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December 2008

2008 has been an awesome year for Pebbles, with new activities for over 400 children and some wonderful new staff, volunteers and sponsors joining us.

FARMS

We have continued to work with Bellevue, Eikendal, Villiera, Delheim and Remhoogte farms and also began working with Hartenberg and Kaapzicht in July 08.

L'Avenir, Fairview and Neil Joubert farms all come on board towards the end of 08 or early 09.

Numbers of children supported - 450 in 2008, increasing to 580 in 2009.



CRÉCHE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB CHILDREN AND ACTIVITIES

Drumming Group

The Bellevue drumming group have grown from strength to strength under the tuition of David Olivier, and displayed their talents by performing at our Tank Party in September and at the 567 Cape Talk hosted Charity Challenge golf day. Watch out for these guys - one day they will be famous!

Jo Clifton Award Winners

Two children were chosen as the winners of the Jo Clifton Award for their achievements this year and for making exceptional progress in their schoolwork. These children are: Renishia Abelse from Delheim and Eugene Isaacs from Bellevue.



Sewing Club

Isabelle has continued her sewing club throughout the year and the children have made their own clothing.

Assessments and Monitoring of Progress

Our support teachers Jo and Kirsten have been assessing and checking the progress of all the children, and putting in place support systems for children who struggle with their work.

EVENTS

- Ladies Night - held in May at The Nose Restaurant & Wine Bar - raised R17000
- Tank Take Two - held in September at the Aquarium - raised R170000. Sponsored by JF Hillebrand and Constellation
- Prothero Tastings in London - held during the year - raised over R200000
- Somerset Mall Heart of the Mall Campaign
- Cape Talk Charity Challenge - held in December, hosted by 567 Cape Talk

FUNDRAISING AND FUNDERS

Jannie Fourie Edinburgh Marathon - Jannie ran the marathon in aid of Pebbles and raised over R17000. The Pebbles trustees and staff send our condolences to Jannie's family, we all miss him.

Richard Hilton of Pax Verbatim Wines climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro - he made it to the top and waved the Pebbles flag, and managed to raise over R25000 in the process!!



Cathy Milner Art Exhibition - thank you to Cathy for the donation from your exhibition, which will be used directly towards providing art materials for the after-school club kids.

Our **Sponsor A Child programme** has grown over the year and we now have over 40 sponsors. To find out more about sponsoring a child, please email Anna on sponsorachild@pebblesproject.co.za

Sponsor A School Pack - this is a new idea for 2008, and one that we want to go big with in 2009. Basically the idea is to raise funds to provide every child who is leaving one of the Pebbles supported crèches with a school bag, shoes, school uniform and basic stationery, so that they start their school career fully kitted out and ready to learn. In 2008, we provided 65 children with these school packs. For more information about sponsoring a school pack, please email Anna on sponsorachild@pebblesproject.co.za.

DONATIONS

The Department of Social Development - we received funding from the Department for our 2008 - 9 after-school club activities.

WOSA Germany - many thanks to WOSA Germany for the donation that we used to buy toys, games, play items, books and outdoor equipment for the crèches.

Durban to Dublin - Roger and his mates set off on their BMW bikes in May 09 for a gruelling 3-month trip from Durban to Dublin, raising funds and awareness for Pebbles as they go. Good luck guys!

Charity Wines has continued to support Pebbles by contributing regularly towards the salary of a full time special needs carer for one child with learning difficulties.

The Commodore Hotel is one of our newest sponsors, and has already donated enough towels for each crèche, and is also busy helping us completely renovate and stock an entire crèche building for 14 children.

CWG - are contributing towards the salary of a special needs support teacher who assists the after-school club children with a homework programme, special needs programmes, study skills and lifeskills.



HCI Foundation - donated R250000 towards all our crèche activities for 2008.

Dornier - donates funds raised through the Japanese sales of Cocoa Hill wines. This money goes towards paying for some of the monthly educational trips.

Jo Clifton Award - The Clifton family, in memory of Jo Clifton, have donated £5000, which contributes towards the salaries of the two teachers that we employ for supporting crèche and after-school club kids.

Off Piste Wines - welcome to the Off Piste boys as new sponsors of Pebbles, and thanks for the wonderful donations!

Nampak - are now proud sponsors of Pebbles and have provided a bright yellow fleece for every crèche child aged 3 - 6, and will be sponsoring one crèche educational trip per month in 2009.

Stellenbosch Wine Routes - Pebbles received a donation from SWR as part of their Nedbank sponsored Clean Up Action initiative. The Pebbles crèche and ASC children got busy cleaning up all the litter from around their farms and participating in a recycling programme.

Rotary Waterfront and Rotary Somerset West - we received a donation of R10000 from the Waterfront Rotary, and have received a computer, a cot and nappies from the Somerset West club. We are proud to be associated with the Rotary club, and thank them for all the support.

Thierrys UK - continues to support Pebbles in every way they can.

JF Hillebrand - have pledged funds to provide a brand new crèche building for 24 children in 2009.



FNB - continues to support us with donations of food and volunteers to help with our children's events.

Cheviot Publishers - donated R10000 towards crèche and after-school club resources.

Keith Prothero, Mullineaux Wines and the Wine Pages Forum - thank you for your continuous fundraising both in SA and the UK and your dedication to our cause!

We have many other sponsors and huge apologies for not listing everyone here, but please know that we hugely appreciate all your support and generosity.

FASD ACTIVITIES

Pebbles has been involved with the FASD Task Team in the following activities:

- Setting up a South African FASD website - www.fasdsa.org
- International FASD day event at the V&A Waterfront
- FASD Health Calendar 2009

MOBILE TOY LIBRARY

The WOSA CCT Importers Committee and SA Golf Open Championship and 567 Cape Talk Charity Challenge Golf Day have raised funds for our new Mobile Toy Library that was unveiled in December and will be operational in the new year, bringing toys to over 150 children.



STAFF

Sophia Warner - director and fundraiser
 Marileze Buys - project manager
 Sally Pike and Estee Liebenberg - project coordinators
 Jo Rabey - crèche special needs support teacher
 Kirsten Dansie - after-school club support teacher
 Dian Honey - full time special needs carer
 Anna Marie Botha - Eaglevei art project manager
 Anna Lusty - Sponsor A Child programme manager
 Aletta Swart - admin support
 David Olivier - drumming teacher
 Mineke Toerien - social worker
 Rubin Pillay - driver
 Andrew Fredericks - driver

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, who help us present programmes, offer exciting activities and support all our work with the farm communities.

The trustees, staff and children of The Pebbles Project would like to thank all our supporters for your donations, time and support this year.. THANK YOU and HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

The Pebbles Project Team



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