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“ONE CHILD,  
ONE TEACHER,  
ONE BOOK, ONE  
PEN CAN  
CHANGE THE  
WORLD.”

-MALALA  
YOUSAFZAI







## WE ARE IN NEED OF:

Please reach out if you or your company, school, or church can assist us with the below items. Any quantity would be helpful.

Sanitary pads  
 Creche tables  
 Plastic table cloths  
 Large balls  
 CD players  
 Thick wax crayons  
 Surgical gloves  
 Wet wipes  
 Dolls  
 Playmats  
 Sandpit toys  
 Baby room decorations



## HELLO 2021..

Our offices opened on the 18th of January after a restful break. We hit the ground running to prepare the staff and centres for reopening, only for the national government to delay the reopening of schools.

However, all After School Clubs opened so the learners could receive their daily cooked meal and snack.

Schools officially reopened on the 15th of February. Some After School Clubs now also host morning sessions to accommodate learners who are not able to attend school every day due to COVID-19 regulations. They receive assistance with homework and school assignments.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

### FIRST THOUSAND DAYS PROGRAMME

During the month of February, 3 mothers registered to participate in the infant massage therapy workshop.

29 FTD practitioners received onsite training at their respective centres.

3 new mothers received their baby boxes after completing all the workshops at the Pebbles Owethu Clinic. Welcome to the world little ones.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

All the ECD centres are now open and fully operational.

There are currently **424 ECD** learners enrolled for 2021.

**156 ECD learners** graduated at the end of 2020 from the ECD programme and received a school pack to prepare them for their new chapter.

Thank you to all the companies and individuals who sponsored school packs in 2020!

### PEBBLES HEMEL EN AARDE

The Pebbles Academy continues to rotate the learners on a three-day basis according to COVID-19 regulations.

In 2017, the FTD classroom opened for the first time in Hemel en Aarde and had a small group of toddlers enrolled. These little ones are now in Grade 1 at the Academy! Through the years we have had the privilege of watching them grow and excel.

# WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED...

## SKILLS CENTRE IN HEMEL EN AARDE

On the 1st of February, the Skills centre in the Hemel en Aarde opened its doors as a pilot project. This project is aimed at providing young parents and youth with learning difficulties with an opportunity to further their education.

There are currently five Grade 10 learners and one Grade 8 learner enrolled in the programme for 2021. They make use of an online training programme and the skills centre coordinator will provide additional support in person. We trust this project will be a great success.

## VIRTUAL MANDELA DAY 2021.

**16-18 JULY 2021**

Another year, another virtual event. We are encouraging companies and individuals to support the Pebbles Virtual Mandela Day 2021 from the comfort of your office or home. Please keep an eye out on our social media platforms and our next newsletter for more information

## OTHER NEWS...

The past year has been tough and had some negative effects on many businesses and organizations. This, unfortunately, has resulted in some of our donors withdrawing funding for the current financial year or committing to a smaller donation amount.

The loss of funding greatly affects our programmes and we would like to appeal to our contacts and supporters to consider assisting with providing any leads on new potential donors that might be interested in supporting one of our programmes.



**“EVERY DAY, IN A 100  
SMALL WAYS, OUR CHILDREN  
ASK, ‘DO YOU HEAR ME? DO  
YOU SEE ME? DO I MATTER?’  
THEIR BEHAVIOR OFTEN  
REFLECTS OUR RESPONSE.” -  
L.R. KNOS**

# FUNDRAISING...

We would like to share some ideas of how you or your company can get involved

## OFFICE CASUAL DAYS

Why not organize a casual day at your office? Each staff member contributes R50 to wear sneakers or a more relaxed office attire for the day. Pebbles stickers can be provided to celebrate the day. Please contact us for more information.

## TWO OCEANS VIRTUAL CHARITY CHALLENGE

In response to the Two Oceans Marathon being cancelled for a second consecutive year, the Two Oceans Virtual Charity Challenge will take place from 30th March-30th April.

We would like to encourage all running enthusiasts to #runforacause and help us raise funds for the Sponsor a School Pack Programme. Enter to run a 5.6km, 10km, or 20km route anytime and anywhere during the month.

**Register below or contact us for more info**

<https://www.twooceansmarathon.org.za/>

## FACEBOOK FUNDRAISING

Facebook fundraisers have become very popular over the last couple of months. With a birthday, wedding, or anniversary celebration coming up, you can create an online fundraiser with The Pebbles Project as your beneficiary of choice. Your Facebook friends can then opt to support your fundraising campaign, with no cost implications to you.

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