



Pebbles Project

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#### FACET

The introduction of the FACET-funded *GRAFF Mobile Learning Centres* programme has seen new staff members joining the Pebbles team. Two Reading Facilitators, two Maths literacy Facilitators and a Mobile Library Manager have been appointed and they have started implementing new programmes designed to improve the Maths and literacy levels of the children in the after school clubs. The children are already benefiting from this additional support and this is evident in their academic performance at school.

Parents and children on three of our partner farms have benefited from the Weekend Activities programme which provides stimulating and exciting activities, designed to encourage healthy family relationships. These activities will also alleviate the boredom that contributes to substance abuse and excessive drinking.

#### NEW ECD FEEDING SCHEME

Earlier this year we received funding from a generous and compassionate Dutch Foundation to start a *nutrition programme*.

The programme has been designed to provide a nutritionally balanced breakfast and lunch meal for 250 children who attend our farm ECD centres. This way we can be sure that the children are receiving the essential nutrients that they need to grow and learn.



#### SHOEBOX BLANKET DRIVE

Cold dreary winter days are now warm and colourful thanks to a very generous donation from *Operation Shoebox* after their Twitter Blanket Drive.

We were given R5000 to buy blankets which has ensured that all the children in our care are warm this winter. For more information on Operation Shoebox visit [www.operationshoobox.co.za](http://www.operationshoobox.co.za).

#### OVERTURE EVENT

Talented and world famous chef Bertus Basson is hosting a *Dinner and Dance* on 23rd July at Overture. Tickets are R375 and include a delicious dinner, wine and entertainment. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Pebbles.

For more information or to make a booking please contact Angela [angela@pebblesproject.co.za](mailto:angela@pebblesproject.co.za).

#### CLINIC UPDATE

*Pebbles Project Owethu Clinic* opened to patients on 17 February 2014. Since then, the number of clients visiting the clinic and participants in the various health programmes has gradually increased. The Pebbles learning facilities are visited regularly by the clinic staff and the children's health is assessed.



A focus has been placed on getting children dewormed and also treating children who show signs of delays in development. The clinic staff have also been running educational programmes on the farms that deal with topics such as healthy lifestyle choices, proper dental hygiene and correct sanitary hand-washing practices. At these sessions tooth brushes, nail brushes and healthy recipes were handed out to all those who attended.

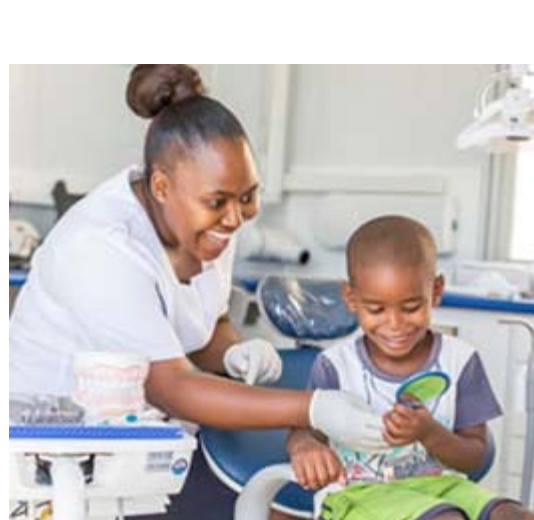
The clinic has also worked closely with the Pebbles social worker by referring cases of substance abuse to her. This increases the social protection services that we are able to offer our beneficiaries.

#### GET INVOLVED- SPONSOR A CHILDS HEALTH

The launch of the Owethu Health Clinic has ensured that children and their families have access to excellent health care. *Sponsor a Child's Health* ensures that a child can receive a whole years' worth of free medical and dental services offered by the Clinic.

Sponsorship fees cost R100 / £10 per month. Sponsorship money will be used towards the running costs of the Pebbles Owethu community health clinic.

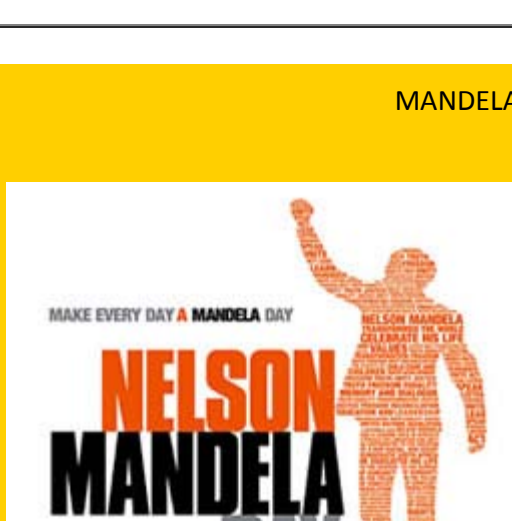
It also contribute towards salaries of the medical staff, medical and consumable supplies and equipment, transport for the children and administration of the clinic.



Each year in May and November you will receive information the child you are sponsoring regarding their health care, progress at school and some news from the community they live in. You will also be updated on specific news from the Clinic and informed of any new Wellness Programmes that have been made available to the child you are sponsoring.

For more information on this initiative contact Angela [angela@pebblesproject.co.za](mailto:angela@pebblesproject.co.za).

#### MANDELA DAY



This year we will join the rest of the world and celebrate *Mandela day* on Friday 18th July. There are many different ways for individuals and corporates to be involved in doing their 67 minutes (or longer) of service at Pebbles.

For more information on how you can be involved please contact Angela [angela@pebblesproject.co.za](mailto:angela@pebblesproject.co.za).

#### THANK-YOU

Pebbles is always thankful to all the donors whose generosity and support allows for the success of the project.

JF Hillebrand organised a Charity team to cycle the Cape Argus and raise R57 000 for Pebbles.

20 brave runners joined our Old Mutual Two Oceans Charity Team and managed to collectively raise over R70 000 for Pebbles.

Shiraz SA donated two pallets of wine to Pebbles which will be used at an event and auction later this year.

We received many generous donations of books that were sold at the Somerset West Mall Charity Book Fair 6-9 June 2014 where we managed to make almost R10 000.

Mix Telematics have donated vehicle tracking devices for two new vehicles that we purchased this year.

Haumann Smal designed new brochures that explain all our current programmes and projects.



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