

PEBBLES PROJECT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY - MARCH 2023

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GENERAL UPDATE

As we enter the second quarter of 2023, we would like to take the time to reflect on the past three months and share some of our highlights, achievements, and challenges with you.

The year kicked off with a bang and our team hit the ground running with so many exciting additions to our existing programmes and initiatives to ensure that we address the needs identified in 2022 and welcomed new staff members to the Pebbles Project team.

We would also like to share some big news with you. For those who might not have heard, Villiera Wines has been bought by GCF (Grands Chais de France Group). GCF is a large family owned wine company based in Alsace, France. The Pebbles Head office is located on Villiera Wines.

The current CEO and Founder Joseph Helfrich established the company in 1979, and many members of his family work in the business including his son, Frederick Helfrich, and daughter Anne-Laure Helfrich.

GCF has forged special partnerships with winegrowers and is the biggest private winemaker in France and employs 3,200 employees and have a footprint in 178 countries worldwide.

They are passionate about sustainable development, health and safety, environment, labour practices, and responsible purchasing.

The South African subsidiary company is called Iwayini ('wine' in Zulu), based at Neethlingshof which GCF bought in 2022.

We look forward to a long partnership in supporting our communities together.



On the 2nd of April, 5 teachers from the Mountbatten School in the UK took part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon to raise funds for Pebbles. Collectively, they have raised £1,606 for the Pebbles Sport Programme.



Sophia Warner (Founder) and Rachel Ward da Costa (Fundraiser) visited the Whittington Primary School in Lichfield. Steve Barr and Frank Knighton of Whittington Fairtrade handed over a cheque donation of £1,000.

UK DONOR VISIT

On the 28th of March, Pebbles Project Founder & CEO, Sophia Warner, and one of the Pebbles Project fundraisers, Rachel Ward da Costa, embarked on a week long trip to the UK visiting donors, supporters and attending the London Landmarks Half Marathon event to cheer on the teachers of Mountbatten School who took part in the race in aid of Pebbles.

Some of the donor visits included FACET, Twinings UK, Gerard Basset Foundation, Whittington Primary School and Whittington Fairtrade as well as a few individual donors. It was a very successful trip!

Did you know that donations from the UK make up 10% of the annual amount of funds raised?

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the years you might have had some form of interaction with our amazing finance team. Our Pebbles finance team is made up of three staff members who have collectively been with the organisation for 21 years.

Michael is our Financial Manager. In his free time, Michael is an avid sports supporter and reader. Adele is our Bookkeeper and enjoys preparing baked goods to share with her colleagues. Jodene is our Financial Data Capturer and is always willing to share her wealth of knowledge with the rest of the team.



From left to right: Michael, Jodene and Adele

SANDRA'S STORY

"Pebbles have literally changed my life. I can honestly say that I don't know where I would be today without Pebbles. I probably would have been stuck in the same place that I was during my teenage pregnancy...I would have given up on my dreams." – Sandra Spogter, Commis Chef at Bellevue Wine Estate's restaurant.

Click [here](#) to read more about the impact Pebbles Project made in Sandra's life.



WINES2WHALES

As an official beneficiary of the legendary FNB Wines2Whales 2023, we have four rider team entries up for sale.

The event will take place on 20 - 29 October 2023 and entries will be available for R17,300 per rider team.

Please contact Madelein at madelein@pebblesproject.co.za if you would like more information or to purchase an entry.

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SUSTAINABLE FASHION

In October 2022, Pebbles Project launched its very own clothing thrift shop inside the CoCreate Hub, situated in 7 Victoria street, Stellenbosch. The purpose of CoCreate Hub is to offer retail space for local entrepreneurs and non-profit organisations. Pebbles Project has been selling thrifted clothing as a means of generating additional income for our programmes and services.

You are invited to support us by #thriftingforgood All clothing items range between R50 – R200 The CoCreate Hub is open Monday – Friday from 08:00 - 16:30.

To donate clothing to our thrift shop, please contact Liesl at liesl@pebblesproject.co.za



Pebbles Project's clothing thrift shop at the CoCreate Hub in Stellenbosch.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Pebbles Project is in need of a 7-seater Volkswagen Caddy to be stationed at the head office on Villiera Wines in Stellenbosch.

The vehicle is needed to:

- Transport our beneficiaries to and from the Pebbles Clinic providing access to medical care.
- Transport our beneficiaries on educational outings and for sporting activities.
- Transport our young adults to job interviews, internships and work placements.
- Transport staff members who work in our education centres to training workshops.
- Transport key staff members to remote geographical areas for training, workshops and medical outreach services etc.



The estimated cost of a 7-seater Volkswagen Caddy is R345,400

Should you be interested, or know of someone that would like to contribute towards the vehicle costs, please contact one of our fundraisers at info@pebblesproject.co.za

Please note that an 18A Tax Certificate can be issued for qualifying donations.

thank you