

# GREATER STELLENBOSCH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

## Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme

(We love learning/reading)

Report, November 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

Some of the highlights during this month was the R 40 000 donation from Cape Classic. Our sincere gratitude to Cape Classic for this generous donation. FUNDZA also donated 30 books to Ikhaya Trust and the Literacy programme.

Sverre Jor from Norway visited the Trust for two weeks.



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***“I am a family therapist and a preschool teacher that work and live in Norway. I have been a guest at the trust for two weeks and it has been wonderful to follow the teachers and the facilitators work with the children at the trust.***

***As a Norwegian preschool teacher I know the Norwegian school system quite well. In Norway the children start school at the age of 6, and I have worked with that age in Norway. I must tell everyone that will read this that the level of the children I have seen in some of the groups has made me very impressed. One of the groups has a level just as good as the one that we see in Norway. And the Norwegian children have computers and TV to use. I believe that the literacy program that the trusts are using is making the difference, and that it helps the children to be readers.***

***I will thank the trust of all hospitality and also the teachers and facilitators that had a visit from me in the classroom, and also wish them all luck with the good work in the future.” A part of Sverre Jor’s letter to the Trust.***

Sverre Jor visited the trust for two weeks and during his time at the trust conducted a dream workshop for the teachers and facilitators, contributed books from Norway and from FUNDZA, will make a monthly contribution to Joan Borman during 2012 (literacy room assistant) and bought 4 plastic tables for the expansion of the Literacy programme to Chris Nissen Park. Sverre also indicated that he wants to visit the trust again.

***Feedback from Stig Winsnes (Sverre’s Manager: Familievernkontoret i Sor Trondelag)***

***“We are very happy to see Sverre ‘in action’ with the children. His visit will fortify the relationship between Stellenbosch Development Trust and FIST in Trondheim.***

***Kind regards from,***

***Stig Winsnes”***

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During November the creche and preschool learners were assessed. All the facilitators assessed their learners in the Aftercare. Currently the data analyses are in process. The results will be available in the annual report in December 2011.

Mpumi Mrubata and Adele Botha assessed the creche and preschool teachers as well as the Aftercare facilitators. They made recommendations for staff development areas. Adele also assisted Sarah and Francois with the Facebook account for GSDT.

Networking during this month included Prochorus, Kuyasa, FUNDZA, Umnqophiso Pre-primary School, Stellenbosch Professional Network, Aanhouwen Wen and Tag Changers.

### **2. Progress during the month**

During November the Literacy assessments of the creche, preschool and Aftercare were completed. The staff assessments (of the teachers and facilitators) and recommendations were done. Sverre Jor from Norway visited Ikhaya Trust for two weeks.

### **3. Objectives for the next month**

- Annual report
- Planning for Literacy and Ikhaya Trust 2012

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