

# THE -Made More M SS ON



This incredibly diverse community is always a reason to celebrate. We *love our Adaptive Surfing Family!* 

Celebration!!! We are coming to the end of another year of including, equipping and empowering people with disabilities in our beautiful province and country, and we are still here. We are grateful! The end of the year is always a time of reflection. What did we do well, and what can we do better going forward. It's also a time where we get to celebrate the wins! As you all know, there have been a lot of challenges this year, but in the midst of it all, there has been so much impact and so much to celebrate.

"The Lord your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love. The Lord has promised: Your sorrow has ended, and you can celebrate. I will punish those who mistreat you. I will bring together the lame and the outcasts, then they will be praised, instead of despised, in every country on earth. I will lead you home, and with your own eyes you will see me bless you with all you once owned. Then you will be famous everywhere on this earth. I, the Lord, have spoken!" -Zephaniah 3:17-20

#### **Top Ten Wins of the Year**

It's such a joy and privilege to share our top 10 wins of the year with you as we honour you and your contribution in making this all a reality. In no specific order:

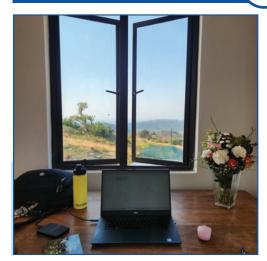
#### **KZN Sports Awards**

We won the KZN Sports Recreational Body of The Year 2023 at the KZN Sports Awards.





#### **Community Building**



We have a fully functional staff accommodation, office and community building in Amahlongwa. We are literally standing on the ground of a dream, that many of you helped us realise.



# Reaching 68 Surfers

In 2023 we hosted a total of 79 Para Surfing Sessions and 185 Surf Therapy sessions reaching a total of 68 individual surfers. We also hosted the KZN Para Surfing Champs & attended 3 surf contests including the prestigious Ballito Pro, making history. See the AIRE-ZA KZN Para Surfing Champs video here: https://youtu.be/dbzXwNtn4m8





# 4 SA Para Surfing Champs







The KZN Para Surfing Team (Made up of Made for More surfers and coaches) won the SA Para Surfing Champs in Cape Town, bringing home 6 gold, 8 silver and 4 bronze medals. We also had 4 first time flyers, which was a joy to be a part of and a beautiful reminder of how access creates opportunities.

## 5 ISA World Champs

Five surfers birthed out of our Surf Therapy programme represented SA at the ISA World Para Surfing Championships and both Douglas Hendrikz and Tracy Mckay got a bronze medal and are currently ranked 3rd in the world. One of our amazing coaches, Owami Zama represented SA as a coach for the second year.





#### **6** Nomination



We were nominated for the Global Laureus Sports for Good Award (the only nomination on the African continent) and 1 of 5 NPO's in the entire world. See the video here: https://youtu.be/20M0tSuPNUM?si=F1GXrybIZtdbYV55

## **7** Outreach in Communities







We reach over 200 people in 5 different communities through our various weekly programmes.

#### 8 Team Efforts

Our tiny team of 3 full time staff and 2 part time coaches have carried this organisation with grace, hard work, perseverance, and bravery, in a season that has been very challenging, with building structures while maintaining the heart and why of what we do. We are so proud of our team!









## 9 Our Incredible Volunteers

"Honestly. We cannot celebrate them enough. They give everything of themselves, work hard, put their bodies on the line and all with the biggest smiles on their faces. We simply couldn't run our Surf Therapy days without them, and we are so grateful for their commitment and consistency."







## 10 Fuel From Our Funders

Last, but certainly not least, we want to celebrate our Funders. The ones who have carried this organisation in 2023. You are the fuel that keeps this engine going. Thank you for believing in us, remaining consistent and ensuring sustainability and impact.

#### 2023 Thank You

We could go on for days about all the win's as there really have been so many. Fundraisers, salvations, leaders emerging out of our leadership camps, the gift of custom wheelchairs to two boys that were unable to go to school for lack of mobility, and the list goes on...

For now, we'll keep it at just 10, and we trust you will celebrate yourself and these wins with us. They are not just ours, but yours as well. Well done. What a joy to celebrate with family!

We're super expectant for 2024, and truly believe, the best is yet to come...

#### **Prayer Points**

- Safety, health and continued provision for our Made for More families and beneficiaries.
- Peace, rest and recovery over this festive season for our Team.
- Our Amahlongwa site and the general community who is battling with service delivery of water and electricity.
- A borehole for Amahlongwa so we can bless the community with water and food from our farm.
- More support in terms of volunteers, coaches and people who want to bless Made for More with their time and skills in 2024.
- Abundance and favour for our monthly donors, their families, and their businesses.

Have a beautifully blessed and restful festive season

#### Love,

#### The Made for More Team

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