

Christine Delport
Chief Executive Officer
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Born on a cold winters day in June...many moons ago...in Pretoria, the then Administrative Capitol of South Africa. This is also the place where she graduated from Secondary school, 1973 and then obtained an Honors Degree in Social Work, through the University of South Africa, 1977 after which she started working for the Dept. of Social Welfare in Johannesburg for the next few years.

During life's journey, Christine also made a turn in the Business World, where she obtained a Certificate in Business Management, Human and Public Relations, through the Business School of Wits University. She was appointed as Senior Marketing Manager for a Regional Training Centre, dealing with the training of mostly rural unemployed people as well as the farm workers corps.

During this time she served on several Boarder Liaison Committees, dealing with common issues between boarder farmers, between South Africa and former Bophuthatswana. It was during this time that Christine was appointed by the Independent Electoral Commission, to head up an initiative – Operation Access – during the first Democratic Elections in SA -1994 – negotiating access for political parties to be able to do their campaigning and electioneering.

She became involved in a process to create community structures in SA with a specific purpose to enhance Community Development. This involvement resulted in her doing research in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Denmark – aimed at rural development.

Back in SA, she was appointed the CEO of the Rustenburg Community Development Centre – which later on became the incubator of the Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation – of which she was a founding member in 2000 and was appointed by the Board of Trustees as the CEO – May 2001.

Christine is married to Phillip – her husband for the past 27 years. She has 3 children, Jan (22yrs), Karlien (21) and Alma (14) – the last born keeping her on her toes! She lives with her husband on a farm, some 35km outside the city. Her devotion to community issues often has the youngest daughter ask: “Mom, do you HAVE to go to this meeting or do you WANT to?”