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Despite the challenges that we have gone through as an organization in this latter half of 2017, we continue to see great successes in our work on the ground. In October our new craft designs were exhibited in Durban KZNSA Gallery drawing attention and praise from designers around the world. The Afterschool program, run by our 3 Child and Youth Care Workers, has local children lining up outside the Computer and Library facilities. At our annual AGM many community members spontaneously shared stories about the positive impact of our programs and interventions in their lives. Our monthly Wellness Days in the outlying hubs of Ufafa continue to help 100s of vulnerable community members to access their medicines and receive direct services and support.

However to sustain all these successful operations, year upon year, is a challenge. Our Board of Directors has met regularly in the past few months to give their full support to our organisation. The Board has agreed to follow a different path in order to create financial sustainability at Woza Moya. Currently, we have embarked on doing a thorough assessment of Woza Moya looking at the skills set of our staff, our operation systems, programmes and structure. Our Board Chairman, Dr. Amon Kasambala volunteered to step down (interim), as Chair, in order to help with the assessment process of the entire organization. His findings, outcomes and recommendations will guide the decisions of the Board in the coming year on what would be the best for Woza Moya. The outcomes of the assessment will also help Woza Moya in its succession planning process – finding a new Executive Director who will take the organization into the future after Sue Hedden's tenure.

Meanwhile, Sue Hedden has been given a new challenge by the Board. In addition to her current role as Executive Director of Woza Moya, the Board has requested Sue to begin helping build stronger relationships with the outside world for Woza Moya. This is a new approach and a new strategy to fundraising, it's called





“Friend-raising”. In 2018, Sue will be travelling to the UK and the USA where Woza Moya has a chain of friends and well wishes. She will be telling the Woza Moya story and requesting many more friends to come on board. Friend-raising will emphasize the importance of creating a sustainable way of giving to Woza Moya, and that is, many friends giving through monthly debit orders to Woza Moya. Sue is excited about this new challenge. Having a founder, friend-raising for our future sustainability is a great honor to the Board and the entire Woza Moya community.

We invite you all to become a part of this new Friend-Raising initiative for Woza Moya! We are appealing in particular to our Woza Moya friends in the UK and the US, where we are fortunate to have platforms already in place to receive donations. Meet our wonderful Woza Moya UK Trustees <http://www.wozamoya.org.za/how-you-can-help/monetary-donations.html#donate-uk>. We are also blessed to have the South Coast Foundation, a 501(c) (3) organization in the US as a friend. <http://southcoastfoundation.org/aboutscf.shtml>. We receive 100% of all donations made in US, which are tax deductible.

Please contact Sue at director@wozamoya.org.za to offer any support, ideas, contacts, venues. These next two months are a crucial time as Woza Moya plans for this new and exciting venture.





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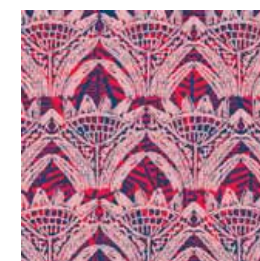
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