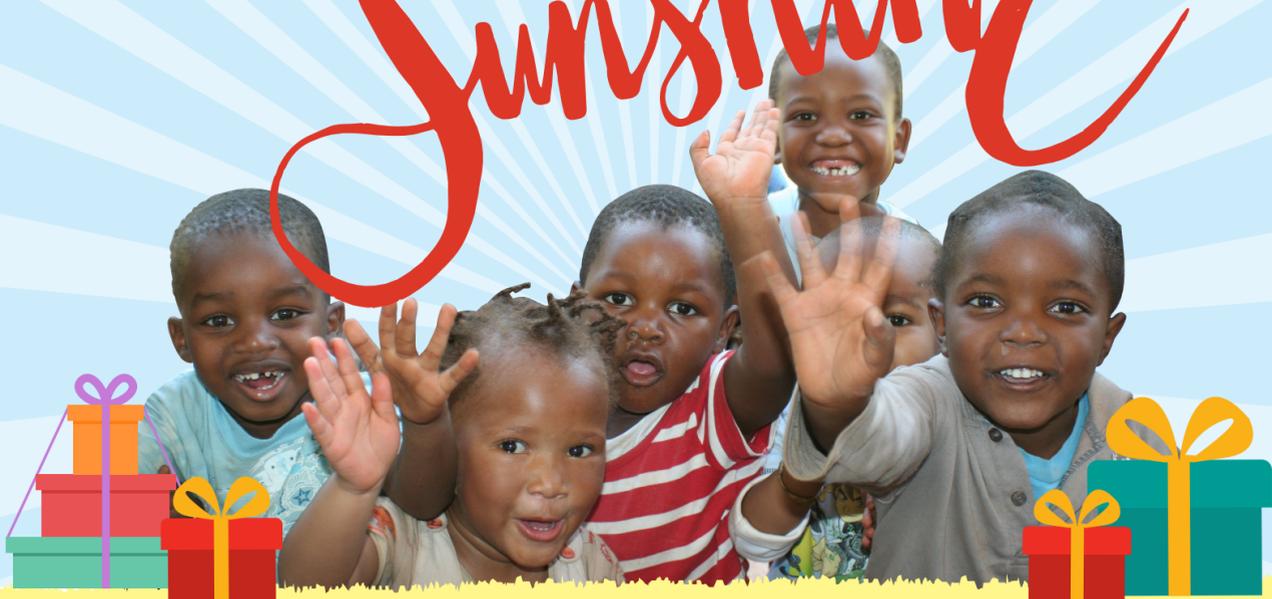


Celebrating **40** years of

Sunshining



The Sunshine Association is a non-profit organisation that gives disabled children the best possible start in life, and this year we turn 40.

Much has changed in the past four decades, but what hasn't is the commitment and passion of all the people involved with the Sunshine Association.

We look back at where it all started...

1970s

A lack of resources forced a group of mothers of children with disabilities to take matters into their own hands. To support each other they took turns babysitting once a week but as more children joined, their informal programme increased to three days a week.

When the Parktown North Methodist Church acquired the neighbouring property and offered it to the mothers, the Sunshine Corner/Centre was born.

1980s

Another determined mother of a child with a disability was assisted by the Sunshine Centre (Craighall) to open up the Elsburg Early Intervention Centre, and generous stakeholders helped both centres purchase property.

The START Programme was developed for parents unable to bring their children to the centres, and the centres merged with the SAIDA Toy Library, which offered a toy lending service and toy exchanges.

1990s

The relationship between the State and civil society changed after 1994, and the Sunshine Centre was overwhelmed by the needs of many communities.

Two additional centres were opened in Eldorado Park and Soweto, unfortunately the Soweto school was moved to the Eldorado Park centre. It was at this time that the Sunshine Centre Association was formed, and this is what it is known as today.

2000s

The three Early Intervention Centres were being run like regular schools, operating from 07:30 – 13:00, Monday to Friday.

Therapists were visiting regularly to work with the children, teachers, assistants and volunteers, while a range of courses were offered to professionals, caregivers, communities and families, to help in their support and development of children with disabilities.

2010s

Today, the Sunshine Centre Association is a dynamic, progressive and innovative organisation that caters specifically to the needs of children with developmental delays and intellectual/physical disabilities.

We have achieved many milestones in 40 years, but we also experience miracles every day at our centres. Children take their first steps, start feeding themselves, interact with others and begin talking – all after being told they never will.

Every day is an achievement at the Sunshine Centres, and in order for us to continue our work and help children with disabilities, we need to continue fundraising.

40 years and counting

As part of our **"Forty Years and Counting"** campaign, we have one birthday wish: an appeal to donate. Whether you want to contribute **R40, R400, R4 000** or **R40 000**, every donation helps. We will also issue you with an 18a receipt and a letter of acknowledgment.

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We're celebrating our 40th birthday this year and with your donation we can continue bringing joy into the lives of disabled children.

Give a gift that really counts and help us spread the sunshine for another 40 years.