



Pebbles Project

CHANGING LIVES

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



NEWSLETTER

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10th BIRTHDAY

On 5th December we celebrated our 10th birthday. This was a momentous time for us as an organization to look back on 10 years of growth, change, challenges and success. We excited to embrace all the challenges and adventures the next 10 years hold. Our Director, Sophia Warner had the following to say about our vision going forward:

A huge goal for us is to open a special needs school. Approximately 70% of the children are not reaching the academic level that they should be. This may be a result of lack of previous early childhood development education, poverty, dysfunctional home circumstances, foetal alcohol spectrum disorders, truancy and poor school attendance, lack of parental support or low literacy levels, poor quality schooling or lack of previous academic support.



We aim to provide intensive accelerated learning programmes in a dedicated centre to help the children reach their potential. We also aim to have expanded to other geographical areas within the Western Cape or elsewhere in South Africa. Our programmes are well established now. We are ready to roll out to new areas and take on many new farms'.

PRODUCTION

At the 10th birthday celebration children from Kaapzicht, Bellevue, Koopmansklouf, Villiera and Hartenberg were involved in a drama production called 'I am Important'. The production combined music, song, dance and dialogue which gave the children exposure to different elements of theatre and performance. The message communicated through the performance is that each person in society is significant and each person has a unique contribution to make.

Every day Pebbles tries to communicate this message to all the staff members and the beneficiaries of our work. Thank you to Mario, Melany and Anna-Mari for all the work that went into making this a success and to the Narollah Trust for sponsoring the entire cost of the production.

CHRISTMAS AT PEBBLES

On the 9th December we held our annual Christmas party at Eaglevei Wine Estate. The party is an annual highlight and the children always look forward to the delicious treats and incredible activities on offer during the day. The party was made possible by JF Hillebrand and a contribution that came from Kleine Zalze. Timberlea gave us fruit at a discount and Woolworths supplied us with juice and bottled waters. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard to make the event such a success.



This year we awarded the Andrew Fredericks Award for the first time. The award is given in memory of Andrew who passed away in March this year and is given to one learner in the ECD programme and one learner in the After School Club programme who demonstrate diligence, perseverance and punctuality which are characteristics that Andrew displayed. This year the recipient of the award was Jeane Vosloo from Bellevue and Elton Messias from Villiera.

The Jo Clifton award for the centre of excellence was awarded to the Eikendal ECD centre and the Eikendal After School Club respectively.

SANTAS SHOE BOX

All 850 children that are enrolled at our ECD centres and After School Clubs received a personalized gift from Santa's Shoebox. Santa's Shoebox 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. We are delighted to have been a beneficiary charity this year.

Safmarine also came on board and ran a Christmas campaign in their offices. They collected and donated presents to the children in the ECD centres at Delheim, Kyamandi and Overgaaauw.

NEW WEBSITE

We recently launched our brand new website! Please visit www.pebblesproject.co.za to find out more about our vision, where we are working, the programmes we are implementing, our future goals and how you can get involved.



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 is using their race participation to raise funds and generate awareness for Pebbles.



We still have some entries available for The Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon. Entries cost R2000 each and are available from Angela Fourie angela@pebblesproject.co.za.

JF Hillebrand has been instrumental in getting the Cape Argus team together. If you would like to be part of the team please contact Kirsten Mahood K.Mahood@hillebrandgroup.com.

SPONSOR A CHILD'S HEALTH

Sponsor a Child's Health is a new sponsorship initiative we have launched. By contributing towards our *Sponsor a Child's Health* initiative you can ensure that a child receives a year's worth of free medical and dental services offered by the [Pebbles Owethu Health Clinic](#).

Our clinic is a well-equipped facility that provides excellent healthcare to children and their families. In addition to sponsoring their medical and dental needs for a year, some of the funds will be allocated towards clinic running costs. This includes a contribution towards medical staff salaries, medical and consumable supplies and equipment, transport to and from the clinic for the children and clinic administration costs.

Sponsorship costs R100/£10 per child per month. For more information contact Angela Fourie angela@pebblesproject.co.za.



10th BIRTHDAY COFFEE TABLE BOOKS

Please reply to this newsletter with your postal address if you would like a copy of our 10th Birthday coffee table book to be sent to you. There is no cost involved - this is our gift to you!

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