



WELCOME TO OUR

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME 2025



We welcome 2025 with a good spirit. As we look back at 2024, we are proud to announce that it was a year filled with positivity and development.

In this issue we will explore the major achievements of 2024 and dive into what our plans are for 2025.

Please enjoy our stories and make sure to get in contact. If you share our vision of child development, we consider you a friend of Net Vir Pret.

ENJOY!



Remember to get in touch!

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Let's look at our 2024 ending

THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF 2024 WERE VERY IMPORTANT

November and December of every year is a very busy time for the staff of Net Vir Pret. This is the time that we focus on the Giant Puppet Show. We have our puppetry team working on the production, our costume team finalising the costumes of the actors and our actors getting the final pieces together. This is also the time that our partners from UWC joins us to help us put together a show that will blow people away. Not only did we provide employment for a group of 19 young adults for 5 months, we also had our youngsters actively performing in our show. It is always wonderful to see the look on their faces as they prepare themselves to perform in front of their families and also to more than 800 people in the audience.



Michelle The Dancer

RIELDANCE SOLO FEMALE WINNER

Michelle Hartnick won the best female solo dancer at the Riel Dance Festival in Paarl. We are very proud of her and hope others will follow in her footsteps in 2025. We still have our two main Riel Dance groups namely, the Net Vir Pret and the Akkerboom.



Celebration!!

WE CELEBRATED OUR SKILLS TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

In November 2024, we held a certificate ceremony for the participants of the skills training programme we ran from May 2024

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WALKING TALL

PARADE AND PERFORMANCE

14 DECEMBER 2024

PARADE

Just like every year, we began by having a parade that follows the puppets to the venue where the performance will be. Accompanied by the Brigade, some of our actors and puppeteers led the people to the sports field where they were met by a packed audience.



THE SHOW

What a Performance! The audience was hooked as we embarked on all the identity changes young ||Khabbo had to go through, but to finally prevail with love on his side. Another great performance for the community presented by our youngsters.

APPRECIATION

We personally want to thank Minister of Tourism, Ms Patricia De Lille who came to watch our show. We also want to thank Makwande Empwerment Trust, National Arts Council, Presidential Employment Stimulus Fund, Provincial Department of Sports, Arts and Culture and Sanbona Wildlife Reserve for funding



We also want to thank The Ukwanda Puppet Company and Centre of Humanities Research (UWC) for collaboration during this time

[Net Vir Pret After Care and Youth Centre](#)

PUTTING SCHOOL FIRST

SINCE THE START OF 2025 OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON GETTING KIDS READY FOR SCHOOL

13 January - When we opened our centre, we were a bit concerned that not all youngsters were ready to embark on their schooling journey. So we decided to launch a School-Readiness campaign, where we would fetch the youngsters and get them ready for school by cutting, washing and styling their hair.

This was supported by the Local Library who invited our youngsters to bring their school shoes to be cleaned. So we gathered our youngsters and took them by bus to the Library.

Even though this was a fantastic initiative, we still noticed that there were youngsters who didn't have any school clothes. Magriet (Gift of the Givers in Holland) and Sally (from the local Pep Store), came to the rescue and fundraised for school clothes. We were able to identify youngsters in need both in town and on the farms and we were able to pick them up and take them shopping for what they needed.



Let's hear from our Director

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL CLOTHES

“At Net Vir Pret, we can easily spot where there is a need for something. Our way of care is to make sure that our youngsters don't have any obstacles that prevent them from attending school. Our care does not stop at the door of the organisation. No. Our caring is open to all youngsters in town and on the surrounding farms.”

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