



**ECHO SPRING TEA**

The annual ECHO Spring Tea was truly blessed with a wonderful sunny day on which to celebrate and was well supported by the 153 guests. This year's theme was **“Touching lives and investing in others”**.

“On Saturday afternoon I spent a wonderful afternoon at the ECHO Spring Tea Fundraiser as their official photographer for the event. It was amazing to listen to the two speakers Lauren Jansen, Social Worker and Tracey-Lee Arendse, Clinical Psychologist as they shared their life's dreams and work with the audience. It is wonderful what ECHO has done for them in assisting them to study and to realise their dreams.” Laurette Van Der Merwe. “A special thank you to the ECHO Ladies for an outstanding Spring Tea. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and the speakers were just brilliant! Thank you for having us, **PATCH** is beyond proud to be involved with ECHO.”

Lauren is employed at the Western Cape Department of Education where she is part of a team who are responsible for coordinating the Social Welfare Services within the schools. Part of addressing the barriers to learning they empower the educators, learners and parents on how to overcome and cope with various situations, for example child abuse, bullying etc. Tracy-Lee is busy with her internship at 2 Military Hospital, Wynberg and next year she is looking forward to her year's community service.

These two young professionals were so inspiring and great kudos goes to them for talking about their journey with ECHO and how ECHO touched their lives and in turn they are investing in others.

Lauren and Tracy-Lee are two of 33 ECHO graduates. The cost of the Life-skills and financial support is R30, 000.00 per student per annum so fundraising is a constant need.



Des McLeod, Tracy-Lee Arendse, Lynette Pullen, Lauren Jansen



Current ECHO Students: Mandisa Ndzule, Elize Bouwer (guest), Marinel Bouwer, Tiana Schultz, Bianca Bock, Bronwyn De Morney

**DATES TO DIARISE**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Erinvale Golf Club.**

Dinner & Talk by Michael Johnson from Titch Tours on China

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Alan Committee**

Sounds of Laughter - Theatre on the Bay

Bookings for Sound of Laughter are through Desire McLeod. The Theatre & Computicket will show fully booked . Desire McLeod has the seating plan and tickets. Contact on 076 3146 160

