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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

At a time when healthcare challenges continue to grow, the Groote Schuur Hospital (GSH) Trust stands as a model of what determined partnership can achieve. What we have built together is more than a funding platform. It is a vehicle for hope, equity and excellence at one of Africa's most important hospitals.

Our growth has been driven not just by financial success, but by our ability to align with the real needs of patients and clinicians.

Over the past two years, the Trust has expanded its reach across multiple impact areas – from funding emergency surgeries and scaling diabetes education to supporting teenagers living with chronic illness and responding to the hidden epidemic of intimate partner violence.

These projects are not just timely – they are transformational.

At a governance level, the Board of Trustees continues to provide strong oversight, ensuring that every initiative is grounded in sound financial management and strategic alignment with hospital priorities.

We have deepened internal systems, embedded project fees to support long-term sustainability, and grown our footprint with integrity and care.

The Trust now operates with the discipline of a mature organisation, without losing the agility and heart that defines it.

We know the path ahead will bring new challenges. The healthcare sector remains under strain, and competition for funding is steep. But we are building from a position of strength.

The strong working relationship between the Trust, the Groote Schuur Hospital Facility Board, and hospital leadership enables alignment around a shared vision for innovation, dignity and access.

To our donors, funding partners, clinicians and champions – thank you. You have placed your trust in our team, and in doing so, you have enabled real impact in the lives of thousands of people. Your support is a powerful reminder of what is possible when we work together for the common good.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the whole professional team at the Trust office.

Your dedication, skill and passion are the engine behind everything we have achieved – and all that is still to come.

I thank my fellow trustees for their good counsel, vision, and selfless service to all the stakeholders of this amazing institution.

With sincere appreciation,



Mustaq Brey, Chairperson, GSH Trust



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In a world where our healthcare systems are under increasing pressure and the future can often feel precarious, the need for compassion, innovation and partnership has never felt more urgent – or more possible.

As we reflect on the fourth and fifth years of the Trust, I'm struck by how far we've come since operationalising in 2021. What began as a bold idea – to create a sustainable fundraising arm for Groote Schuur Hospital – has become a vital platform for access, dignity and excellence in public healthcare.

These past two years have deepened our belief in what is possible when purpose meets partnership. With your support, the Trust has now raised over R30 million in total income and enabled projects that are transforming the way care is delivered.

Across all corners of the hospital – from surgical theatres to adolescent wards, maternity units to medical training spaces – your contributions have helped us close the gap between what the public system can offer and what patients truly need.

In September 2024, we began raising funds for a bold new initiative – the Emergency Funds for Emergency Surgery project – to ensure urgent, life-saving operations could go ahead without delay. For several months, we worked to secure the resources needed to meet the growing demand.

In April 2025, thanks to the generous support of our donors, we reached our goal: funding for 70 additional emergency surgical lists for the year. It was a milestone that came at exactly the right time – when austerity measures and delayed state appointments threatened the hospital's ability to meet urgent surgical needs.

Our Diabetes Centre has significantly expanded its healthcare worker training, attracting participants from across the province – particularly those working in Groote Schuur Hospital's catchment area. With a growing range of basic, advanced and foot care education offerings, the Centre is equipping frontline staff with practical tools to better manage diabetes, one of South Africa's most urgent health challenges.

The Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) intervention, now two years in operation, has screened over 30,000 women and is being scaled to other facilities in partnership with the Provincial Department of Health and Wellness.

We've also pioneered new ground. From piloting Robotic Surgery Training Days to onboarding Ophthalmology and Trauma upgrades, we've maintained our commitment to excellence, innovation and impact.

The Better Together adolescent programme – now entering its next funding cycle – continues to offer resilience and connection to teenagers living with chronic illness, one group session at a time.

Organisationally, we've matured in stride with our projects. These past two years have seen the implementation of a Planned Giving and Bequests strategy, the embedding of standard project fees to support sustainability, and the deepening of systems to support governance and growth. Our team has expanded, our donor base has diversified, and our partnerships – from corporates and foundations to grassroots community groups – have continued to grow in strength and alignment.

None of this would be possible without you. Your trust, generosity and belief in our mission have shaped what the GSH Trust is today – and where we are headed. Whether you gave R50 or R500,000, fundraised for us while running/cycling or helped fund a maternity ward upgrade, you have helped write a new chapter in Groote Schuur Hospital's proud history.

Thank you for journeying with us these past five years. We remain committed to our mission of pioneering world – class healthcare for all – and we look forward to what we can achieve together in the years to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Kristy Evans, Executive Director, GSH Trust



GSH TRUST VALUES

These values guide every decision we make.

They are the reason we exist – and the promise we carry forward.

Our Values in Action

At the GSH Trust, our values are not just principles – they are lived commitments. They shape how we work, why we exist, and the impact we strive to make every day.

Our Mission

To connect individuals, corporates and foundations with meaningful opportunities to strengthen public healthcare where it is needed most.

Our Vision

Pioneering world-class healthcare for all.

EXCELLENCE

We uphold the highest standards in everything we do. From supporting advanced surgical training to enabling 70 emergency surgical lists in a single year, we fund projects that reflect the Hospital’s legacy of clinical and academic leadership. Every intervention is designed to deliver sustainable, high-quality care that restores dignity and improves lives.

COMPASSION

At the heart of our work is a deep respect for the patient experience. Whether it’s a mother receiving support through our Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) intervention, a teen finding belonging in our Better Together programme, or a patient finally receiving long-delayed surgery, we honour the human stories behind every donation. We see the whole person – and act with empathy, care and respect.

INNOVATION

We invest in new ideas that push the public sector forward. From piloting South Africa’s first Robotic Surgery Training Days in a public hospital to developing WhatsApp-based diabetes education tools, we’re committed to practical, scalable innovation that meets the moment – and anticipates the next.

COLLABORATION

We believe change happens in partnership. We work hand-in-hand with the Hospital’s clinicians, the Facility Board, corporate donors, grassroots groups and government partners to build solutions that are relevant, trusted and integrated into the public health system. Together, we go further.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Everything we do is rooted in service to the communities GSH supports. Whether through crowdfunding events, local giving, or CSI partnerships, we mobilise a shared responsibility to improve care, reduce inequality, and uplift the many – not just the few. Our impact reaches beyond hospital walls.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

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Executive Director



Kira-Leigh Kuhnert
Projects Manager



IPV Intervention Project Team
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Patiwe Jentile, Kira-Leigh Kuhnert

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Ayesha Parker, Claudia Snyders, Shamaine Gaxela, Nombali Mchunu, Dineo Ntshabeleng, Nolubabalo July

OUR IMPACT

MEDICAL & SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS

Emergency Funds for Emergency Surgeries

Every day, patients arrive at GSH in urgent need of life-saving surgery, but without the necessary theatre time or staff, they face dangerous delays. In response, the Emergency Funds for Emergency Surgeries project was launched in April 2025 to fund additional emergency surgical lists for patients who cannot wait.

Fundraising began in September 2024. By Easter weekend 2025, we had secured enough for the first three months of surgical lists. Then, in a moment of incredible generosity, a donor moved by a radio interview about the crisis stepped in to cover the full year. Thanks to this support, R2.1 million was raised, enabling the hospital to respond immediately when the need is most urgent.

This milestone was made possible through the support of The Star Foundation, with early backing from Metropolitan Health, the UCT Surgical Society, and a number of major individual donors. Emergency Funds for Emergency Surgeries is a powerful example of how timely donor action can save lives. Each list activated through this fund means fewer patients left waiting for surgery and more lives preserved.

Diabetes Centre – Healthcare Worker Training & Education

Diabetes is one of the fastest growing health challenges in South Africa. At GSH, the Diabetes Centre is leading a transformative response by equipping healthcare workers with the skills and confidence to provide quality diabetes care.

More than 1 000 healthcare workers have already completed the Centre's in-house training programmes, including basic, advanced, and foot care modules. These courses are designed to strengthen the entire health system's response to chronic disease. In 2025, the programme enters a new phase, expanding its reach and introducing a five-part video series for patients, delivered via WhatsApp to improve health literacy and self-management.

This critical work is made possible through generous support from the Harry Crossley Foundation. While we train healthcare workers, the impact ripples outward to the patients they serve, the families they support, and the communities they uplift. This is how systemic change happens: one informed professional, one empowered patient, one resilient community at a time.

Robotic Surgery – Innovation Meets Equity

At GSH, innovation is not reserved for the privileged; it is made accessible to all. In 2024, we hosted three landmark Robotic Surgery initiatives for Mandela Day, Women's Month, and Urology Day, giving public sector patients access to cutting-edge surgical care previously available only in private hospitals.

These surgeries weren't just high-tech; they were transformative. Patients experienced faster recovery, fewer complications, and shorter hospital stays. Behind the scenes, these initiatives showed what's possible when technology and public health work hand in hand.

In 2025, the Trust helped launch Robotic Training Days through a pioneering public-private partnership with Medhold. These sessions provide hands-on experience for surgeons in the public sector, equipping them with world-class skills.

The aim is not only to perform more robotic surgeries but to build long-term capacity within the public health system. This is more than a surgical milestone. It is a vision for equitable excellence.



Surgical Recovery Project – Restoring Health and Hope

When COVID-19 disrupted elective surgery at GSH, the consequences were devastating. Thousands of patients were left waiting in pain, some for years. In response, the Trust launched the Surgical Recovery Project, our first flagship initiative.

Thanks to the generosity of Gift of the Givers and hundreds of donors, we supported nearly 4,000 life-changing operations between 2022 and 2024. These were cataract surgeries that restored sight, hernia repairs that ended chronic pain, and joint replacements that gave people their lives back.

Although the formal project has now concluded, the Catch-Up Surgery Fund remains active. It ensures that when surgical lists are at risk due to staff shortages or backlogs, extra surgeries can still go ahead, providing timely relief to those in urgent need. This project stands as a testament to what can be achieved when compassion meets action, and when no one is left behind.

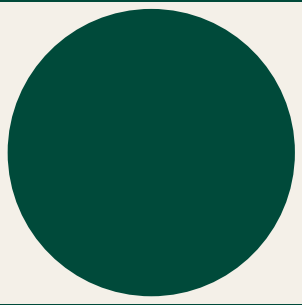


WOMEN'S HEALTH

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Intervention

Violence against women is one of South Africa’s most pervasive and under addressed health crises. At GSH, we believe public healthcare must be part of the solution. That’s why the Trust has helped design and fund an innovative IPV screening, counselling, and referral model, embedded within hospital settings — thanks to the support of generous partners including Standard Bank, the Kolisi Foundation, the Wilfred and Fay Back Foundation, and the Mauerberger Foundation Fund.

Since launching in mid-2023, our Intervention teams at GSH and Mitchells Plain District Hospital have offered screening to over 30 000 women (as of 1 July 2025). Over the past two years, more than 2 500 women have disclosed experiencing violence at home, and over half accepted support through immediate onsite counselling. These are not just numbers — they represent women choosing safety and dignity, often for the first time.

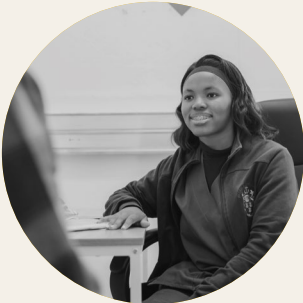


In 2024, the project gained national recognition, winning two awards at the Batho Pele and Innovation Awards, including the GEMS Health Award and first runner-up for Replication and Adaptation of an Innovative Solution. These honours validated the growing evidence that healthcare-based IPV interventions work and must be scaled.

Now, in 2025, we have entered the proof-of-concept phase, aiming to show that this model can be implemented at all levels of the public healthcare system. Plans are underway to pilot the intervention at a community health clinic, with Heideveld CHC identified as a likely site. This next step is critical in demonstrating that the model is adaptable, scalable, and ready to integrate into provincial-level care.

In parallel, we have begun syncing our programme data with the Western Cape Provincial Health Data Centre, enhancing our ability to track impact, identify trends, and support system-wide adoption. We are also in advanced discussions with the Department of Health and Wellness, as well as other hospital Trusts, to build collaborative pathways for provincial expansion.

At its core, this project is about transforming the health system into a place where women are not only treated — but heard, protected, and empowered. With continued donor support, we can ensure that more women are screened and supported, more healthcare workers are trained, and more lives are changed.



UPGRADES & EQUIPMENT

Maternity Centre – Serenity Suite

Grief in pregnancy and childbirth is a reality few expect, and even fewer are prepared for. The Serenity Suite at GSH was created to offer compassion in those moments of profound loss. Designed in collaboration with clinical teams and supported by AfroCentric Health, the space provides dignity, privacy, and calm for families experiencing miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal death. Officially launched in March 2025, this is a space where loss is held with care, and families are given room to mourn with dignity.

In addition, GEMS donated critical medical equipment to the Maternity Centre including infant warmers, an ultrasound machine, a stretcher, and high-turnover essentials, ensuring the Unit can meet the highest standard of care in every circumstance.

Viewing and Family Counselling Rooms

Saying goodbye to a loved one in a hospital setting can be cold and clinical. With support from AVBOB, we began the transformation of GSH’s viewing and counselling rooms into spaces that offer warmth, respect, and humanity.

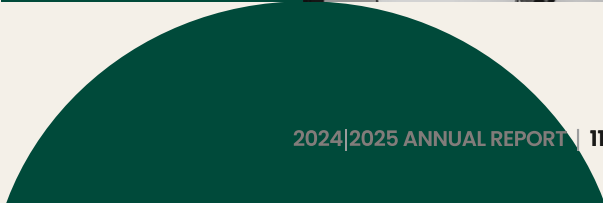
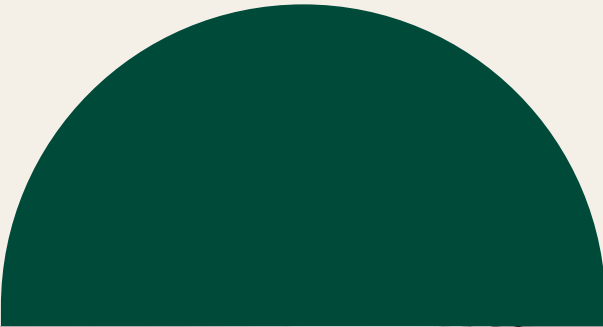
As of early 2025, nine rooms have been repainted and repaired. These quiet spaces now allow families to grieve with dignity and give healthcare workers a more compassionate environment in which to support families.

Ophthalmology Ward Upgrade

GSH’s Ophthalmology Ward is vital for patients at risk of losing their sight. Thanks to support from Truworths, we completed key ward upgrades and began planning a major renovation of the D-Floor Outpatient Eye Clinic. Designs are in progress and renovations are set to begin in 2026. This project will transform a high-traffic, high-impact space into one that respects both patient dignity and clinical excellence.

Oncology Chemotherapy Room Renovation

In early 2025, construction began on the renovation of the chemotherapy rooms in the Oncology Department. A generous contribution from Wheel to Heal, a community group, helped unlock this much-needed upgrade. The project has since expanded to include the oncology pharmacy and other critical spaces. Once complete, this environment will offer cancer patients a calmer, more supportive space for care and recovery.



ADOLESCENT PROJECTS

Better Together

Adolescence is a time of transformation, identity, and discovery, but for young people living with a chronic illness, it can also be a time of profound isolation. At GSH, adolescents often fall through the cracks: too old for paediatric care, yet unprepared for adult services. The Better Together project helps close that gap.

For the past few years, Better Together has provided peer-led support to adolescents with chronic conditions like diabetes, kidney disease, autoimmune disorders, and cancer. In early 2025, when the project's long-time funder could no longer continue their support, the Trust stepped in to secure emergency funding — thanks in part to the generosity of The Harry Crossley Foundation — ensuring the programme could continue without interruption.

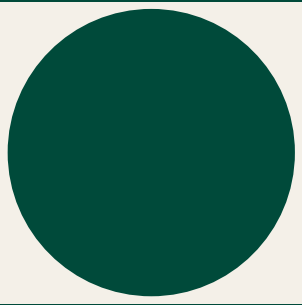
Each week, participants gather in small, supportive groups led by trained facilitators and peer mentors. They talk about what it means to be young and sick, about stigma, mental health,

managing medication, and the fear of being different. But they also laugh. They connect. They share music, stories, and dreams for the future. For many, it is the first time they feel truly seen.

Better Together is more than a support group. It is a bridge to better care. Research shows that when adolescents are supported through peer connection, their confidence improves, medication adherence increases, and long-term health outcomes are better. And when young people are in better health, they are able to enter adulthood more sustainably — better equipped to pursue education, careers, relationships, and to participate fully in their communities.

The current six-month pilot, supported by the Trust in partnership with hospital clinicians, is laying the groundwork for a broader vision: to embed adolescent-responsive care throughout GSH, across outpatient services, inpatient wards, and waiting areas.

Too often, adolescents are overlooked in healthcare design. Better Together is changing that. Because when young people are heard, held, and supported, they don't just survive their diagnosis — they begin to thrive.



SUSTAINABILITY



Planned Giving – A Legacy That Heals

Some acts of generosity echo far beyond our lifetime. Planned Giving is one of the most meaningful ways to make a lasting difference, offering future generations the chance to receive the care they need, when they need it most.

Through Wills and Bequests, Dedications, and Memorial Gifts, our supporters are building a more secure future for GSH and the people it serves. Whether it is leaving a gift in your Will, sponsoring a bench in memory of someone dear, or supporting a particular area of care, we help individuals and families align their giving with what matters most to them.

At the Trust, we keep Planned Giving open and visible all year round. Our always-on approach means there is never a wrong time to start the conversation. Already, 10 families and individuals have chosen to remember someone special by dedicating benches along hospital walkways, creating moments of reflection in the heart of a healing space. Others have committed to leaving a gift in their Will, knowing their legacy will live on through compassionate, world-class care.

If you are thinking about the legacy you want to leave, contact the Trust today. Because this is more than a donation. It is a statement of your values, your vision for South Africa, and your belief in a hospital that has cared for generations over the past 87 years.

Endowment Building – Securing Tomorrow's Healthcare

Great institutions stand the test of time because they plan for it. At the Trust, we are laying the groundwork for the establishment of a dedicated Endowment Fund, a long-term commitment to financial resilience and strategic growth for GSH.

Once built, this fund will generate reliable, sustainable income to support some of the hospital's most critical programmes. From emergency surgeries and adolescent health to facility and equipment upgrades, the Endowment will ensure GSH can innovate, respond, and thrive in the face of changing needs.

To get there, we need visionaries. We are inviting a founding group of donors to help seed this legacy: individuals, families, and organisations who believe in building something permanent for public health in South Africa.

If you believe in lasting impact, in continuity, and in care that endures, we invite you to be among the first. Help us launch Groote Schuur Hospital's Endowment Fund and become part of a future that will carry your legacy forward.



FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

We received 1 163 individual donations across the 2024 and 2025 financial years, and we are deeply grateful to each and every one of our donors.

Your generosity plays a vital role in helping us deliver life-saving care and meaningful impact across GSH.

Corporate donations

- AfroCentric Health
- Avbob
- BTK Project Management
- Divine Inspiration Trading Pty
- GEMS
- Leatt Corporation
- Medhold
- Metropolitan
- My School
- Ryan's Autobody Repairs
- SafMed Pty Ltd
- Standard Bank
- Truworths

Community groups

- SITS Gives Back
- UCT Surgical Society
- Wheel to Heal
- World Ovarian Cancer Coalition

In kind donations

- Everseason
- Jonathan Mort Inc.

Strategic partnerships

- FCB
- GivenGain Foundation
- Groote Schuur Hospital
- Mitchells Plain District Hospital
- MOSAIC Training Service & Healing Centre
- Nahana Foundation
- Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness

Trusts/Foundations

- Benevity
- Fred J Robertson Foundation
- Gift of the Givers Foundation
- GSH Facility Board
- Harry Crossley Foundation
- Kolisi Foundation
- Mauerberger Foundation Fund
- SABT Foundation
- The Mushaky Family Trust
- UK Online Giving
- Wilfred & Fay Back Charitable Foundation



Groote Schuur Hospital Facility Board



THE MAUERBERGER FOUNDATION FUND



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2025	2024
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	7 233	3 883
Intangible assets	50 599	74 892
	57 832	78 775
CURRENT ASSETS		
Receivables from exchange transactions	24 223	–
Cash and cash equivalents	2 823 949	5 720 826
	2 848 172	5 720 826
TOTAL ASSETS	2 906 004	5 799 601
EQUITY		
Trust contributions	5 065 474	5 065 474
Retained income	(4 234 435)	(3 478 221)
	831 039	1 587 253
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables from exchange transactions	2 074 965	4 212 348
	2 074 965	4 212 348
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2 906 004	5 799 601

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	2025	2024
OPERATING REVENUE		
REVENUE FROM EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS		
Interest received	284 193	531 660
	284 193	531 660
REVENUE FROM NON EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS		
Donations received	10 618 307	8 754 507
	10 618 307	8 754 507
TOTAL REVENUE	10 902 500	9 286 167
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Employee costs	(1 408 683)	(1 216 188)
Depreciation	(5 948)	(10 314)
Amortisation	(24 294)	(24 294)
Operational expenses	(655 778)	(802 710)
Project expenses	(9 564 011)	(8 160 650)
	(11 658 714)	(10 214 156)
DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD	(756 214)	(927 989)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	TRUST CAPITAL	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	TOTAL EQUITY
BALANCE AT 01 APRIL 2023	3 765 474	(2 550 232)	1 215 242
Deficit for the period		(927 989)	(927 989)
Other comprehensive surplus	–	–	–
	–	(927 989)	(927 989)
Contributions	1 300 000	–	1 300 000
Total contributions for the year	1 300 000	–	1 300 000
BALANCE AT 01 APRIL 2024	5 065 474	(3 478 221)	1 587 253
Deficit for the year		(756 214)	(756 214)
Other comprehensive surplus	–	–	–
TOTAL DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	–	(756 214)	(756 214)
BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2025	5 065 474	(4 234 435)	831 039

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	2025	2024
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash used in operations	(3 171 772)	(3 400 316)
Interest income	284 193	531 660
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(2 887 579)	(2 868 656)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(9 298)	–
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions introduced	–	1 300 000
TOTAL CASH MOVEMENT FOR THE PERIOD	(2 896 877)	(1 568 656)
Interest income	5 720 826	7 289 482
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2 823 949	5 720 826

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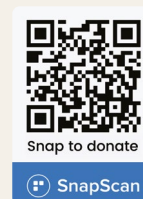
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