



Pebbles Project

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NEWSLETTER

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#### OPERATION SHOE BOX

At the end of 2013 the children in the ECD (Early Childhood Development) centres and After School Clubs received incredible gifts from The Shoebox of Love Programme which is an initiative of Operation Shoebox, an independent, accredited non-profit organisation registered in South Africa. The gifts arrive in beautifully decorated shoe boxes and contain essential hygiene items, stationary, food treats, clothing and an age appropriate toy. The children have been receiving these gifts for a few years now and each year we are amazed by the enthusiasm and generosity of the Shoe Box team and their donors.



If you would like to learn more about Operation Shoebox or join their programme then please visit [www.operationshoobox.co.za](http://www.operationshoobox.co.za).

#### CAPE ARGUS/ TWO OCEANS

Fundraising through participation in sports races is becoming extremely popular. Pebbles is privileged to have some fit supporters who have signed up for our charity teams for the upcoming Cape Argus and The Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon. Each team member has used their race participation to raise funds and generate awareness for Pebbles.

You can visit our [Givengain](#) page to support our Cape Argus cyclists and help them reach their goal of raising R65 000. JF Hillebrand has been instrumental in getting the Cape Argus team together.

#### SAVE THE DATE

- The CAPE ARGUS 9 MARCH
- THE CAPE WINE AUCTION 15 & 16 MARCH
- THE OLD MUTUAL TWO OCEANS MARATHON 19 APRIL.

#### SPONSOR A SCHOOL PACK

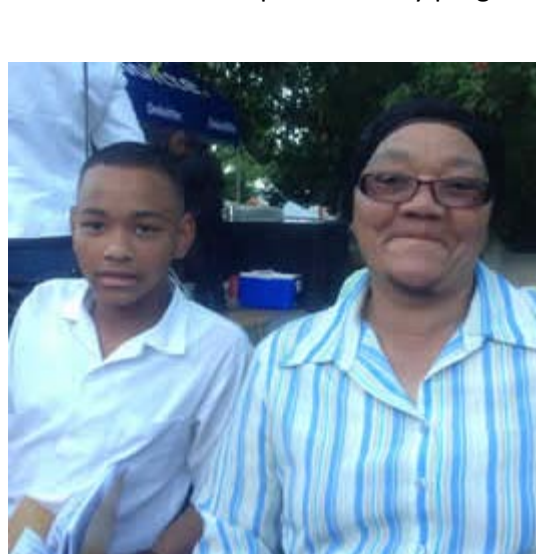
Each year we provide a school pack for every child leaving one of the Pebbles supported ECD centres for primary school. A school pack is made up of a school bag, school uniform, shoes and socks as well as a basic stationery set. For many parents this cost is an enormous financial burden and some children do not attend school because they do not have either the shoes or the uniform.



This year 135 children that attended one of our ECD centres in 2013 started the 2014 school year confidently with their new school packs. The children's excitement was almost tangible and many of their parents accompanied them to receive their school packs at the official hand over events we held at each farm. The parents were encouraged to support their children and remember the value of education on their children's futures.

#### KickstART

KickstART is an educational outreach programme which aims to inspire young people by bringing them hope through art. Participants in the programme also learn that there are sustainable employment opportunities for those without subjects like Maths and Science. Through this programme a panel was able to identify learners who show exceptional creative talent to be a beneficiary of the KickstART mentorship and bursary programme.



Tesley Thomas who attends the After School Club at L'Avenir was one of five learners who received a bursary and this group of winners was selected from 140 applicants. The bursary includes art lessons at the PJOLIVIER Art Centre as well as transport to the lessons and meal when he arrives. In addition to this he has a mentor that will tutor him throughout the year. His mentor will also help him with choices regarding tertiary education.

#### FACET

In 2008 Laurence Graff established The FACET Foundation (For Africa's Children Every Time) to support the education, health and wellbeing of the people of Africa. Since this time, FACET has been working with partner charities in Botswana and Lesotho, building and running two Graff Leadership Centres and improving the lives of many. When it came to supporting the vital work of Pebbles Project, FACET understood the need for a different approach, and working closely with the Pebbles team, developed a plan to create the very first Graff Learning Centres ... on wheels!

The Graff Mobile Learning Centres will support a total of 11 farms, which in turn will benefit over 1,200 children and adults in the region. Travelling around the Winelands, two specially modified vehicles will provide after-school maths and reading tuition, with a new range of computer facilities and teaching equipment on board. A book borrowing facility will enable children to practice their skills at home, while a games and DVD library aims to foster a sense of family unity through encouraging families to engage in positive activities together. FACET is very excited to be working with Pebbles Project and looks forward to seeing the first Mobile Learning Centres in action in the coming months.

#### CAPE WINE AUCTION

The AfrAsia Bank  
**CAPE WINE**  
— AUCTION / 2014 —

The Pebbles Project is privileged to be one of the beneficiary charities of The Cape Wine Auction in March, where local and international visitors will have the opportunity to bid for some incredible and exciting auction lots.

The Cape Wine Auction is dedicated to raising funds for improving education in the nds of South Africa and we feel privileged to be a beneficiary of this prestigious event.

For more information please visit [www.thecapewineauction.com](http://www.thecapewineauction.com) or contact Jessica Henrich [jess@thecapewineauction.com](mailto:jess@thecapewineauction.com).

#### THANK-YOU

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

Our annual Christmas party was held at Eaglevei at the end of last year. Eaglevei provided the venue to Pebbles at a reduced rate. JF Hillebrand, Safmarine, Career Opportunities, Spektrum Children's Theatre, Fruitways, Cape Sidecar Adventures and all the volunteers were responsible for making this day a huge success.

Distell donated rugby shorts and socks that went to the Niel Joubert rugby team.

Still Water Sport donated sports equipment from their Still Good Enuff initiative which will be used in the After School Clubs.

Brampton Wine Studio joined our Restaurant Fundraising Initiative after raising money for Pebbles at the Stellenbosch Wine Festival.

RE/MAX Oaktree donated toys to be used in our Toy Library and in the learning centres.



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