



# Hillcrest AIDS Centre Trust



## Dear Friends of HACT

In this edition of our newsletter, we are very excited to be featuring the beautiful and awe-inspiring work of **Woza Moya** – our flagship income-generating project whose name has become synonymous around the world with top quality African arts and crafts. Woza Moya, which in isiZulu means “come holy spirit” started over 15 years ago as a way of enabling local people impacted by HIV/AIDS to financially support themselves and their families. The project currently provides training in beading, pottery, fabric painting and sewing and also incorporates an upcycled art centre where unwanted materials are transformed into contemporary works of art including jewellery and home decor.

From its humble beginnings, Woza Moya has grown into a large, multi-faceted enterprise. The project currently supports over **1000** crafters, the vast majority of whom are women who are their family’s sole breadwinner. In addition to fostering economic empowerment, Woza Moya provides a sense of pride and dignity, enabling people impacted by HIV/AIDS to lead positive, healthy and productive lives.

To learn more about Woza Moya and how you can support this incredible project, please visit our website and online shop here: <http://www.hillaims.org.za/craft-shop>

You can also like and follow Woza Moya on Facebook – [WOZA MOYA & FRIENDS](#) or pop into either of our two Woza Moya shops which are both open Monday – Friday, 8am to 4pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm.

Thank you and God bless you.

### The HACT Team

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## Woza Moya Nominated For Two Prestigious Awards

The Woza Moya team have been nominated for not one, but two awards in recent weeks. On Thursday evening, the 20th October, Paula and Busi (pictured right) represented Woza Moya at the **2016 KZN Exporter of the Year Awards**, where we had been nominated as a finalist. The awards are a partnership between Transnet Port Terminals [TPT] and the Durban Chamber of Commerce & Industry [DCCI] that serve to celebrate those local businesses that are contributing positively towards the growth and development of our province's economy.



Then on Saturday, the 12th November, Paula and Busi will also be representing Woza Moya at the **2016 BEFA Awards** (Business Excellence Forum & Awards). Woza Moya has been nominated in the “Best Community Impact” category for its exceptional work in empowering and uplifting thousands of crafters and artists from across the Valley of 1000 Hills area over the past 15 years.

Congratulations to our entire Woza Moya team for their hard work and commitment, we are so proud of you all!

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## Beauty's Story - Home Is Where The Heart Is

Beauty Elefu is 46 years-old and lives in KwaNyuswa. She has six children ranging in age from 22 to 12 years-old whom she currently supports through the sale of her beadwork.



Beauty was first introduced to HACT in 2007 by her neighbour. Beauty had just buried her husband who was not only the love of her life, but the sole source of income for her young family. Grieving the loss of her partner, Beauty was also in

desperate need of help at the time. *“My neighbour was very worried about us and told me I needed to come here to the centre to get help. It took me a while because I was afraid, but I came and was put onto the feeding scheme. I was so happy for that, it saved my life!”*

To read more please [click here](#)

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## Clive's Creations Create A Stir At Woza Moya

Woza Moya's **Upcycled Art Centre** creates beautiful pieces of art from used and unwanted materials such as plastic buckets, atlases, cardboard and packaging. The project has recently welcomed its second artist, **Clive Nene**, who for the past few months has been making beautiful sets of drinking glasses out of used beer bottles.



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## Order Your Woza Moya Christmas Decor & Gifts Today!

From Christmas tree decorations and greeting cards, to unique gift ideas for the whole family, we have a wonderful range of hand-crafted Christmas items which are now available to order and purchase via our Woza Moya store.



Should you wish to receive a copy of our **Christmas Catalogue**, please send us an email at [wozaorders@hillaid.org.za](mailto:wozaorders@hillaid.org.za)

Please don't delay and get your orders in as early as possible as Christmas is almost upon us!

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## Mnandi Cook Book & Rondavel Christmas Soap Launch

Please come join us on Tuesday morning, the **15th November 2016** at **10:30am** to celebrate the

launch of the Mnandi Cook Book and new Rondavel Christmas Soap range!

This unique event is sure to satisfy all your senses – sample some of the delicious Mnandi recipes made with Mfino (weeds) and let the delicious scents of Rondavel’s Christmas soaps get you into the Christmas spirit.

HACT is proud to be hosting this unique event in our new Martin & Hamilton Training Centre - 26 Old Main Road, Hillcrest.

A donation of just **R15** will be charged towards a cup of tea and some recipe tasters for all our guests.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP via email to [wozamarketing@hillaidsof.org.za](mailto:wozamarketing@hillaidsof.org.za)

We look forward to seeing you all here on the day!



Woza Moya is proudly hosting an exhibition by Zimbabwean-born artist, **Paul Muzefani** at our Woza Moya Embocraft Gallery and Store in Botha’s Hill. Entitled “**African Vibrancy**” Paul’s paintings are inspired by the vibrant flurry of movement seen in everyday township life.

Paul hails from a creative and talented family. He learnt to paint from his father who was also an artist back in Zimbabwe. At age 16, Paul’s work started to get noticed by his friends and family and it was then that he decided he wanted to try earn a living from the sale of his work. It has not been easy for Paul, but he is a passionate and determined individual who wants to encourage other local artists never to give up hope; *“No matter how difficult the situation is, people should keep trying and things will get better in the end”* says Paul.



The exhibition is running from the **17th October - 17th November 2016** at our Woza Moya Embocraft Gallery and Store. Please be sure to come visit our store which has just celebrated its first year anniversary! The store is located at 237 Old Main Road, Botha’s Hill and is open Monday – Friday from 8am to 4pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm.

## Join Us For Festive Fun At HACT's World AIDS Day Christmas Market



The HACT team are looking forward to welcoming you to our centre on **Saturday, the 3rd December 2016** for our annual **World AIDS Day Christmas market**.

There will be plenty to see and do on the day, including a jumping castle, kiddies play area and browsing our wide variety of arts and craft stalls, so be sure to come visit us and get your Christmas shopping done nice and early. Remember to shop local and help us spread the love this festive season!

The market will be open from **8am - 2pm** on the day.

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## Meet A Woza Moya Supporter - Sprigs, The Food Store



Run by Fiona and Clare Ras, **Sprigs** is a local deli and coffee shop based in the Fields Shopping Centre in Kloof. Opened in 1998, this much loved venue is well known for its delicious, seasonal food, but also as a local stockist of Woza Moya's Little Travellers. Sprigs was one of the very first local outlets to start selling Woza Moya's Little Travellers back in 1999 - over 17 years ago!

To read more, please [click here](#).



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