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Dear Friend of Langa Hockey Club

Langa Hockey Club would like to thank you for your generous donation towards the touring expense of our junior players that were selected to represent Western Province.

This was an expensive year with regards to the costs as every tournament was hosted outside Cape Town. Four teams travelled to Pietermaritzburg, one team to Bloemfontein and one to George. As a club, we would not have managed to send the players without your help. Each year we are having more and more players who are being chosen for various teams so moving forward we are hoping this will continue and that we will have more tournaments back in Cape Town now that we have had a bit of rain!

We thought we would give you a little update on the tours and the practices. All the players had between 10 and 15 practice sessions before they left. On some days, we had six venues all over Cape Town north and south, juggling lifts with Uber trips, and coaches and parents helping which was quite challenging. Our public transport system in Cape Town just does not work to get to some of the venues and commuting to and from practice venues proved to be a challenging and a costly exercise.

All the teams except for the under 14 girls came in the top 3 positions, so all had the joy of arriving home with a medal. The under 16B boys' team won their tournament, the competition was very strong, and the exposure to high-level hockey for the players was an amazing experience. Many teams lost narrowly in the semi-finals so had the lesson of losing humbly and accepting disappointment. However, there were so many highlights for the players.

When talking to the players on their return it was wonderful to hear from them how they loved meeting and making new friends, and having the experience of all staying in the hostel together. For some it was the first time out of Cape Town, or the first aeroplane trip, or enjoying sleepovers and pre-tournament braais before they left.

As a club we were over-whelmed by the kindness and love shown to the players – your donation helped us to let all the parents attend the kit hand overs and go to the airport to say good-bye to their children, as we were able to help with the transport costs. We were able to cover all the costs we needed to pay for the various tournaments once we had received contributions from the parents. We do ensure that all the parents contribute something towards the costs of their children. There were many parents, coaches and managers who helped with lifting, buying data for cell phones and contributing to a meal for an outing and just being there for the players, even for a chat. It meant a lot and we thank you again for being part of the growth of our Club.

Warm regards,

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“The more we give of anything, the more we shall get back” - Grace Sparer



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