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Elizabeth Zambonini, founder and director of The Hope Factory, received the runner-up award in the Pinnacle Award in the Southern Africa Social Entrepreneurship (SASE) Awards category. As Project Director of Enterprise Development and Socio-Economic Development at the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), Zambonini began The Hope Factory to train disadvantaged people in technical, business and life skills. The Hope Factory has received numerous awards since its inception, including The Sowetan/Old Mutual/SABC 2 Community Builder of the Year Award.