



Pebbles Project

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NEWSLETTER

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December 2015

THE YEAR THAT WAS ...

In our [June newsletter](#) we shared our progress in achieving our 2015 goals. As we prepare to bid farewell to 2015 it's as good a time as any to look back on the year that was and how we fared on the last three goals:

FINDING NEW FUNDING to keep our work going.

We are pleased to share that our FACET Mobile programme fleet will be growing in the coming year due to new funding commitment from the donor. Three new FACET Mobile Learning Centres will ensure that we spread our programmes effectively to include facilities as far as Citrusdal!

ADDING VALUE & WORKING EXCELLENTLY to maximise the potential of our team!

This year saw us engaging in different team-building activities as a means to strengthen relations amongst staff. Team building activities, whether they are five-minute games or week-long retreats, take employees out of their usual environment and give them an out-of-the-ordinary task to perform. This environment often gives permission for employees to be more creative and to use their imagination to accomplish the tasks set before them. The creativity reflected in how we achieved successes throughout programmes this year speaks for itself.



STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS by understanding our communities and their needs.

Through our First Thousand Days programme we have introduced a "Baby Box" for expectant mothers on the farms who complete their full prenatal care at the Pebbles Owethu Clinic. This Baby Box serves as a starter kit for their new baby. It contains clothes, blankets, and other new-born necessities, and the Baby Box itself - which is lined with a mattress - can be used as the child's first bed. We saw the need that pregnancy presented and we are excited to provide this solution!

SEASONS GREETINGS AT PEBBLES

This year we hosted two separate Christmas parties for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) and the After-School Club (ASC) children. On the 30th November we held the ECD party at Bugz Playpark in Kraaifontein, and the older children enjoyed an ice-skating experience at Grandwest on the 8th December.



This time of the year is always a highlight for our children who look forward to the delicious treats and incredible activities on offer during the day. A huge THANK YOU to JF Hillebrand for making these celebrations possible and to their staff who gave their time in volunteering at the ECD party and to the team at Bugz for their overall generosity and adding to the success of the day.



SANTA SHOEBOX PROJECT

Just under 1000 children that are enrolled at our ECD centres and After School Clubs received a personalized gift from the *Santa Shoebox Project*. They have 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 nine years. This year their theme "Giving for Good" saw top quality gift boxes being received by deserving children - some of whom have never received a gift at Christmas time before. We appreciate being beneficiaries of these boxes of love for the second year running.



Safmarine, Protea Hotel Marriott Group and KWV Foundation also came on board and got their staff to put together and contribute Christmas shoebox gifts for some of our facilities that were not on the Santa Shoebox lists.

We thank each and every one of them for spreading these moments of magic through these gifts!

CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR 2016

Just like with traditional running or walking events, cycling events have become a classic way to create awareness and encourage individuals to raise funds for a cause close to their hearts. JF Hillebrand has been instrumental in getting the Pebbles Project Cape Cycle team together for the past 5 years. We are privileged to have some of our supporters who have signed up for their charity for the upcoming Cape Town Cycle Tour 2016.

If you would like to be part of the team and #PedalForPebbles; please contact Colleen Alford via email on Calford@jfhillbrand.com as we still have some entries available at a cost of R1370 each.



SPONSOR A SCHOOL PACK

December not only signals the ending of a year but for some of our children it signals the beginning of a journey unfolding as they prepare to enter the mainstream schooling system. Through our *Sponsor a School Pack* programme we ensure that they start the year with the right foot forward; complete with a backpack, school uniform, shoes, socks and stationery. You can support this initiative by sponsoring a school pack for R200 / £20; email Charmaine on charmaine@pebblesproject.co.za for more information.

WOOLWORTHS MY SCHOOL MY VILLAGE MY PLANET

Pebbles is a beneficiary of the *Woolworths My Village* programme. Villages are classified as organisations that provide upliftment to communities and individuals in various ways other than the educational school environment. You can raise funds for Pebbles by adding us a charity on your card and swiping when making a purchase at Woolworths or at any of their partner outlets.



THANK YOU & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Pebbles is always thankful to all donors, supporters, sponsors, individuals and volunteers whose generosity and support allows for the success of our organisation. Thank you for yet another successful year! We are because you are. Thank you for your Ubuntu. Wishing you Happy Holidays!



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