prisoncare
and support network

ANNUAL REPORT 2026









Caring, supporting and serving with humility

The year in view

Practical care, spiritual accompaniment and opportunities to rebuild

61

learners supported through the Basic Education Project

162

food parcels across three support projects

54

participants in two restorative justice programmes

85

family members attending restorative justice family days

40

Upper Room ServeSA graduates at Kraaifontein and Athlone learning centres

27

active volunteers recorded in the performance indicators



Support beyond release

Monthly gatherings, spiritual and emotional support, food assistance and transport stipends helped clients navigate life after incarceration.



These figures describe separate programme measures and are not a total of unique beneficiaries.

Hope in the individual

Humanity in the community

This report brings together PCSN’s ministry, programme performance and financial results for 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

Our vision

The vision of PCSN is to create hope in the individual and restore a sense of humanity in the community.

Our mission

PCSN will realise its vision through providing ministry based upon the values and teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Our leadership and staff

Serving under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Cape Town



Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka

Patron



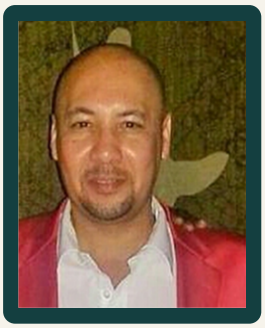
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Volunteers

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Restorative justice associates

Maria Alves; Christine Copley; Nigel Copley; Catherine De Valence; Sandy De Villiers & Chris Sobolewski

Administration

Programme Coordinator: Alledene Cupido; Administrative Assistant: Nathan Creed

Archdiocese of Cape Town

ARCHBISHOP SITHEMBELE SIPUKA

20 September 2026

Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to offer this message of encouragement and gratitude for the work of the Prison Care and Support Network (PCSN), which carries out its ministry under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Cape Town.

The Gospel calls us always to recognise the God-given dignity of every person. This includes those who are imprisoned, those seeking to rebuild their lives after incarceration, and the families who often carry the quiet burdens of separation, poverty, stigma and uncertainty. In the words of our Lord: “I was in prison, and you visited me” (Matthew 25:36). Prison ministry is therefore not a secondary task, but a privileged expression of the Church’s mission of mercy, reconciliation and hope.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Board, staff and volunteers of PCSN for their generous and faithful service. Through regular prison visits, the celebration of Holy Mass, catechesis, restorative-justice programmes, family dialogue, support for former offenders, skills development, and practical assistance to vulnerable families and children, you make Christ's compassionate face visible.

I wish especially to thank Fr Christian for his generous and devoted leadership in this important ministry. His pastoral care and commitment to those who are incarcerated, to former offenders and to their families reflect the compassion of Christ. Together with the chaplains, spiritual workers, Board, staff, and volunteers, he helps ensure that those who may feel forgotten are reminded of their dignity, their worth, and the possibility of a new beginning.

The work of restorative justice deserves particular recognition. It invites those who have caused harm to confront the consequences of their actions honestly, seek forgiveness, and, where possible, take steps toward reconciliation. Such work is demanding and at times painful, but it is also profoundly grace-filled. It affirms that no person is beyond the reach of God’s mercy, and that healing is possible when truth, responsibility, forgiveness and compassion are allowed to meet.

I also commend PCSN’s concern for former offenders and their families. True rehabilitation requires more than release from prison; it needs support, friendship, opportunity, skills, spiritual accompaniment and a welcoming community. By helping people regain confidence, develop practical abilities, and find a place in society, this ministry helps break cycles of poverty, crime, and exclusion. Its support for children and families is equally important, offering hope where circumstances may otherwise seem overwhelming.

May the Lord continue to bless all who serve in this vital ministry. May He grant courage and perseverance to those who labour in difficult circumstances, consolation to families affected by imprisonment, and renewed hope to those seeking to turn their lives around. May our society grow in justice, compassion and peace, and may all whom PCSN accompanies come to know that they are never beyond God’s love.

With every good wish and the assurance of my prayers,

+Sithembele Sipuka
Archbishop of Cape Town
Patron, Prison Care and Support Network

The ground on which we served

Dr (Adv) Nathanael Siljeur | Chairperson's Report | August 2026

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
John 1:5

We hold the light where the room is darkest

Fellow members, partners, volunteers and friends of PCSN,

It is my privilege to present this report on a year in which the work became harder and the reason for it became clearer.

I want to begin where a chairperson is not supposed to begin: with the case against us. There are South Africans of good conscience who believe that a country recording more than 5,000 murders in a single quarter has forfeited the luxury of caring about offenders. They believe that a nation where 62.1% of children live below the poverty line should spend its compassion elsewhere. That argument deserves an answer, not a sermon. And our answer is not that they are wrong about the suffering. It is that they are wrong about where the suffering ends.

The ground on which we served

The year under review has been an unsparing one.

Our correctional centres held more than 169,000 people in a system running at 58% overcrowding. Of those, 63,194 had been convicted of nothing at all, remand detainees awaiting trial, some for more than ten years, many held for want of bail money that would not cover a week's groceries. That is not a correctional system. It is a warehouse of delay.

The public integrity of the system that holds them has been tested and found wanting. In the last financial year, the Department conducted 1,406 raids and confiscated more than 37,500 cellphones from behind walls that are meant to be secure. In the same period, 2,388 correctional officials faced disciplinary hearings. Contraband on that scale does not walk in by itself. It is carried and paid for.

Beyond the walls, the wider criminal justice system has been living through its own reckoning. The Madlanga Commission submitted its second interim report to the President on 29 May this year, and on 6 August the Presidency announced that its recommendations, including criminal investigations into senior police officials over alleged syndicate infiltration of the state, would be taken forward, with a final report due in November. Our members will draw their own conclusions about that process.
Mine is narrow, and it is this: an offender is asked to accept responsibility for what he did, inside a justice system that is presently struggling to accept responsibility for what it did. We cannot pretend the young men we counsel do not notice.

Pope Francis said it more sharply than I can. Criminal punishment, he told an assembly of jurists in 2014, "is like a net that catches only the little fish, while it leaves the big fish free in the ocean." Let me be plain about what that does and does not mean. It does not lessen the offence, and nothing in this report does so. A man who has harmed another must own it, and our work is worthless if it teaches him otherwise. But a justice system that is credible only downwards does not produce repentance. It produces cynicism. We are asking the poorest people in this country to be better than the system that judges them.

And the world we release them into is not waiting with open arms. Official unemployment stood at 32.7% in the first quarter of this year. Among those aged 15 to 24, it was 60.9%. Nearly half of all South Africans aged 15 to 34 (45.6%), are not in employment, education or training. A parolee leaving our care with a welding certificate and a clean record joins that queue at the back, carrying a criminal record as his reference.

Why we do not leave

Dr (Adv) Nathanael Siljeur | Chairperson’s Report | August 2026

Meanwhile, the Department reports that of 46,627 offenders granted parole over three years, 18,052 were returned to custody and 6,061 were rearrested, figures our sector repeats interchangeably when they mean entirely different things. I have argued publicly, and will keep arguing, that South Africa cannot presently distinguish a technical parole violation from a new crime, or rehabilitation from reintegration, and therefore cannot say what works. At the same time, Community Corrections officials in Gauteng are handling roughly one case per 127 parolees, against a professional standard of one to thirty. We are asking exhausted people to supervise the impossible and then blaming them for the outcome.

That is the ground. I have set it out plainly because a chairperson’s report that flatters its members is worth nothing, and because our credibility is the only currency PCSN has.

Why we do not leave

We are not a social service that happens to have Christians in it. We are the Church doing what the Church was told to do.

“I was in prison, and you came to visit me” is not a suggestion attached to the end of a parable. It is Christ identifying his own person with the prisoner, and making our treatment of that prisoner the evidence of whether we ever knew him at all. The Church has counted visiting the imprisoned among the works of mercy since its earliest centuries, and it has never treated that as a specialist calling for the few. Hebrews tells us to remember those in prison as if we were together with them in prison, not as benefactors leaning over a wall, but as people who understand that the distance between the visitor and the visited is thinner than the visitor likes to think.

Beneath all of it lies one conviction the whole Church holds in common: the dignity of a human being is not forfeited by the worst thing he has ever done. It was given, not earned, and so it cannot be withdrawn by a court, a conviction, a newspaper or a crowd. A sentence may justly take a man’s liberty. It cannot take his standing before God. That is not sentiment. It is the reason we keep going into buildings that most people would rather forget, and the reason we refuse to speak of anyone in our care as beyond reach.

We were commissioned in Luke 4 to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners. In 2 Corinthians 5, we were entrusted with a ministry of reconciliation, which is why PCSN has never accepted the false choice between the offender and the person he harmed. Restorative justice is not softness towards crime. It is the refusal to write anyone out of the story: not the victim whose voice the courts too often reduce to evidence, not the family carrying a shame they did not earn, and not the man who did the thing and must now live in the same country as its consequences.

And so, to the argument I began with, caring for offenders is not compassion diverted from victims. It is the most practical protection victims will ever get. Almost every person we serve is coming home. The only question is who they are when they arrive.

What I would want to see us commit to

Hope, for us, is not a mood. It is a set of obligations. What follows is not a resolution already taken. It is what I, as your Chairperson, would want to see PCSN commit itself to in the year ahead, and what I place before this meeting for its consideration.

The year ahead

Dr (Adv) Nathanael Siljeur | Chairperson's Report | August 2026

1. I would want to see us measure ourselves honestly. That means moving our own reporting from counting participants to tracking outcomes, recording who we served, what they received, and what became of them at 1, 3, and 5 years, and publishing what fails as well as what works. We cannot, in good conscience, demand an integrated rehabilitation-outcomes framework from the State while ourselves running on attendance registers.

2. I would want to see us stand in the remand gap. I would want our pastoral and legal-referral support extended to awaiting-trial detainees, and our voice added to those pressing for bail reform, because holding an unconvicted poor person for a decade is a scandal the Church should be shouting about. Detention before trial that stretches into years is not caution. It is punishment imposed before guilt is proved.

3. I would want to see us treat reintegration as an economic project, not only a spiritual one. Faith without works is dead, and faith without work is not enough when there is no work. I would want us to grow our partnerships with employers, artisan trades, co-operatives, and second-chance hiring, and to report the number of placements rather than the number of certificates.

4. I would want to see us be both a credible and an uncomfortable partner. I would have us continue working alongside the Department of Correctional Services and publicly say what we see. Loyalty that cannot speak is not loyalty; it is complicity. Where officials serve with integrity under impossible conditions, I would want us to defend them by name. Where corruption steals from the rehabilitation of the poor, I would want us to name that too.

5. I would want to see us go where the young are. With nearly half of our young people outside work, study and training, prevention is now core business. I would want us to invest in mentorship and school-based programmes in the communities that send us the most offenders, because it is cheaper, kinder, and more Christlike to reach a boy at fifteen than to counsel him at twenty-five.

6. I would want to see us care for our own. PCSN carries this work with one chaplain and a body of volunteers who absorb other people's trauma with almost no support of their own. I would want debriefing and supervision funded for them this year, and I would want us to make it plain to our funders and partners that one chaplain is not a strategy. It is what we could afford. An organisation that burns out its people has misunderstood the Gospel it preaches.

None of this is mine to decide alone, and I would not want it to be. I place it before you, and I ask you to hold me to whatever this meeting adopts.

In closing

I thank our chaplain, our volunteers, our staff, our donors and our partner churches - and the correctional officials who quietly do this work well. You have served through a year that gave you every reason to stop.

We are not naive. We have set out the corruption, the overcrowding, the joblessness and the disillusionment without softening any of it, because a hope that has not looked at the facts is not hope. It is denial, and it collapses in the first hard week.

But we are people of the light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. It never has. Not in South Africa. Not in our correctional centres. Not in any human being God has refused to give up on.

Let us go back in.

Faithful presence

Fr Christian Frantz | Chaplain's Report

PCSN welcomes His Grace, Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, Archbishop of Cape Town, who most emphatically accepted the invitation to be the Patron of our organisation. His Grace spoke briefly to me in our initial meeting and expressed his support for our programmes, especially Restorative Justice.

Sadly, during the past year Mrs Elizabeth Ziegler, fondly known as aunty Betty, had to step back from her role in co-ordinating the Ex-Offenders Programme due to ill health. I am most grateful to Aunty Betty, Aunty Shirley and Aunty Sylvia for their pioneering work done in PCSN. While they are no longer active members of PCSN, they are affectionately remembered by all and their impact endures After a short period of ill-health, Mrs Mary Bredenkamp sadly passed away. We express our condolences to the family and remember them all lovingly in our prayers. My gratitude to Alledene at the office, who without hesitation assumed additional administrative functions to ensure that all aspects of PCSN are executed efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers, without whom PCSN cannot deliver the services it does, are very dear to me. I am especially grateful to those who accompany me in the celebration of Holy Mass at the prisons, as well as to those involved in the Ex-Offenders programme. Thank you, too, to Alledene, who facilitates the Basic Education Programme, ensuring that our beneficiaries are adequately equipped for school. To the RJ team who are dedicated and generous in giving of their time and talents, I am most grateful. Thank you too, to the many volunteers who accompany them at the Family Days providing spiritual and moral support to all present.

I am thankful to the parishes within the Archdiocese of Cape Town who provided us with a platform to promote the work of PCSN and to the new volunteers who have come forth from those parishes. The Ex-Offenders gatherings have moved to St Theresa's Parish Hall, Welcome Estate, a venue that is central and easily accessible by our clients. Our sincere word of thanks to Fr Nolan OFM Cap and his parish community for affording us this opportunity. The training manual for Prison Ministry that will be presented through the Pastoral Development Centre of the Archdiocese of Cape Town is in development. With parish visits as a catalyst, we envisage that parishioners will take up the opportunity to be trained in Prison Ministry and hopefully form support groups within their parishes. At the beginning of 2026, we formed a collaboration with Kolping SA. Two programmes offered by Kolping SA, namely SPARK and the Work Opportunity Programme (WOP) are of interest to us and our clients.

We welcomed Mr Darren Hanekom as a new member of the Board. We are grateful to Mr Antonio (Tony) Dos Santos, who stepped back as a Board member, for his dedication to PCSN and for his service to the Board. The guidance and support of the Board of PCSN also need a special word of thanks. Thank you for providing PCSN with clear direction and vital support. Your time and dedication to PCSN is much appreciated.

I pray most affectionately for everyone: friend, benefactor, volunteer and parish who so generously support the work of PCSN that God, who sees all that is done, will reward you.

People who keep showing up

Fr Christian Frantz | Volunteers' report 2025/2026

The past year was met with both challenges and opportunities for our Volunteers. There is an urgent need for more Volunteers to be trained as, in-prison facilitators. While we have seen a decline in membership due to the retirement of some members and the resignation of at least two members, it has also been heartwarming to welcome new recruits. Fr Christian Frantz has undertaken to make it his mission to promote PCSN in every Parish within the Archdiocese where he assist with Holy Mass. This has not only informed Parishes of Prison Ministry within the Archdiocese but has resulted in a more open response both in almsgiving and Volunteer membership for PCSN.

PCSN Volunteers have all been gifted with a PCSN branded golf shirt as well as a name tag. This marketing strategy is another means of identifying PCSN when in attendance at the various functions at church events and at the correctional facilities.

The Volunteers continue to be engaged in the Ex-Offender Gatherings, preparation of Food Parcels and the Basic Education Packs, the Restorative Justice (RJ) and Family Offender Mediation Days (FOMD), and weekly prison visits at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre and Goodwood Correctional Centre.

Monthly Holy Mass is celebrated at both Medium A and Female Sections at Pollsmoor Correctional Centre by Fr Christian Frantz supported by numerous Volunteers who are in attendance. This collaborative presence is both valued and appreciated by the incarcerated. Two quarterly Holy Masses have also been celebrated at Goodwood Correctional Centre by Fr Christian Frantz in collaboration with Fr Francesco Fabris, Volunteers and members of the New Catechumenal Way who provided beautiful musical accompaniment at the Holy Masses. Fr Francesco Fabris has also started a weekly visit to Goodwood Correctional Centre and intends to start catechesis there, together with a couple from the New Catechumenal Way, forming a New Catechumenal community there.

Every Volunteer is greatly appreciated by PCSN for their selfless love and sacrifices that they make witnessing to the Good News that Our Lord came to proclaim especially to the poor, the marginalised and those incarcerated - "for I was in prison and you came to visit me" Matthew 25:36.

We pray that through God's grace, our numbers will grow in a ministry and mission much needed within our society today.

A renewed commitment

We congratulate our Volunteer, Reverend Jason Poole who was ordained to the Diaconate in the Anglican Church on 16 December 2025.

Well done to the new group of Volunteers who completed the Prison Ministry training in January 2026. Welcome to our Team.

Our Board Members and Volunteers re-committed themselves to serve another year on 17 January 2026. Thank you for giving your time, energy, and heart to this important Ministry.

A stronger financial position

Randall Bredenkamp | Financial Director

The Financial Director reports an unqualified audit opinion for 2025/2026. The year ended with a surplus of R633,398, compared with a deficit of R117,265 in 2024/2025.

Financial summary	2025/26	2024/25
Surplus / (deficit)	R633,398	(R117,265)
Total expenditure	R1,197,962	R1,241,666
Cash and cash equivalents	R814,350	R537,266

Expenditure decreased by 3.5%. Cash and cash equivalents increased by 51.6%, strengthening the organisation’s reserves..

Selected income contributions

Contributor	2025/26	2024/25	Change
Individual local donations	R326,573	R83,021	293.4%
Archdiocese of Cape Town	R320,958	R282,997	13.4%
SABC Lenten appeal	R12,375	R0	New
Katholisches P	R134,855	R80,287	68.0%
ServeSA	R450,200	R381,800	17.9%

Appreciation and thanks

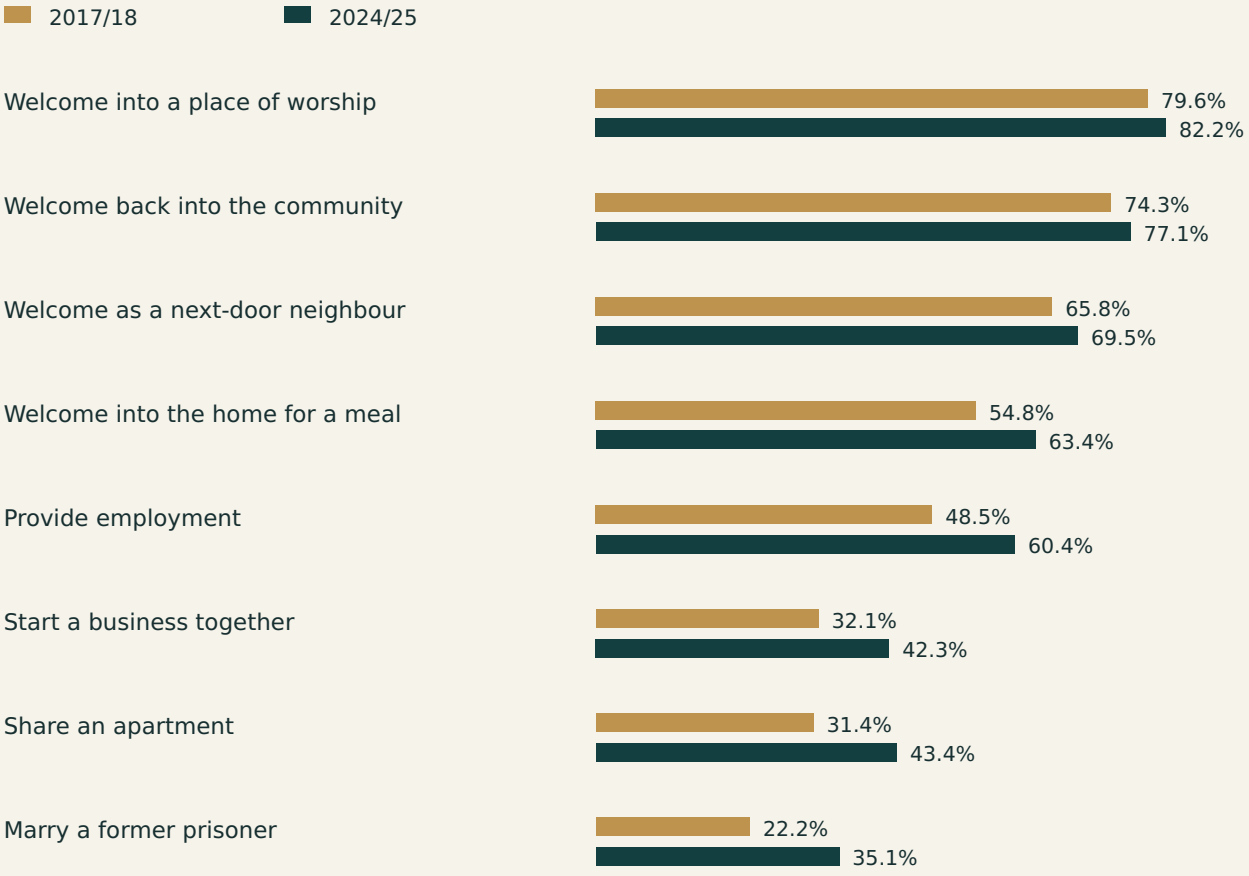
- To His Eminence, Cardinal Stephen Brislin (Apostolic Administrator of Cape Town) and Archbishop Sithembele Sipuka, the Archdiocese of Cape Town for continuous trust and support in PCSN.
- Our Volunteers: we thank you for your commitment and perseverance.
- To Alledene for holding the fort administratively especially during last year's staff shortage, we appreciate all your sacrifices to the Board, Volunteers, Clients and Families
- To my Chair and fellow Board Members we conquered the year and made the impossible, possible.
- Our Accountants and External Auditors: H. Daniels & Co. for ensuring all our activities are transparent and compliant to accounting and auditing best practice.

A community ready to welcome

What South African households told Statistics South Africa

The Financial Director highlights a more positive public response to the reintegration of former prisoners. The supplied Statistics South Africa charts compare household attitudes across a range of everyday situations.

HOUSEHOLDS COMFORTABLE WITH EACH SITUATION



Households by gender of household head

Male-headed households were generally more open to engaging with ex-offenders than female-headed households. See percentage distribution of things households were comfortable to do with ex-offenders.

2024/25	Female	Male
Welcome a former prisoner into a **place of worship**	77.4%	85.7%
Welcome a former prisoner back into the **pommunity**	71.4%	76.0%
Welcome a former prisoner as a **next-door neighbour**	64.2%	73.4%
Welcome a former prisoner into your **home for a meal**	58.1%	67.4%

Source: Statistics South Africa, Governance, Public Safety and Justice Release 2024/25. National survey results are contextual; they do not measure PCSN's impact.

Statement of financial position

As at 31 March 2026 | Registration number 012-905 NPO

	Note(s)	2026 R	2025 R
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	2	1,473,896	1,473,896
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	814,350	537,266
Total assets		2,288,246	2,011,162
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
Accumulated funds		2,288,246	1,654,848
Non-current liabilities			
Mortgage bond in favour of the Archdiocese of Cape Town	4	-	356,314
Total reserves and liabilities		2,288,246	2,011,162

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 March 2026 | Registration number 012-905 NPO

	Note(s)	2026 R	2025 R
Fundraising and donation income	5	1,808,403	1,095,652
Project related expenditure		(484,663)	(502,080)
Operating expenses		(713,299)	(739,586)
Operating surplus / (deficit) before interest income		610,441	(146,014)
Interest received		22,957	28,749
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		633,398	(117,265)

R633,398

surplus for the year ended 31 March 2026

Ministry and family support

Performance indicators for 2025/2026

Objectives	Measurable objective / Programme	Measure	Target	Actual
	Personal Development	PA	100	111
Responding to Spiritual and emotional needs of the incarcerated and their families.	Pre-release Programme	PA	127	120
	Restorative Justice	PA	100	54
	Family Members (RJ)	PA	100	85
	Holy Mass, Services & Word	PA	150	299
	Catechetical & Group Sessions	PA	150	445
	Church Services	PA	100	75
Providing care and support during incarceration	Other Programmes	PA	50	42
	One-on-one Sessions	PA	50	77
	Visits to Foreign Inmates	PA	5	5
Projects	Basic Education Project	B	50	61
	Caritas Bags of Love	PA	24	24
	MacFarlane Family Foundation FP	PA	100	118
	Fr Babychan MSFS	PA	18	20

Measure PA = annually; B = beneficiary; M = monthly.

Reintegration and service capacity

Performance indicators for 2025/2026

Objectives	Measurable objective / Programme	Measure	Target	Actual
Providing care and support after release: Social reintegration programme of offenders, including RJ phone calls	Clothing & Blankets	PA	10	23
	Stipend	B	5	5
	Spiritual/Emotional Support	PA	50	81
	Telephone calls	PA	350	561
	Transport Stipends	B	100	156
	Ex-offender Gathering	PA	80	81
	Home Visits	B	5	12
	Number of active Board Members	PA	5	5
	Number of Clergy	PA	3	3
	Number of active Volunteers	PA	32	27
	Recommitment Holy Mass	PA	1	1
	Annual Thanksgiving Mass	PA	1	1

Measure: PA = annually; B = beneficiary. The source also defines M = monthly.



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Ministry within the walls

Alledene Cupido | Programme Report | 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

This report provides an overview of the programmes executed during the period 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. Our interventions helped our clients return to society and rebuild their lives, strengthened family relationships and reduced the risk of re-offending. It also demonstrated the importance of continued support after release from correctional facilities, restored dignity and strengthened education opportunities for children of incarcerated offenders and unemployed released offenders.

Holy Mass and Eucharistic Services

Holy Mass and the Eucharistic Services contributed to the spiritual, emotional and positive behaviour of the offenders. It further encouraged them to pursue a more constructive life and to seek Christ especially during their challenging situations behind bars. Offenders looked forward to attending and participating in these services during this period.

Re-commitment Holy Mass

The Board Members and Volunteers committed their services to the organisation and to it’s vision and mission for the New Year.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass

Our Annual Thanksgiving Holy Mass was conducted at Goodwood Correctional Centre on Saturday, 11 October 2025. A total of 100 incarcerated offenders and PCSN Volunteers participated in the Mass which was further enhanced by the Youth Band’s beautiful musical accompaniment. Our Chaplain, Fr Christian Frantz was the main Celebrant, assisted by Fr Francesco Fabris. Offenders experienced love, care and harmony with the message of support.

Prison Ministry Weekend & Second Collection

The Chaplain together with Volunteers addressed various parishioners in the Archdiocese of Cape Town to raise greater awareness about the programmes conducted both inside and outside correctional facilities. We thank the Catholic Community for their generous support towards the second collection taken up on Prison Ministry weekend. Your continuous prayers and contributions are greatly appreciated and helped strengthen and sustain our Prison Ministry work with incarcerated offenders, released offenders and their families.

100 incarcerated offenders and PCSN volunteers participated in the Annual Thanksgiving Mass at Goodwood on 11 October 2025.

Support after release

Belonging, practical assistance and partnerships

Ex-offender Gatherings

During this reporting period, a group of released offenders and parolees attended our monthly Ex-offender Gatherings where they received spiritual, emotional and social support. Our gatherings provided a safe space where they could share their experiences and challenges, find encouragement and rebuild their sense of belonging. Some clients attested that this is their only platform where they receive spiritual enrichment whilst still navigating the realities of life after imprisonment.

Nutritional Food Project

How would I provide a meal and face my family when unemployed, with a criminal record attached to my Curriculum Vitae? Reality: The unemployment rate in South Africa is 32.7%. For released offenders, finding employment is even more challenging, as they may face additional barriers with having a criminal record, limited work experience, stigma, and difficulties rebuilding their lives after incarceration. The provision of food parcels brought relief, dignity, and stability for both an unemployed released offender and the grandmother/family caring for children whose parent is incarcerated.

Collaboration

PCSN attended regular meetings arranged by Caritas, Cape Town. This Social Development group network provided an opportunity for Catholic organisations to learn from one another, share opportunities and exchange experiences. We joined hands again this year with the Poverty Alleviation Group to support learners in an underprivileged community by providing school socks for both boys and girls, while the Group provided school shoes for the identified learners. We promoted dignity, confidence and equal participation among these learners.



A welcoming place

Ex-offender gatherings moved to St. Theresa’s Parish Hall, Welcome Estate, a central and accessible venue. PCSN thanks Fr Nolan OFMcap and the parish community for their support.



A future beyond circumstance

The Basic Education Project

61
learners supported

31
primary school learners
Grade R to Grade 7

30
high school learners Grade 8
to Grade 12

During this reporting period, we have provided school uniforms, books and stationery to children of incarcerated offenders and unemployed released offenders.

For a child whose parent is in prison, receiving new school uniforms, books, and stationery meant much more than receiving material items. It provided practical assistance while also bringing dignity, confidence, hope, and a sense of belonging. While distributing the school uniforms, books, and stationery, the children were also reminded that Jesus loves them and cares deeply for them, regardless of their circumstances. They were encouraged to understand that their parent's incarceration does not define who they are or limit their future.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous funder for increasing their contribution towards the Basic Education Project. Their continued generosity has made it possible for us to reach and support more children from vulnerable families. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to investing in the lives and future of these children. Thank you for believing in this mission and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



School uniforms, books and stationery supported dignity, confidence and participation in education.

Truth, responsibility and healing

Denise Losper | Restorative Justice Report

Restorative Justice is about addressing the hurts and the needs of both victims and offenders in such a way that both parties, as well as the communities which they are a part of, are healed.

PCSN conducted two programmes during the financial year. Proposed dates were submitted to correctional centres, but unconfirmed schedules limited the number of programmes that could take place.

Helderstroom Medium Correctional Centre

CALEDON | 12 MAY - 2 JUNE 2025

We had 25 participants who were eager to learn from the programme. Some of them were struggling to deal with their crimes. As the programme proceeded and they acquired information and lessons they started to think positively about themselves and the fact that change was possible. A number of the participants were no longer part of the gang situation and made changes to their behaviours and attitudes.

The wardens indicated that the behaviour of a number of the inmates on the programme had improved significantly.

Fourty-four family members attended FOMD. Where family members could not attend, voice messages were recorded for the inmate.

Family Day was an emotional day. Inmates expressed gratitude to the PCSN RJ team for not judging them, showing kindness and for lessons learnt from the programme.

A number of inmates who were on a previous RJ programme came to greet the team. They were still adhering to the lessons learnt during the programme. The warden confirmed their good behaviour.



25 programme participants | 44 family members at Family Offender Mediation Day

Rebuilding family relationships

Warmbokkeveld Correctional Centre, Ceres | 16 February - 30 March 2026

We had 29 participants, some of whom were older men. As the programme proceeded, positive change slowly happened. During the small group discussions, it was obvious that they reflected on their criminal activities and realised the negative impact on victims and their families. Some of the inmates became quite emotional when sharing.

One of the inmates was hesitant and struggled to face his past and indicated that he would not be returning to the programme. His feelings were respected, but he was encouraged to return, which he did. As the programme proceeded, he shared and was grateful that he had returned to the programme. A number of inmates had changed their behaviours and attitudes and were conducting themselves respectfully towards the wardens and others. This group of inmates were open to changing and learning from their crimes and co-operated fully with the facilitators and the programme.

The warden indicated that he had added some troublesome inmates to the programme and that some of those had improved their behaviors and attitudes.

Fourty-one family members attended the FOMD. Where family members could not attend, voice messages were recorded for the inmate.

Family day is always emotional. Inmates expressed their remorse and sought forgiveness from their family members. Some of the family members also apologised to the inmate and sought their forgiveness. Inmates appreciated their families' attendance and were grateful that they were given another chance to be a changed and more respectful individual.

The inmates thanked the PCSN team for lessons learnt through the programme.

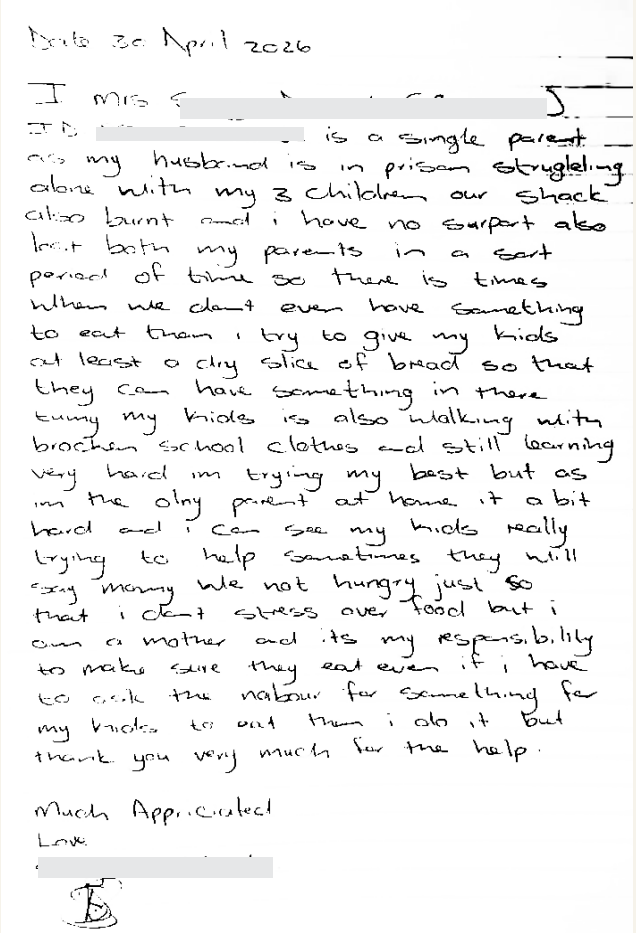
We met one of our previous participants who was part of the RJ programme at Helderstroom CC and is now at Warmbokkeveld CC. He is currently studying towards completing Grade 12 and is due to be released early 2027.



29 programme participants | 41 family members at Family Offender Mediation Day

Letters from beneficiaries

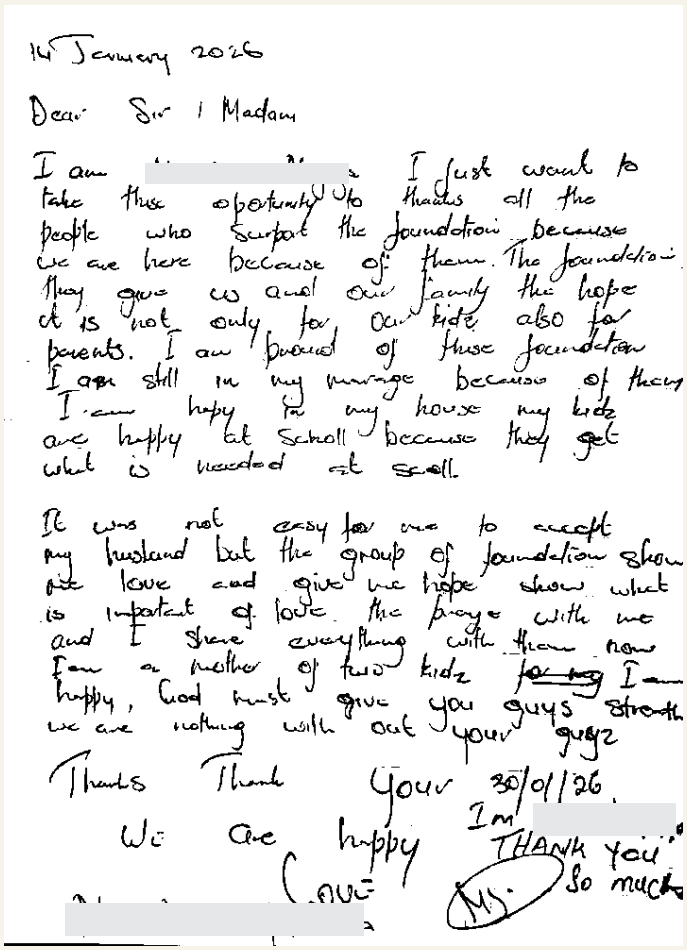
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Date 30 April 2026

I Mrs [redacted] is a single parent as my husband is in prison struggleling alone with my 3 children our shack also burnt and i have no support also lost both my parents in a sort period of time so there is times when we don't even have something to eat them i try to give my kids at least a dry slice of bread so that they can have something in there tummy my kids is also walking with broken school clothes and still learning very hard im trying my best but as im the only parent at home it a bit hard and i can see my kids really trying to help sometimes they will say mommy we not hungry just so that i don't stress over food but i am a mother and its my responsibility to make sure they eat even if i have to ask the nabour for something for my kids to eat them i do it but thank you very much for the help.

Much Appreciated
Love
[redacted]



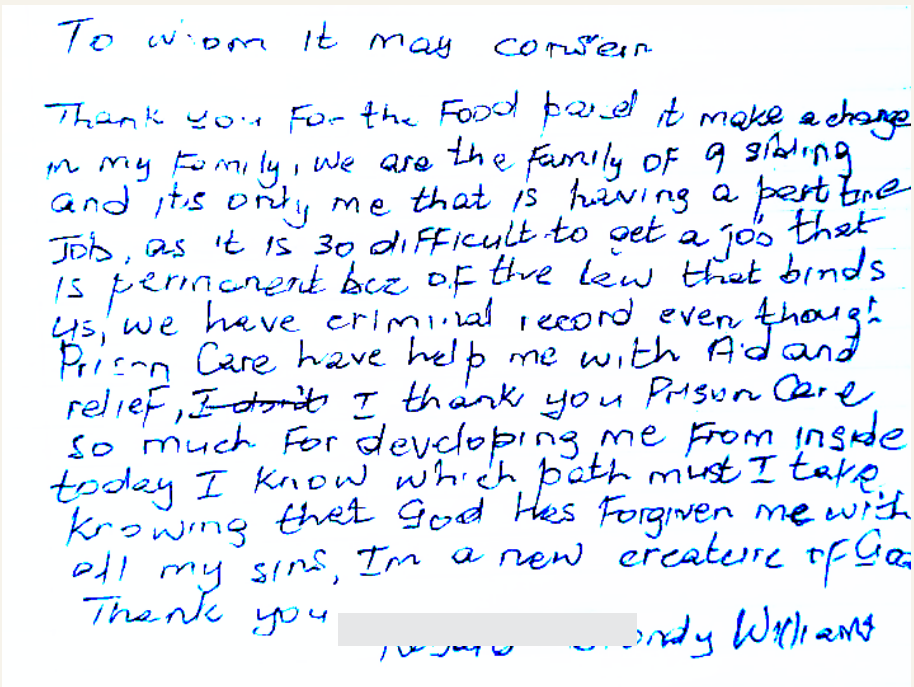
14 January 2026

Dear Sir / Madam

I am [redacted] I just want to take this opertunity to thanks all the people who support the foundation because we are here because of them. The foundation they give us and our family the hope it is not only for our kids also for parents. I am proud of those foundation I am still in my marriage because of them I am happy in my house my kids are happy at school because they get what is needed at school.

It was not easy for me to accept my husband but the group of foundation show me love and give me hope show what is important of love the prays with me and I share everything with them now I am a mother of two kidz for my I am happy, God must give you guys strength we are nothing with out your guyz

Thanks Thank Your 30/01/26
We are happy I'm [redacted]
THANK You So much
LOVE
[redacted]



To whom it may concern

Thank you For the Food parcel it make a change in my Family, we are the family of 9 sibling and its only me that is having a part time Job, as it is so difficult to get a job that is permanent bcz of the law that binds us, we have criminal record even though Prison Care have help me with Aid and relief, ~~I don't~~ I thank you Prison Care so much For developing me From inside today I know which path must I take knowing that God Has Forgiven me with all my sins, Im a new creature of God

Thank you [redacted] Andy Williams

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