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What a star - thank you John!

John Dickinson, Wine-Pages Forum member, with winner Martin Lel after completing the Great North Run in the UK and raising £1500 for Pebbles!!



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GENERAL PEBBLES NEWS

In 2009, Pebbles will be working with 11 wine farms, supporting 9 crèches and 9 after-school clubs, two crèches in the suburbs of Lwandle and Kayamandi, and improving the education of over 500 children. We will also be working with the farm owners, parents and communities to try and offer the children the best that they deserve. Without the help of our sponsors, donors and supporters, none of this could be possible, and without the dedication and hard work of our wonderful staff, none of this would be achieved!



The crèches continue to flourish, supported by our training programme; provision of resources; on-site special needs training; monthly educational trips and the new toy library.

Our range of activities in the after-school clubs have been extended to include a homework programme, a lifeskills programme, sport activities, drama workshops, music lessons, lifestyle workshops, special needs support, as well as their monthly educational trips. We also want to include weekend programmes and holiday camps for these children this year, as these are the occasions when they can be most vulnerable while unoccupied and unsupervised.

This year we will be offering 4 parent workshops per farm, to assist the parents with topics such as Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Parenting Skills and Money Management.

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

Toy Library

The Pebbles Mobile Toy Library, jointly funded by the WOSA CCT UK Importers Committee and the SA Golf Open Championship, is now finally on the road!

After a few delays appointing a member of staff to manage the project, we finally found the wonderful Michelle Hendricks, who joined the Pebbles team in mid-February.

The toy library is now delivering new toys every fortnight to almost 100 crèche children, which will help them develop their communication skills, imaginative play skills, fine motor control, hand-eye coordination and numeracy skills - and all from just playing!

New Crèche Building

The second newflash is the new crèche building that we have provided for the children of Bellevue wine farm. Their old crèche building simply did not give enough space for over 25 children, and was also well past



retirement state, so this new building will give the children a clean, waterproof, stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

The crèche comes fully equipped with a baby room, a bottle-feeding and changing area, a kitchen, a baby toilet and a big classroom for the older children. We would like to offer a HUGE thank you to JF Hillebrand for sponsoring this crèche building and assure you that this will dramatically improve the lives and educational opportunities of these children.

Other Donors / Sponsors

Thank you to the Commodore Hotel in Cape Town - who have been busy shopping for Pebbles, supplying us with items desperately needed for one of our newest crèches, where 25 children will benefit from educational resources, cooking facilities, a new bathroom, mattresses, books and toys.

Thank you to Masuda South African Wine Importers in Japan for taking the time to come and meet some of the Pebbles children and for your continued donations towards the after-school club educational trips.

Thank you to Uthando Foundation for their donation.

We have received funds from the Department of Social Development, Children and Families sub-directorate towards our crèche activities.



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