



Pebbles Project

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NEWSLETTER

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PEBBLES TURNS 10 IN DECEMBER

This December marks our 10th anniversary. We have established ourselves firmly as an organisation which aims to enrich the lives of children from disadvantaged backgrounds with special educational needs.

"In the last 10 years the Pebbles Project has come so far, and we couldn't have done this without the love and support of all our donors, sponsors and supporters, who make our work possible," says Founder and Director Sophia Warner. "We look forward to the next 10 years!"

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

AGM + FACET LAUNCH

On Wednesday 3 September our AGM was held at Warwick wine Estate. We had a great turn out of donors, supporters and staff. It was an excellent opportunity to report on a successful year gone past and to celebrate our 10th anniversary.

After the AGM we had an official launch for our FACET mobile learning centres. FACET has funded two vehicles which have been modified into a book, games and DVD library and a computer lab with computers, printers and internet access. These two mobile facilities will circulate between the 11 Pebbles Project After School Clubs and will give the children the crucial opportunity to improve their literacy and computer skills.



UK AWARDS CEREMONY

On 10th September we hosted an awards ceremony in the UK to honour all the donors and supporters in the UK who have contributed to our success over the past ten years. It was a great chance to reflect on how the organization began and to have so many people pledging to support us for the next ten years going forward.

Thank you to everyone who came to the event and congratulations to the winners of our coveted awards! Graham Nash (Tesco Wine Buyer), said on receiving his award, "This is the proudest moment of my life!"

HEALTHY CHILDREN, HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

At the beginning of July we launched our Food for Thought Nutrition programme. Currently this programme provides breakfast, lunch and two snacks a day for 110 children attending our ECD centres and the goal within the next few months is to have 250 children benefitting from this programme.

One of our latest events was a Youth Wellness Day took place on 6th September which 120 children and 13 staff attended. Topics for the day included Human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, coping with puberty, substance abuse, oral hygiene and rape. The event was purposely held close to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day.

FASD Awareness Day is held on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year symbolizing the nine months of pregnancy when a woman should abstain from alcohol. As an organization we recognize the serious implications of the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and the plight of individuals and families who struggle with FASD.

SPONSOR A SCHOOL PACK

Each year we give a school pack to the children leaving our ECD (Early Childhood Development) centres to start primary school. The school pack contains stationary, school shoes and a complete school uniform so they can start their school year confidently. For many of the parents it is a huge financial burden to send their children to school so by giving their child a school pack we manage to ease this burden.

This year we have decided to grow the project and provide school packs for children in our care that are starting high school (grade 8) and matric (grade 12, the final year of school). A school pack costs R200. If you would like to sponsor a school pack please contact Angela angela@pebblesproject.co.za.



SANTA'S SHOE BOX

Santa's Shoebox Project has been collecting festive season gifts for children from vulnerable social backgrounds in orphanages, children's homes and care centres across the country and as far as Namibia for the past eight years. With 'share the joy of giving' as the essence of the project, Santa's Shoebox Project offers people the chance to participate in a profoundly valuable and personal experience, enriching the lives of both those doing the giving, and those on the receiving end. Please visit www.santashoebox.org to find out more about this creative and generous organization.

We are delighted to be a beneficiary charity this year. All 850 children that are enrolled at our facilities receive a shoe box gift at the end of the year, most coming from Santa's Shoebox, plus some being sponsored by SafMarine. Safmarine is an international shipping business that generously supports different projects we run throughout the year.



ARGUS 2015 - YOUR CHANCE TO PEDAL FOR PEBBLES!

If Hillebrand are organising a charity team to participate in the 2015 Cape Argus Pick n Pay Momentum Cycle Tour taking place 8 March. All the funds raised by this team are coming directly to Pebbles.

If you are interested in participating please contact Kirsten on 021 809 2029 or k.mahood@hillebrandgroup.com.



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