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#### Hello from Shannon and Kruger du Plessis, Co-Founders of KruShan Foundation

Happy New Year! We've got a lot of "new" in the year already with our education and outreach expansion. We're supporting underprivileged students learn about science and conservation and after our first fun and informative African penguin presentation a couple of months ago, our schedule is filling with more talks—we are anything but boring.

We're happy to share our 2024 in review in this issue.

## From the Blog



New Education Partnership

We're <u>helping</u> <u>underprivileged</u> <u>students learn</u> about conservation and science.



New Partnership

Learn about #NOOW (not on our watch) and why we are excited to partner with them.



African Penguins in Central Texas

You can <u>visit African</u>
<u>Penguins in Waco</u>,
<u>Texas</u> at Penguin
Shores, which opened
last summer.

How You Can Help



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# 2024 REVIEW

WHEN THE IUCN ANNOUNCED AFRICAN PENGUINS WERE NOW CRITICALLY ENDANGERED, WE'LL BE HONEST—IT FELT LIKE A PUNCH TO THE GUT. BUT KRUSHAN FOUNDATION? WE DIDN'T STUMBLE; WE CONTINUE TO WADDLE FORWARD #NOTBY2035.

### **FULL-TIME RANGER**

We funded a full-time Seabird Ranger at Dyer Island African penguin colony, essential to protection of 100s of penguins. More penguin chicks have been immediately treated, evacuated from the island, and returned once they were strong and healthy.





### **CHICK REHABILITATION**

We funded the rehabilitation of 15 African penguin chicks after devastating storms hit the Western Cape of South Africa.

# KRUSHAN FOUNDATION X-RAY ROOM

We established a fully equipped X-ray room at the African Penguin and Seabird Sanctuary. Stay tuned for the grand opening in early 2025.





#### **EXPANSION INTO EDUCATION**

We teamed up with the DEEP Blue Ambassador program in Gansbaai, South Africa. This program works with school students from disadvantaged backgrounds and introduces them to science and conservation through a three-year journey.

#### LOOKING FORWARD

Thanks to our amazing donors, we surpassed \$50,000 in receipts! Every dollar means more penguins protected and more hope for the future. We've got exciting plans including expanding education and outreach and forming more partnerships to help even more critically endangered African penguins in 2025. 🔊

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Fun African Penguin Fact

Does anyone else use saline nasal spray for clogged sinuses? African penguins wouldn't need that, because they sneeze the salt out of the saltwater they drink. That's why they never need to drink fresh water.

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We are the only U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit solely dedicated to protecting African penguins. ↑♥