



CREATING HOPE BY PURPOSEFULLY INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

New Projects -

Early Childhood Development Centres

Our vision is to support the community, not only from a distance, but to get involved with the daily lives and the heartbeat of the communities in which we work. Together we build, work, educate, care and play and in doing so we not only uplift the community we serve, but we allow them to impact us as well.

Nelson Mandela once said "Education has become a very powerful weapon in the struggle to produce a well-developed person". At the Grape Community, we believe this to be very true. Once we realised the extent and detrimental consequences of the very apparent developmental "gap" in especially the poor communities for children between the ages of three and six years, we knew that this would be our "weapon of choice". By establishing the basic skills at an early age, along with a positive mind-set and motivation, children are able to excel at an early age and are well prepared for the rest of their study years.

When meeting up with Schalk Burger, founder of the ECD School, Klippies, in Klipheuwel, there was an immediate connection as we shared the same belief that children should receive care, support, security as well as the opportunities to explore their world and develop to their full potential. The Klippies School makes use of the Montessori Apparatus and philosophy as well as the JES curriculum in partnership with Shiloh Synergy.

We immediately set out to investigate the possibility of establishing a school/s based on the same principles and curriculum as Klippies. We are currently planning to establish five schools within the Western Cape area within the next five years. The first three schools are planned for the Paarl East, Mbekweni and De Doorns areas respectively.

Our biggest challenge has been to find suitable land for the schools. We are however pleased to announce that after a long search we have been fortunate to obtain land at a reasonable price from the Drakenstein Municipality and are currently in the process of alienating and rezoning the three erven in Klein Nederburg, Paarl.

The school in Paarl East will make provision for 320 children. A first intake of 100 children is expected. The building plans will make provision for future extensions to cater for an increased number of children and other possible community projects.

We trust that our endeavours will be fruitful and pray for individuals and businesses alike to partner with us in changing the world, one child at a time.

Schematic Presentation of Planned Schools:



“Conquering Kilimanjaro for Community

On 3 September 2014, two enthusiastic young adventurers braved high altitudes and sub-zero temperatures as they attempted to summit Mount Kilimanjaro in a bid to raise funds for The Grape Community’s ECD project.

Alicia du Plessis and Tiaan Botha reached the top of Kibo, the highest peak of Kilimanjaro, at an estimated 5895 meters above sea level. The climb presented many physical and mental challenges.



“This was the hardest, toughest thing I have ever done in my entire life. But WHAT AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE! We made it. We made it to the very top. We had a great team, from different backgrounds and cultures and ages, but still we operated in unity. We encouraged one other, supported one other and as a team we made it to the very top. At the top we saw amazing glaciers, we saw the crater. So beautiful. Cold (about -13’C), but so beautiful” says Alicia on her blog post, for more on their experience please visit www.kili4community.wix/kiliforcommunity

We are proud of Alicia and Tiaan and would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their support, they raised in excess of R28 600 and have inspired us to use our talents to bless those less fortunate.

Durbanville Children`s Home Charity Event



Ten super excited ladies were privileged to dress up in their blue jeans and brilliant cut diamonds (real ones of course!) on Saturday 20 September for a scrumptious breakfast filled with lots of fun and laughter at Marlenique Estate, Simondium.

The sun was shining warm as we drove through the vineyards staring at the big blue mountains surrounding the valley, realizing how blessed we are to be part of a morning where we can contribute to an organization such as the Durbanville Childrens’ Home.

Karin Zoid dazzled us with her beautiful husky voice whilst raising money for one of the social workers (Alicia) at the childrens’ home. Soli Philander was our MC and made us feel at home; a job well done! It was great to meet women from other companies and exchange stories about life with all its ups and downs. A morning like this makes you realize that we all go through stages in life. . . but when it is your time to “struggle” there is a women who will be strong enough again to lift you up. Even though some of us did not grow up in a childrens’ home, we can associate to a certain extent ... we have the heart to “want to” at least. There were lucky draws but unfortunately the Grape Co ladies weren’t fortunate enough like some of the other 340 guests. This did not bother at all because the morning was surely crowned with an awesome testimony by Amoré Bekker. We said our goodbyes to new and old with the knowing that it is everybody’s duty to give the world a reason to dance!

NEWS

CORNER

MYDP Youth Aftercare

TGComm has been supporting the MYDP Youth Aftercare project in Mbekweni since March 2014.

The program has now grown to have a Homework Club as well as Bible Study.

The Homework Club has received positive feedback from parents and schools alike. The schools are impressed with the improved academic records and the mid-year examination results of the children attending the Programme.

Parents have been witness to a change in the behaviour of their children.



Flowers for Granny and Grandad



The Grape Community has been sending flowers to Rusoord Old Age Home in Paarl on a weekly basis. These beautiful flowers are put together and delivered by Kikka. A small gesture of love and appreciation. Sometimes it is the little things we do that count the most. We hope to inspire others to get involved with the older and sometimes forgotten and lonely people of our community.



Grape Community Farmworker Camp Wemmershoek 26-28 September 2014

142 Farmworkers and 24 leaders recently attended the 6th annual Farmworker camp at Wemmershoek. This camp was sponsored by The Grape Community and hosted by "Waterval" ministry. The theme for the weekend was "a Christian is both a believer and a follower of Jesus Christ". There are many Christians who believe in Jesus as their Saviour, but do not recognise Him as Lord of their lives. The focus during all the sessions was on making sure that Jesus is part of everyday life situations and following Him completely.

Most of the sessions dealt with shedding light on how sin, passed down traditions, bad habits and a lack of knowledge often rule our lives as Christians. The Holy Spirit convicted many campers of bitterness, hate, inner hurts, lack of commitment to the Lord as well as shortcomings in their marriages and households. The campers came to a deep inner conviction of their sin and the inability to have a better life through their own efforts. There was a longing to become true followers of Jesus Christ.

On Saturday evening many gave their lives to the Lord. The joy of the salvation of the Lord filled the atmosphere of the camp. Twenty campers testified of God's miracle working power in their lives and gave God glory. The songs of worship was overwhelming. Employees from The Grape Company served the group by preparing supper, and gave each camper a Bible.

Over the past six years, this camp has been attended by 1067 farmworkers of which 772 received sponsored Bibles with an overall investment made of close to half a million Rand. Our prayer is that the lives of every person who has attended the camp has been changed and that they will touch the lives of others so that we will see the transformation power of God manifest in our country.



NEWS

CORNER

Second Year Bursary Student does well



Hanneley is now in her second year as B. Accounting student at Stellenbosch University. In June she decided to look for a holiday job and was one of only two B.Accounting students to be given a wonderful working opportunity. She gained some good experience and found it to be enjoyable.

Without a bursary Hanneley would not be able to continue her studies, this makes her thankful for the opportunity she has been given and drives her determination to succeed. She has done exceptionally well thus far and inspires other first year students with her story of hard work. She is also planning to do her honours degree after completion of her three year degree.

We are proud of Hanneley and will continue to support her.



Magda's Soup Kitchen

In 1998 Magda Meyer felt the need to support the hungry people of the Paarl East community, of which she forms an integral part, by providing them with a hot, nutritious meal. This was the start of what today is known as Magda's Soup Kitchen.

At first, with funds of her own and over the years with the support of various other donors she is now able to supply 8 000 meals per month to various communities in the area.

To many people this is the only meal they will have for the day.

Our Christo with Magda



The preparation of the food on open fires at her home starts early on a Thursday morning with distribution of food at several strategic points starting 12:00. When you visit Magda's humble home, it is apparent that this has become a way of life for Magda and her entire family. Helping those less fortunate is a calling, and one Magda takes very seriously. You can't help but feel that you are in the presence of greatness when visiting with this exceptional lady.

God's love, provision and protection is evident when you hear of all the amazing stories of hope and restoration Magda testifies to.

The Grape Community has been proud to partner with Magda for the past two years and will continue to do so.

Magda has also received numerous awards for her exceptional contributions to the community. We at TGComm would like to salute you, Magda. May God continue to bless your work.

Food for the Soul 2Cor 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal

Email: info@thegrapecommunity.org.za

Address: Groot Parys, Jan van Riebeeck Avenue, Paarl

Tel: (021) 860 3400 Christo - 072 903 8162

Fax: (021) 860 3401 Johan - 082 222 0841

Banking details for donations:

The Grape Community

FNB Cheque

Branch code 200110

The Grape Community Reg no - 2009/020405/08

CONTACT US

NEWS

CORNER

Soccer Event



The children of Bavumeleni Khayaletu (Mirriam House of Safety) competed in the Annual Soccer day in Worcester, hosted by Solid Rock in August 2014.

It was a day of fun soccer games. The word of the Lord was preached and there were also motivational speakers from abroad, preaching the word of the Lord.

Songs of Praise and Worship was sung by the children from the various children's homes. The children enjoyed interacting with other children with similar backgrounds and situations.

The various teams from Bavumeleni did well in the respective age groups with one of the teams receiving an overall third place on the day.

Gina Toni was named as one of the best coaches on the day. It was a day well spent and children had tremendous fun.

