

The Keiskamma Trust is a South African not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the holistic care of the communities that live in the area alongside the Keiskamma River in the Eastern Cape. We combine health, art, music and education initiatives in an integrated fight against poverty and HIV/AIDS, working to restore hope and health to every member of the community.

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music



gardens



The Keiskamma Music Academy's vision is to give children the **life-changing opportunity to become highly skilled and trained musicians**. The discipline and knowledge that are required in this pursuit, as well as the fulfillment and sense of achievement that comes with creating beauty are some of the highlights of this kind of training. The children in our program receive regular recorder lessons, enter examinations and competitions, and perform regularly. The Music Academy includes a marimba band, bringing musical game activities to nursery school children, and aims to provide lessons on other orchestral instruments in the future. The Music Academy was initiated by Helen Vosloo, a professional flautist.



CAROLINE NYONGO

Our interdependence and connection with the natural world and our environment is an important focus of The Keiskamma Trust. Our model organic vegetable garden is a site for experimentation as well as for teaching, through practice, **localised organic methods of growing the necessary nutritious vegetables and fruit to feed a family**. In the community garden, new methods of cultivation are being taught and incorporated in order to grow higher yields of better quality fruit and vegetables. The Keiskamma Trust is focused on cultivating both plants and ideas - ideas necessary to change the way people understand their environment and how best to use and care for it.



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art

health

heritage

education



In 2000, Carol Hofmeyr, a medical doctor and fine artist moved to the village of Hamburg where HIV/AIDS was having a devastating effect on a community already suffering due to widespread poverty. She encouraged a small group of women to learn embroidery, which today has become a large, powerful band of artists who generate income through sales of the high quality craft they produce. **Through art, they tell their story of courage and strength to audiences around the world.** Over 100 artists from Hamburg and neighbouring villages work together in a variety of mediums on craft items and award-winning artworks of monumental scale that are exhibited both in South Africa and internationally.



NOSETI MAKUBALO

In 2004 Dr. Hofmeyr began administering the first anti-retroviral drugs to sick members of the community. This pioneering action began the Keiskamma AIDS Treatment Programme, a programme that endeavours **to provide compassionate care and treatment to people affected by HIV/AIDS.** Today the Keiskamma Health Project is a committed team of medical and administrative staff with a treatment centre/hospice in Hamburg and numerous outreach programmes covering much of the Peddie district. Our health programme aims to fill in government services gaps; advocate for the health and education of a rural population; and mobilize the entire community to work together for the well-being of each member.



CAROL HOFMEYR

The history of Hamburg and the surrounding area is a richly-woven tapestry of stories from different cultures and events. The local Xhosa community has lived on the same land through ever-changing social and political climates, all of which have had significant effects on indigenous ways of life, often bringing a loss of wealth and cultural identity. The Keiskamma Trust works towards restoring a sense of pride, a feeling of belonging, and a belief in the intrinsic values of the community. Through various projects, ranging from exhibitions at our heritage site to recording of personal histories from community members, we aim to **develop in the community a deeper appreciation and understanding of our heritage.**



NOKWANDA MAKUBALO

Education and empowerment runs through all aspects of the Trust's programmes. We have established three Care Centres that provide nutrition and educational support for vulnerable children. We also run two nursery and pre-school programmes, which care for very young children. Many of these children are on anti-retroviral treatment and are in need of nutritional support in order to ensure effective treatment. We feed over four hundred children daily. We hope to soon establish an Information Technology Resource Centre and Library in order to facilitate study, bursary and employment applications.