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GENERAL UPDATE

We have reached the halfway mark of a busy and exciting 2023. As we reflect back on the second quarter, we would like to share some programme highlights and achievements from the past three months.

Our sincerest thanks to all of the Pebbles Project staff that have sacrificed weekends and spent time away from their families to ensure the success of our programmes.

A massive thank you to all our donors and partners who continue supporting us in creating change within our farming communities.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mariana grew up on Villiera Wines where her father works. She attended the Pebbles Project After-School Club while attending school.

After she matriculated Mariana was employed by the Pebbles Project as a fantasy play coordinator as part of the First Thousand Days Programme which inspired her to obtain a diploma in performing arts.

Villiera Wines funded Mariana to study a BTech in Performing Arts at Northlink College where she later obtained her diploma.

Today Mariana is a Grade R Facilitator and Puppeteer at the Pebbles Project.



Mariana is the proud puppeteer at the Pebbles Project.



The Youth Development Centre Hermanus opened in May 2023.



Young adults from the Hermanus Youth Development Centre busy with barista training.



The Stellenbosch Youth Development Centre learners busy with a beading workshop.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

In September 2022, Pebbles Project opened its very first Youth Development Centre in Stellenbosch with the aim to provide young adults from our communities with career support and guidance, as well as practical skills.

In May of 2023, the Youth Development Centre in the Hemel-en-Aarde Valley near Hermanus opened, bringing the total number of learners enrolled in this initiative to 31 learners.

A number of courses have been completed with a focus on the hospitality industry, as well as arts and crafts for those who are more creatively gifted.

Hospitality courses completed include:

- General Housekeeping
- Waiter Training
- Barista Training

Ms. Liesl Ahlers provided an informative session on public speaking which focused on building the young adults' self-confidence.

Arts and Crafts sessions included folding paper origami flowers, candle making, and sewing.

Sewing is a keen interest amongst the female learners at the Stellenbosch Youth Development Centre. Hair accessories and clothing items are being made and sold at the CoCreate Hub in Stellenbosch as an income-generating project.

With the hopes of scaling the sewing project, we would like to make an appeal for the following items:

- Sewing machines
- Overlockers
- Fabric (upholstery and stretch)
- Clothing Iron
- Ironing Board
- Measuring Tapes
- Scissors for cutting fabric
- Zips (55cm) in neutral colours for pillows
- Sewing thread

For more information on the initiative and needs please contact Liesl at liesl@pebblesproject.co.za

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AWARENESS

In South Africa, gender-based violence is a widespread issue that presents a real and daily threat to so many living in our communities.

The Pebbles Project aims to create awareness by educating our farming communities about the issue and providing support to those affected by gender-based violence.

The internal Pebbles social work team provided informative sessions on the issue at parent meetings held on several Stellenbosch farms, that were attended by farming community members.

A two-day trauma training workshop was held in both Stellenbosch and Hermanus for all the Pebbles staff who work with our beneficiaries on a daily basis.

The training provided in-depth knowledge about trauma, how it affects the development of the brain, and how it affects a child's behavior.

BRADLEY'S STORY

"I have immense gratitude for Pebbles, especially for the Social Workers at Pebbles, who helped me to get a bursary to study at Stellenbosch, because if I did not go study, I wouldn't have had the confidence to enrol myself into college this time around." – Bradley Kriel, Tasting Room Manager at Eikendal Wine Estate and part-time BCom Law student.

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



EVENTS



The FNB W2W Switchback will take place from the 20th - 29th of October 2023.

As an official beneficiary, the Pebbles Project has four rider team entries available.

For more information or to secure your spot, contact Madelein Snyman at madelein@pebblesproject.co.za or click [here](#) for more information.

WOSA ENCOUNTER SOUTH AFRICA UK

Exciting news! The Pebbles Project will be at this year's WOSA 'Encounter South Africa' event in the UK on Tuesday the 4th of July in London.

The WOSA Encounter South Africa event will focus on six key themes around both social and environmental sustainability, namely:

- Organic & Biodynamic
- Upliftment & Social Development
- WWF Conservation Champions
- Water Preservation
- Drought Tolerant Grape Varieties
- Fairtrade

The Pebbles Project will exhibit in the "Tread Lightly Tasting Space" an area where wine brands that focus on upliftment and social development projects will be showcased.

For more information on the event, please contact Thelma du Plooy at thelma@pebblesproject.co.za



MANDELA DAY INITIATIVE

Gather your colleagues, friends and family and pack much needed stationery packs for the Pebbles Project After-School Club beneficiaries, in the comfort of your own office or home.

The three different stationery pack options include:

- Foundation Phase Stationery Packs
- Intermediate Phase Stationery Packs
- Senior Phase Stationery Packs

The cost per pack ranges from R250-R400. Should you wish to take part in this drive kindly confirm by Monday, 10th of July 2023. We can also purchase the items for international supporters.

For more information and a list of items needed per pack, please contact Rachel Ward da Costa via email at rachel@pebblesproject.co.za



PEBBLES PROJECT MIDYEAR SHUTDOWN

Please take note that the Pebbles Project offices will be closed from the **3rd - 7th of July** for its midyear shutdown.