of intervention.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND FEEDING THERAPY

The focus of Speech Therapy is to facilitate language learning through a multi-sensory approach. This includes pragmatic skills (eye contact, initiating communication and understanding non-verbal communication), the understanding of language concepts through creating an experience as children from birth to three years learn through sensory experiences and to facilitate language use by modelling correct sentences and grammar. Most importantly a learning experience is created through play, as play skills and language learning complement each other. Another aspect that is facilitated is emergent literacy skills, which includes the understanding of the concept of a beginning and end of a book, experiencing paging and displaying joint attention (looking at the picture and the person and showing an interest in the book and pictures named). Individual speech therapy sessions are also facilitated if it is observed that a child needs individual attention in terms of enhanced language stimulation or articulation difficulties.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

This year BTC saw the return of the much-loved Lizl Dennis and the appointment of Taryn Camden-Smith in the
Physiotherapy division. By working with the unique multi-disciplinary set-up that BTC offers, the Physiotherapists have had a busy year which includes:

- Evaluations of children along with Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.
- Physiotherapy sessions with children who are experiencing gross developmental delays and their caregivers.
- Launching of a weekly Gross Motor Group in the Day Care Centre.
- Rehabilitation to orphaned and vulnerable children from places of safety around Pretoria and Hammanskraal.
- Outreach activities included developmental screenings and rehabilitation at a volunteer-run clinic in Mooiplaats. Combining rehabilitation services with nutritional supplements if required has reaped enormous developmental gains to children attending this volunteer-run clinic.
- Continued arrangement of standing frames from fellow NPO Sukumani Dream has provided the children with the opportunity to stand for prolonged periods throughout the day at home as well as at Day Care. The benefits of standing include ideal positioning for engaging and communicating, stretching their legs, weight-bearing to improve bone density and improved bowel and bladder functioning.

It has been a busy but very rewarding year with many laughs, smiles, singing and cheers erupting from the Physiotherapy room. We can’t wait to see what 2019 will bring.

Dietetics

Over the past year, we have once again realized the importance of good nutrition, especially for our children at BTC who present with special needs and often also with feeding difficulties. A child who is underweight or malnourished doesn’t have the necessary energy to participate in daily activities and in their therapy sessions. The challenge is to work around the feeding difficulties to ensure that the child receives enough energy and necessary nutrients, but when they start to pick up weight and we can see the child start to flourish we are rewarded with a new energy to continue.

As a rule, the field of nutrition is ever-changing as new research findings challenge our current guidelines and recommendations. Two areas that are receiving a lot of attention these days are guidelines about the introduction of solids as well as food allergies, specifically when the optimal time is to introduce the main food allergens such as peanut butter, wheat and eggs. We are excited to see the results of these studies as this will hopefully lead to less infants suffering from food allergies.

Music Therapy

Soft, rhythmical breathing matched by gentle strums on the guitar; fast, exuberant drumming mirrored by energetic melodious singing; brief, shy glances extended into eye contact through playful instrumentation – these are glimpses into the initial moments of contact, acknowledgement and affirmation between a patient and Music Therapist.

Music is an engaging, creative and flexible medium of therapy eliciting and responding to the abilities and potential of each child. Whether through vocalisation, instrumental play, music listening or dance and movement, being actively engaged in live music – creating experiences as facilitated by a qualified Music Therapist, has a profoundly positive effect on several areas of the developmentally delayed or special needs child.

Music therapy is provided as a service at BTC in individual, group and community settings. The therapy aims are specific to the needs and potentials of each patient or patient-group, with the overarching focus being on the psycho-social...
and emotional development of the patient. Infant mental health is directly related to these areas of the person, which in turn influences the overall well-being of the person/group. Further benefits may often encompass the physical, communicative and functional domains of development, as music is a whole brain phenomenon and allows for addressing multiple developmental aspects simultaneously.

It has been increasingly noted that the opportunities and stimulation offered in music therapy sessions as part of the early phase of the patient’s therapy process, encourages improved responses and attainment of therapy objectives in the other disciplines of therapy the patient is engaged in.

**BTC DAY CARE CENTRE**

It has been a year of highs and lows at the Day Care Centre. We experienced a decline in numbers when compared to last year. This was mostly due to the great number of children that turned three (3) years old and graduated to various preschools. Though it was hard to say goodbye, we were also very excited to see one of our children being accepted into New Hope School, as well as two (2) of our children with Down Syndrome leaving us to go to mainstream schools. All three of them adjusted very well in their new environments.

The day-to-day program introduced last year proved to work very well, and where initially we only had an Occupational Therapy Group on Mondays and a cooking hour on Fridays, we now also have a Physiotherapy group on Tuesdays and group Music Therapy still takes place on Wednesdays. We can really see how the kids benefit from the activities. The activities focus on fine-motor, gross motor, perceptual, sensory integration, communication skills and play within the Day Care environment.

It is a privilege to have experienced the growth that has taken place and to celebrate every individual milestone accomplished.

Furthermore, it has been wonderful to work as a team. The team consisted of a few new faced during the year. While Sr. Annarine was on maternity leave Sr. Erika Niebuhr stood in for her.

**BTC OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

According to [www.thelancet.com](http://www.thelancet.com) new estimates, based on proxy measures of stunting and poverty, indicate that two hundred and fifty million children (43%) younger than five years in low-income and middle-income countries are at risk of not reaching their developmental potential. As such, BTC endeavours to provide ECI therapy free of charge to those in disadvantaged communities who have no other access to the benefits of early developmental therapy for their babies. Early intervention on the young developing brain has a high impact on the development of skills needed for cognitive functioning in education, including mathematics and science.

All our screening-, therapy- and training services are provided free of charge at our Outreach Programmes.

**Salvokop Outreach Programme**

The babies at the Salvokop project are developmentally delayed due to environmental circumstances, although a small percentage also have disabilities or conditions such as Autism or Down Syndrome. For this group, a Speech-Language Therapist gives attention to speech and language development. A Music Therapist attends to psycho-social and emotional aspects impacting development. For these children, the chances are great that they can eventually reach their full potential emotionally, intellectually and academically, if we can lay down the right skills development at the earliest possible time. The BTC Therapists also offer teacher training to help facilitators enhance and improve their skills to offer an optimal early learning experience for each child.
Abba House

Abba House is part of the SA Care for Life Group. They offer specialised care to babies and toddlers in crisis, from birth to the age of five-year-old.

Abba House cares for a maximum of twelve children at any given stage. It is a temporary place of safety where children can be received and evaluated until a more permanent placement can be found through family placements, foster care or adoption.

BTC is privileged to be able to invest in these children’s lives through our weekly Outreach Programme. The programme allows for a sensory stimulation approach to promote and sustain the typical development of these babies and toddlers.

Mooiplaats

Ditshego House of Laughter opened a preschool in the Mooiplaats informal settlement. The organisation offers preschool, aftercare and literacy programs to help young children develop the necessary skills they need for school and caters for one hundred and forty vulnerable learners.

Mooiplaats is home to about sixteen thousand people, the majority of whom are either stateless or undocumented, and there are no resources such as schools, running water, police stations, electricity, clinics or formal creches. The one exception is a sanitary system of fifty portable toilets that provide for the basic needs of this community of disproportionately younger people. The community has expressed the following concerns:

- Water shortage (water trucks deliver water daily).
- The dumping site is a health risk.
- The medical services are not enough (mobile clinics assist once a week).
- The unemployment statistics are high.
- There are no police facilities.
- Fifty chemical toilets serve the community.
- The teacher assistants have received minimal training.

In trying to assist this poverty-stricken community, BTC started a weekly Outreach Programme at Ditshego House of Laughter. One of the aims of the programme is to screen all children in the Mooiplaats community, under the age of three years, for developmental delays and to provide therapy if necessary.

In our efforts to continuously evaluate our services, we realised that by only focusing on the children, we were neglecting a vast majority of the population. We then included training of mothers, teachers at the preschool as well as the community healthcare workers on typical development patterns and the importance of play and literacy – with the aim of reaching into the community.

We did this by facilitating workshops on toy making as well as by demonstration. The mothers, teachers and healthcare workers were included in the problem-solving discussions, and their opinions encouraged so that effective learning could take place. By continuing to train each new parent that we see, we are anticipating that they will pass on the information to the community and will focus the attention on the importance of investing in the development of children.

Tshwane Haven

Tshwane Have addresses the growing need for the dedicated care of babies and toddlers in distress. Their objectives are:

- To provide a support structure to the Tshwane Place of Safety Association with regards to sick and vulnerable children.
• To provide a secure home environment for children with medical problems.
• To provide specialist care to babies and toddlers with medical problems.
• To liaise with doctors, clinics and specialists on specific problems of micro-premature babies, babies and toddlers place with them.
• To provide an overnight shelter facility for the SAPS until they can place the children in another place of safety.

Our Therapists visit the Tshwane Place of Safety on a weekly basis. The aim of these visits is the identification of any developmental delays and to offer therapy to those babies in need of early intervention therapy. Our Therapists also offer training and guidance to the caregivers.
“Each of us as citizens, has a role to play in creating a better world for our children.”

- Nelson Mandela
Our Beneficiaries
BTC Key Output Indicators
January - July 2018

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Demographics Breakdown of Beneficiaries
August 2017 - July 2018

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- Male: 269
- Black: 450
- White: 36
- Asian: 0
- Coloured: 15
- Other: 0
“With just the right attitude, we have the ability to change the wrong perception, towards those with disabilities.”

- Robert M. Hensel
Annual Financial STATEMENTS
THE BABY THERAPY CENTRE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE’S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

The Executive Committee has the pleasure in submitting their report on the annual financial statements of the Baby Therapy Centre for the year ended 31 July 2018.

1. Nature of business

The Centre continued to provide the following services on a non-profit making basis:

- An early assessment, ongoing support and treatment services for children up to three years of age who are developmentally challenged or “at risk” for developmental disabilities, as well as babies disabled after trauma or illness.
- A therapeutic day care programme for developmentally delayed, brain injured or “at risk” children from six months up to three years of age.
- Support services such as individual and family counselling, parenting classes and resource and referral services to all families of enrolled children.
- To research inter-departmentally the needs, methods and development of early intervention services in South Africa, and to do so in conjunction with other interested organisations.
- To regularly provide baby therapy and mother counselling in townships to underprivileged communities; and
- To train therapy and medical students in early intervention therapy.

2. Review of activities

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized entities. The accounting policies have been applied consistently compared to the prior year.

The operating results and state of affairs are fully set out in the attached annual financial statement and do not in our opinion require further comment.

Net deficit of the centre was R133 552 (2017: R210 508 surplus), after taxation of R- (2017: R-).

3. Going concern

The Executive Committee believes that the centre has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly the annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Executive Committee has satisfied themselves that the centre is in a sound financial position and has access to sufficient borrowing facilities to meet the foreseeable cash requirements. The Executive Committee is not aware of any new material changes that may adversely impact the centre. The Executive Committee is also not aware of any material non-compliance with statutory or regulatory requirements or any pending changes to legislation which may affect the centre.
4. **Post balance sheet events**

The Executive Committee is not aware of any material event which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report that would have a material impact on these annual financial statements.

5. **Auditors**

JPS & Associates will continue in office as auditors for the centre for 2018.

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**THE BABY THERAPY CENTRE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AT 31 JULY 2018**

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<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Non-current assets</td>
<td>97 550</td>
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<td>Property, plant and equipment</td>
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<td>Current assets</td>
<td>562 891</td>
<td>709 626</td>
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<td>Trade and other receivables</td>
<td>3 61 562</td>
<td>26 810</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>4 501 329</td>
<td>682 813</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td>Equity</td>
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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

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<td>3 116 768</td>
<td>3 520 419</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>61 605</td>
<td>61 331</td>
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<td>Operating expenses</td>
<td>(3 311 925)</td>
<td>(3 371 242)</td>
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<td><strong>(Deficit)/Surplus for the year</strong></td>
<td>R (133 552)</td>
<td>R210 508</td>
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2018

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<td>Surplus for the year</td>
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<td>Balance at 01 August 2017</td>
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Our PARTNERS
BTC has been blessed with dedicated partners (both corporate and individual) in our mission to provide ECI services to disadvantaged babies and communities. It is only through your continued passion and support that we can continue to care for our children.

BTC is a pioneering Centre and we continue to make breakthroughs in the treatment of children with special needs and developmental delays. We prioritise therapy at the earliest age at the time of most rapid brain development so that we can achieve maximum results. Through this approach and the investment made in these children, we aim to empower them to become functional members of the community, able to provide for themselves and their families. This ensures a reduced financial impact on families, communities and government infrastructures in the future.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank every donor and sponsor who have shared in our vision during 2018. It takes a village to raise a child, and we are proud and thankful that you have chosen to be part of our village.

We are active in our communities and with your help we have been able to reach and treat 501 babies during our last financial year. That is 501 babies whose lives have been changed by your empathy and willingness to help. We have also mentored and trained 250 mothers, caregivers, medical personnel and nursery school teachers in ECD. In 2019 we’d like to do more, and we have set our targets as follows:

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<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Target</th>
<th>Female</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>African</th>
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<th>Indian</th>
<th>White</th>
<th>Beneficiaries with disabilities</th>
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<td>Number of evaluations performed.</td>
<td>240 per annum.</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>130</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Number of one-on-one therapy sessions provided.</td>
<td>12 048 sessions per annum.</td>
<td>5 048</td>
<td>7 000</td>
<td>8 000</td>
<td>1 024</td>
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<td>Number of babies attending Group Therapy Session.</td>
<td>200 beneficiaries per annum.</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Number of babies attending Day Care</td>
<td>13 beneficiaries per month.</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Number of caregivers, parents, nursing staff and therapists receiving training.</td>
<td>1 800 trainees per annum.</td>
<td>1 800</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1 080</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>240</td>
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Special needs children are not lost causes. They change the world in their special way. They change the way we look at the world. They can bring communities together. They offer us unconditional love and demonstrate unsurpassed dedication to overcome their obstacles and limitations. Obstacles that we aren’t even able to imagine. Moreover, they do it with a smile on their face. All they ask in return is that we take care of them and give them the opportunities that every child deserves.

We have four ways in which you can contribute towards our children’s futures:

1. By making a financial contribution.
2. By supplying us with much needed equipment and consumables.
3. By sponsoring a child to attend our Day Care Centre.
4. By donating unused clothing and household items to our Jumble Sale.

If you ever have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at support@babytherapy.org.za. I’m looking forward to building mutually beneficial relationships with all our partners in 2019.

Warmest regards

Maryke Allers
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