

GREATER STELLENBOSCH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme

(We love learning/reading)

Report, June 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 pictures of the month

Dr Sue Duncan, Georgia State University (Adele Botha's mentor since 2005) visited the Trust during June 2011. A meeting was held with the Educational Chairperson and the facilitators to address questions regarding literacy. Dr Duncan and Adele visited various projects in the Helderberg region to assess the possibility of expansion of the Literacy project. They also paid a visit to PRAESA with the Trust Head and some of the facilitators.



During June two storytelling workshops were organised on two Saturdays (11 and 18 June) and were attended by parents, teachers and other interested members from Kayamandi and Stellenbosch. The workshops were facilitated by PRAESA staff members.

On 10 June 2011 Mpumi Mrubata and Adele Botha attended the Ubuntu Breakfast meeting in Cape Town. Various staff members from businesses, NGO's and other organisations get the opportunity to network during these meetings.

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On 14 June 2011 the parents of the creche and preschool had the opportunity to attend a parents evening to discuss their childrens' progress with the teachers.

Adele Botha had two weeks vacation leave from 16 to 30 June 2011. During the holiday she conducted a training session for the Adult literacy facilitators at Maties Community Service, Stellenbosch.

2. Progress during the month

The objectives for the month were to network with dr Duncan for expansion possibilities and to organise the two storytelling workshops. Both objectives were completed. The normal day to day programmes continued.

3. Objectives for the next month

- Attention to the training manual.
- Follow up on the Ubuntu Network meeting.

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