

## DISCOVERY

### A FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

Discovery is a financial services institution that spans life assurance, investment and local and international healthcare markets, and occupies a central position in the South African healthcare environment. As one of the key role-players in South Africa's healthcare industry our role is to provide sustainable healthcare solutions to the more than two million people in our care – not only to protect our clients and help them lead healthier lives, but also to help build the country's healthcare industry. Similarly, we also believe that we have a responsibility, as well as the capability and resources, to make a positive impact on South African society in the area of healthcare.

We do this through our involvement and work with the community in three key areas:

1. We help build capacity for healthcare delivery through investments in infrastructure projects or in public healthcare resources, including human resources, equipment and other investments
2. We help enable and support primary healthcare delivery
3. We invest in the wellbeing of the youth through healthcare and social development projects aimed at children and adolescents.

The Discovery Fund is one of the vehicles through which we support community projects and sustainable healthcare projects in the public sector. These projects



typically complement the delivery of primary and preventive care in the public sector and help to relieve the burden on state facilities. There are currently 26 projects throughout South Africa that are supported by the Discovery Fund.

The BigShoes Foundation is one of the projects we support. Founded in 2002 as the Children's Homes Outreach Medical Program (CHOMP), BigShoes helps to improve the medical care of orphaned and vulnerable children, especially those affected by HIV and AIDS. The project focuses on medical interventions at specific points of vulnerability in the life of the child. These may be when a child is abandoned, institutionalised, or terminally ill. BigShoes helps by providing medical care, training and advocacy. Through grants from the Discovery Fund, BigShoes is able to extend their healthcare outreach programmes to more communities. In this way, we help to support community projects to be sustainable and have a long-term positive impact on society.

Discovery employees have also embraced Discovery's philosophy of support for the community. Through our employee volunteer programme, employees can 'adopt a project' for a year or longer. Our volunteers choose projects that are affiliated to the Discovery Fund and in this way we hope to help the community in different ways. One example of this is how our employees have helped to promote exercise and healthy living for children at the Edith Benson Babies Home. Our office in Durban donated and handed over a soccer field to the home and also hosted children from the project at the Mini Big Walk at Ushaka Marine World. Previously, employees have also assisted in painting rooms at BigShoes.