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May 2007

Almost half way through the year, and it's all going on at Pebbles!

DONATIONS

We, yet again, have so many people to thank for generous donations:

- **KEITH PROTHERO** and his wine-pages team Keith has raised in the region of £3500 so far for us through various wine tastings in the UK and we aim to use his donation towards an after-school club building for 45 children on one of the farms.
- **HEART OF HEALING - CHARITY WINES** Charity Wines have been supporting us for a while now, and have donated furniture for the crèches, about 50 pairs of new shoes for the kids and money for sport equipment. Thanks to everyone who is supporting Charity Wines, as in the long run, it gets to benefit Pebbles too!
- Thanks to **SU BIRCH** for lugging a huge suitcase of goodies back from School Aid in the UK for us, which have been distributed to the crèches, and brought many smiles to the kids faces.
- **LARISSA GAIAS** from the USA who has raised a huge amount for our Sponsor A Child programme and sent two big boxes of clothes for the kids.
- Thanks to everyone else who have delivered toys and clothes to the Pebbles office, which we have shared out amongst the most needy crèches.

SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEERS

- We have a wonderful team of fit young men (always welcome!) from **SPESCOM DATAVOICE** helping to create a vegetable garden at the Remhoogte After-school club, keep digging guys, and thank you, especially to Graeme Keehn who is co-ordinating it all.
- **HP LABELLING AND PAUL FREY & SONS** are sponsoring copies of the Pebbles documentary that we will be able to distribute to potential donors to give them a clearer idea about our work.
- A huge thank you to the hardworking teams who came to help renovate the After-school club buildings at Remhoogte and Villiera, especially to **ANGELA LLOYD** who organised a brilliant team of wine journalists for a day of sanding, painting and planting. The After-school clubs are now up and running, and looking fabulous.



- **MANUKA** restaurants are pulling out all the stops for us and are covering all the costs of Kelly Burke, their wonderful PRO, who now handles all the Pebbles media contact and PR. Thanks Tony and Kelly for this great support.
- Welcome to **RUTH VISSER** who is volunteering with us and assisting Anna Lusty with the Sponsor A Child programme - thank you Ruth for your time and support.
- Sally Pike, from Stellenbosch University, will be working with Pebbles for her Honours research project on the drinking habits of women of child-bearing age. This research will benefit Pebbles enormously, and help to inform us of the specific support needed by this group.
- Big thanks to **ADRIAN BURNS** from Paul Frey & Sons, who has given up a lot of his time to volunteer with Pebbles, delivering heavy furniture, blowing up inflatable toys, and entertaining kids.

STAFF

We would like to welcome **NATASHA ABELS** to the team; she is working with us three days a week on fundraising. It's great to have her with us.

Also welcome to **ARTHUR MULLER**, who helps out with all sorts of jobs, always with a smile.

We are working in partnership with **THE ANNA FOUNDATION** on the After-school clubs, with Anna Brom managing the whole project along with Marileze.

We are in the process of registering Pebbles in the UK, as we can then access many more international funds, and would like to thank **RAY ABERCROMBY**, **CHRIS ORR** and **ELIZABETH CLIFTON** for joining us as our UK Pebbles Directors.



PR

Due to Kelly Burke's efficient PR drive, and the various events that are sponsoring Pebbles, we have had quite a lot of media coverage in the last few months, including interviews on Cape Talk radio, CCFM, Safm, as well as our Beyond The Classroom documentary on SABC1 in March. We are also featuring on the GRAPE ESCAPE on SABC on Sundays because of our involvement with the Eaglevei Art Project.

We also welcome FREE SPIRIT TV from SABC3 who are filming with us during the next couple of months for another Pebbles documentary.

EVENTS

THANK YOU to -

POSY AND JEREMY HAZELL for choosing Pebbles to be the beneficiary of the Waterfront Wine Affair event in May.

THE PAVILION THEATRE who are giving the proceeds for one night of the 'Bob Dylan - Life, Love & Music' show in July. To book tickets for this event, please see www.thepavilion.co.za

Our next fundraising event will be held in London in October on the last night of the MEGATASTING and promises to be bigger and better than the TANK party (if that's possible...) More info will be posted on our website when the details are confirmed.



KEN FORRESTER - who has offered (or was he pushed?) to grow his hair until the October London party, and to be sponsored to shave it all off and become our first Pebble-Head. You can sponsor him on our website www.pebblesproject.co.za or via the www.wine.co.za website.



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Marileze has been busy organising monthly trips for the children from the crèches, who have visited the MTN Science Centre (thanks to the Science Centre for the tickets and transport), Monkey Town (thanks to Monkey Town for the reduced rates) and Butterfly World. Also thank you to Table Mountain Cableways for the free tickets for the kids from Bellevue farm.



ROTARY CLUB

We are working with the Somerset West Rotary Club and the Departments of Education and Social Development on a project that will assist a number of crèches to become registered and therefore to be eligible for government grants and subsidies.

SPONSOR A CHILD

Our Sponsor A Child programme continues to grow and we would like to especially thank the **ACKERMANN FAMILY FOUNDATION**, Ben Johnson Hill and Karen Storey for their extremely generous sponsoring of a large number of children. Sponsors of children at the Lwandle crèche are directly contributing to the monthly salary of a teacher for the pre-school children, as well as supplying toys and books.

OTHER NEWS

Pebbles has been invited to do a presentation with Dopstop at the Department of Agriculture's **CONFERENCE**

ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AMONG FARM WORKERS IN THE WESTERN CAPE in June. We will be presenting about Alcohol and Women and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Kevin Marston at **The NOSE** Restaurant and Wine Bar has worked tirelessly over the last few months developing our amazing new website - thanks Kevin for all the hard work! Please visit our new site **www.pebblesproject.co.za** and any comments, suggestions or ideas are welcome!

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