

GREATER STELLENBOSCH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme

(We love learning/reading)

Report, February 2011

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme forms part of the Educational Project. Its main focus is to improve literacy levels through empowering and training the teachers, facilitators, parents, volunteers and children in Kayamandi. The programme also focuses on the establishment of a literacy room at Ikhaya Trust Centre and networking for the Trust. The literacy room functions as a multi-functional room which serves the children, the facilitators, volunteers as well as the parents and any other activities relating to literacy or education.

1. Stories of the month

The teachers and facilitators continued with Literacy in the crèche, preschool and in the aftercare during February. Adele Botha has been busy with general matters of the trust during January and February:

- Organisation of staff moving to new positions, job advertisements, working through curriculum vitae, compiling a short list and conducting the interviews in conjunction with other members of Ikhaya Trust. Noziphiwo Ndaleni has moved to the preschool class, Xoliswa Mxesibe has been appointed as receptionist and administration, Zanele Chosi has been appointed as teaching assistant in the preschool. Four new facilitators have been appointed in the aftercare – Lumka Ntloni, Ntombizikhona Albertina Shwashwa, Nomzamo Ndiki and Nondi Vokwana.
- The Cape Classic concerts have been taking place during February and time has been spent on preparations for the Kayamandi concert on 28 Feb 2011 and the concert of 23 Feb 2011. Organising of translators, the piano to be moved to the high school, distributing of pamphlets and posters, buying of water and gifts, organising the facilitators and children and transport.

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- The activity clubs have been organised and new external facilitators have joined the Art and Monkeynastics clubs. Jakob Zeyer, one of the German volunteers are in charge of the guitar club until August. Currently the aftercare has seven activity clubs taking place on Mondays and Fridays (Drama, Dancing and drumming, Recorder, Guitar, Beading and Sewing, Arts and Crafts, Judo). Monkeynastics, a physical education programme has also been introduced for the younger learners on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Meetings were held with the German volunteers regarding their assistance in the classes and aftercare activities. Two new Dutch volunteers from Fontys College, Tilburg joined the trust for their Educational practical work until May.
- A meeting was held with Moses Xakwe (psychologist) and teachers from Joe Slovo High School. They started the TEM Foundation and needs some assistance with Literacy workshops.
- Many hours have been spent on assisting the parents with completing the AF Louw forms for possible discount from the school.
- The Kayamandi network meeting at Legacy centre was attended on 10 Feb 2011.
- Assistance of Xoliswa on implementing systems and opening and operating an e-mail account.
- Organising bank details and payments for new staff members.
- General administrative duties regarding the crèche, preschool and aftercare (organising substitute teachers, handling problems regarding the food, queries from new staff members etc.)
- Distell has presented Ikhaya Trust with 300 drums which have been distributed to the learners and 100 kept for performances.
- Meeting with Adrie le Roux, Masters Student working on illustration linked to family literacy (Wina du Plessis was also present).
- The various visitors were welcomed at the Trust during February.

3. Next projects within the Literacy programme

- Orientation and welcoming the new centre manager, Ms Mpumi Mrubata.
- Literacy training for the new facilitators in the Aftercare

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- Training for Kuyasa and Vulindlela Reading clubs

Kind Regards from the Literacy Room.

Adele Botha

(Literacy development and training)