

GREATER STELLENBOSCH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme

(We love learning/reading)

Report, January 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 and picture of the month

After the December holiday the Trust opened on 10 January 2011. The two projects have merged and numerous changes are in the process of being implemented. During January the focus has been on planning for the crèche, preschool and aftercare.

Wina du Plessis and Adele Botha attended the British Council, British Association for Literacy in Development and the Project for Alternative Education in SA (PRAESA) conference on “Common goals, Shared purpose” on 25 January at the University of Cape Town. It was an informative day with good networking opportunities. PRAESA (Vulindlela Reading Clubs) has requested a training visit for their facilitators to the Literacy project at the Trust!

One of the highlights of the month was the first training session for Kuyasa NGO (Kayamandi) which was conducted by Noziphiwo Ndalenj, one of our aftercare facilitators. It was the first training opportunity for Noziphiwo and she performed competently. The facilitators assisted Kuyasa with some of their assessments and will be paid with the money from the Distell sponsorship.

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Kerry and Sue Brooksbank (some of Adele's sponsors) visited the Trust during January. Some of our German sponsors have also visited the Trust.

It has been a very busy month and while we await the appointment of the new general manager, the Literacy programme will continue but a lot of time has to be spent on general matters of the Trust and Adele had to take responsibility for the Aftercare facilitators. The preparations for the Cape Classic concert are also in process as well as changes in the activity clubs of the Aftercare.

3. Next projects within the Literacy programme

- Cape Classic concert for Ikhaya fundraising
- Appointment of a new facilitator in the Aftercare and teacher in the Preschool
- Training for Kuyasa and PRAESA
- Preparations for parent workshops during March

Kind Regards from the Literacy Room.

Adele Botha

(Literacy development and training)