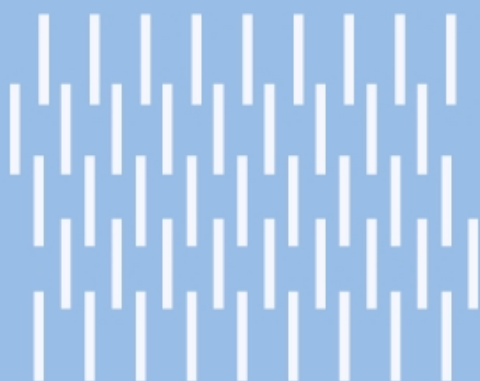




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INTRODUCTION

Aspen's community outreach efforts in the Eastern Cape, more specifically in the New Brighton township and surrounding areas focuses on developing and sustaining communities in which we operate.

Aspen's Gqeberha facility has to date produced 160 million vaccine doses, majority of which have been received by African patients. This activity has resulted in the empowerment of employees from these areas and our ongoing community-focused programs have continued on this same trajectory.

We aim to, as far as possible provide each beneficiary of our partnerships, contributions and support with an indelible impact on their day to day lives.





A Story of Healing

Dora Nginza Hospital, Zwide, Eastern Cape

The Dora Nginza Hospital situated in Zwide - a township not too far from Aspen's Gqeberha facility is a teaching hospital and forms part of the Gqeberha Hospital Complex. The facility has previously been embroiled in a number of media reports regarding the infant mortality rate due to lack of reliable equipment and resources. Infant deaths have skyrocketed since 2020 as crippling staff and equipment shortages are left unattended and mostly ignored.

Amidst these and other growing reports, the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) reached out to Aspen in a desperate effort to receive assistance for the hospital. Aspen responded by making a contribution to the hospital enabling them to refurbish the neonatal and paediatric ward as well as furnish it with new paediatric beds. The greatest achievement in this partnership is that their ultrasound machine received a much-needed upgrade which will in future assist the hospital in saving the lives of infants and save many new moms the trauma of losing a baby.





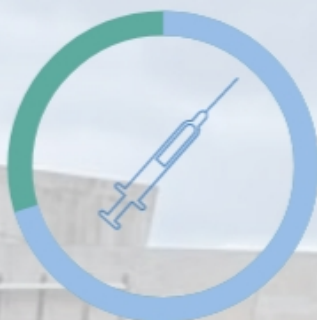
A Story of Ubuntu

Ubuntu Pathways, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape



Early Childhood Development (ECD)

84 toddlers are back in the Ubuntu Early Childhood Development program and a newly constructed primary school to service children of the community.



Health

OVER 600 clients are receiving life-saving HIV treatment and healthcare.
24,000 Life-saving COVID vaccines have been administered to members of the community.



Skills Development

358 Job Skills Training students are accessing remote psychosocial support and career guidance

Ubuntu Pathways (formerly Ubuntu Education Fund) is a non-profit organization that provides an integrated support system of health, education, and social support in the townships of Gqeberha. Over the past 22 years, the Ubuntu Pathways Centre has transformed into a multi-discipline centre reminiscent of a village that has become an internationally recognized blueprint for community transformation. Ubuntu is built on the mantra of believing in trusting those closest to the problem to create the solution.

For this reason, Ubuntu and Aspen established a partnership at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and at a time when South Africans who were suffering the most due to the economic impact of the virus to ensure that these individuals received the appropriate support. In partnership with the Aspen, Ubuntu delivered key equipment that healthcare and essential workers in the community desperately needed, from thermometers and surgical masks to hand sanitiser and gloves to 27 local clinics. They distributed over R5 million worth of equipment and supplies and launched a food security initiative, providing over 30,000 people life-saving medical, food security, and psychosocial support.





A Story of Hope

Heather Botha, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape



Heather Botha, once wheelchair bound due to a debilitating pain that was once described as 'worse than child birth' and 'deafening' has been on a four month journey of treatment to assist her to get her once active life back. Heather and her mother have been at the Spero Clinic in Arkansas, United States as she underwent an intense treatment by CRPS specialists based only in the US.

We are pleased to report that Heather is now back in South Africa in her hometown, Eastern Cape, and has made complete recovery! She has returned to a normal life which includes her daily activities including riding horses, her bike and one thing she has missed over the past four years, walking. Heather and her mother are extremely grateful to Aspen for the gift of giving Heather her life back.

A Story of Humanity

The Kolisi Foundation, Kwazakhele, Eastern Cape



The Kolisi Foundation was established in April 2020 by captain of Rugby World Cup winning Springboks Siya Kolisi and wife Rachel. The Foundation aims to change the trajectory of inequality in South Africa, by responding to the ongoing challenges faced by the most vulnerable of our country.

Aspen and the Kolisi Foundation partnered on an ongoing basis during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that residents of the Kwazakhele township where the sportsman grew up. Through a partnership that lasted well over a year, we managed to respond to the increased levels of food insecurity in the area providing support to an average of families of 6 for a minimum of 3 months.





A Story of Impact

Ima Nathi Football Program, New Brighton, Eastern Cape

New Brighton is Gqeberha's oldest existing township, north of the CBD and just east of Aspen's manufacturing facility. The township much like others like it is suffering a variety of social ills affecting the youth of the community some of which include drug and substance abuse. Sport has the power to inspire and unite people from diverse backgrounds and create hope. It's so much more than just a game and countless individuals have felt the life-changing impact of organised sport.

To this end, Aspen and the New Brighton Local Football Association (LFA) have established the Aspen New Brighton Ima Nathi Program. The program has since inception provided local soccer players, teams and enthusiasts a series of soccer matches they can look forward to participating in. So far the program has established a local team, completed training of local officials and seen the establishment of a local ladies team, the City Lads FC who recently got promoted to the professional league.



