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Hope you enjoy our informal newsletter.
This is our way of showing you what we are doing here at the Foundation.

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Project News:



Through our grant making and capacity building programme WCCF affirms the courage and endurance with which community organisations address and achieve results in circumstances that are often overwhelming. Our partners and grantees never cease to astonish WCCF with their flexibility and anticipation. Over the past year WCCF disbursed 26 grants to the value of R151 470.82 to 23 deserving organisations. Through our capacity building programme, a total of 272 people were capacitated with the Asset Based Development approach, life skills, fundraising skills, project planning and organisational development.

Kha ri Gude



This last quarter, WCCF facilitated a process to capacitate 15 Kha ri Gude volunteer educators with the necessary skills and attitudes to provide a learning opportunity to adult learners who were deprived of the chance to learn how to read and write. Kha ri Gude Programme was developed in response to the call of the Minister of Education, Naledi Pandor, for a national campaign to end illiteracy among South African adults. As a programme of government, the campaign is intended to make manifest the right of all citizens to basic education in the official language/s of their choice. The literacy manual is therefore available in all the official South African languages, in Braille (presently in production) and has been adapted for use by the deaf.

These 15 volunteers are in the fortunate position to shape the lives of illiterate adults and to contribute to a positive impact for them. It is a privilege to be part of a team who help people to have the ability to read and write; to build their self-confidence to improve their self-esteem, and to give people back their dignity and self-worth. WCCF will mentor these volunteers on a monthly basis to ensure they have the needed support and guidance to motivate them through this endeavour.

Helderkruin Primary



To conduct a leadership workshop for 50 grade 6 learners was truly a new and daunting venture for WCCF. Our staff team pulled their strengths, experiences, knowledge and skills together to develop a tailor made workshop program for the learners. The objective of the day was to equip the kids with life skills to make healthy choices in life and to become the leaders of tomorrow. It was such a pleasure to experience the passion and commitment of the teachers of Helderkruin Primary School in Eersterivier for the children when they sacrifice a Saturday to assist and support this intervention. The children learned through active participation in games and exercised the value of team work and that one should not let your circumstances stand in the way of a bright future. This was the start of a process to unlock the potential of emerging leaders with a series of workshops and dialogues designed to grow and develop young children to bring out their full potential.

The capacity building program puts WCCF in the ideal position to play its role in changing perceptions, support and guide many people in their development and enabling them to become true leaders and enjoying a successful career.

We need your help to do work like this, please make a contribution today!

The big move...

A team of “handy-girls” working together



And saying goodbye...



Rene Pretorius

Greeting a loved colleague and friend.

We wish you the best with your new job. Be sure that “the girls” miss you so much. Stay as friendly and caring as you are and thank you for being a dear friend of the Foundation.

Go shine wherever you are and always remember, You are a very special woman.

Lots of love, WCCF team

WCCF Conference @ Goedgedacht Farm

Connecting people is what makes us happy. Building bridges that matter was our powerful theme for this year. It was wonderful to have so many guests who showed interest in our work. WCCF created a platform for corporates and grantees to meet each other and build bridges where possible. With our guest speakers who brought messages of hope and a powerful candle exercise done by our Patron, Wilinda Hanekom, guests left the conference with hope and the urge to go make a difference.

West Coast Community Foundation is an independent, registered, non-profit Organisation that aims to mobilize capital and distribute resources to organizations and projects in reducing poverty and developing communities along the West Coast.

We commit ourselves to facilitate the development process to assist communities to become self-sustainable. We dedicate excellent service to our local communities and invite everyone reading this, to join us in this adventurous journey. Become the change maker and make a visible difference in your immediate surroundings. Phone today and touch someone's life by ploughing back to your community.

A great thank you to the following for making a contribution towards this conference: Waltons Malmesbury, Check-In Moorreesburg, Boland Signs, CM Functions, Joy Design, Porterville Spar, Goedgedacht Farm, Wilinda Hanekom, Robert Klein from Ignite Assist, Craig Hartley from St John's Ambulance and Eugene Rosant from ABSA.



Awards event

As a Grant maker WCCF used this opportunity during our conference to disburse grants to deserving organisations. During the first day, 5 elected organisations got the opportunity to present their success stories with the guests and a panel of judges. Every guest had one vote and together with the rating of the judges the project with the highest score, was the winner followed by die second, third and runners up.

Most Significant Change Award

First prize: Riverlands School received a software programme, Ignite Assist, to the value of R59 000 and a donation of R 5000
Second prize: Atlantis Integrated HIV/AIDS Network received R5 500
Third prize: Eden Commercial Organic Farms received R3 000
Forth prize: Jakkerland Speelkring received R1 000
Fifth prize: Stop Crime Against Children received R1 000

Long Time Achiever Award was given to Katrina Stuurman from Klawer. "Tannie" Katrina received a R10 000 prize for making a significant impact for many years in her community.

















Johanna Hendricks, CEO of the West Coast Community Foundation in Cape Town, South Africa delivering her presentation on "How to advocate and Lobby on a Shoestring budget" in a Concurrent session at the WINGS Conference 2010 in Como, Italy.



Fred-Earl Williams, Chairman of the Board, of West Coast Community Foundation presenting WCCF at the launch of the Mirafiore Community Foundation in Turin, Italy.

WINGS Forum 2010 on November 18 – 20, 2010 in Como, Italy.



Representatives from West Coast Community Foundation—South Africa, Community Foundation Network- England, Asifero, Italy and the personnel of the Mirafiore Community Foundation in Turin at the launch.

WINGS Forum is a global gathering organized by the Worldwide Initiatives for Grant maker Support (WINGS), a network of over 140 grant maker associations and philanthropy support organizations in 54 countries representing all regions of the world. WINGS seeks to strengthen philanthropy and a culture of giving through mutual learning and support, knowledge sharing and professional development among its participants. WINGS also strives to give voice and visibility to philanthropy at a global level. While the WINGS Secretariat is based at the Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium in Manila, Philippines, WINGS activities such as WINGS Forum are hosted by its network participants in different countries.

With the theme *"Innovation and Impact: The Role of Grant maker Associations in Changing Society"*, this year's WINGS Forum will be hosted by Associazione Italiana Fondazioni e Enti di Erogazione (Assifero) and Associazione di Fondazioni e di Casse di Risparmio Spa (ACRI).

Johanna Hendricks has been invited to run a Concurrent Session on "Advocacy and Lobbying on a Shoestring budget" at the Conference. Johanna has represented South Africa Community Foundations Association and the Southern Africa Grant makers Leadership Cooperative .

Fred – Earl Williams has been invited to deliver a speech at the launch of the Mirafiore Community Foundation in Turin, Italy. He represented the West Coast Community Foundation as Chairman of the Board. This initiative was supported by a scholarship from WINGS Forum.

This was a mutual learning experience for both the South and the North to learn about each other's methodologies and what works in the different context. We like to thank the West Coast District Municipality for providing the platform of learning and bringing the Global World a little closer to the West Coast region in Cape Town.

Cinderella is proof that shoes can change your life!



On 1 December 2010, West Coast Community Foundation and the Bobs For Good team visited Bloemendal School in the Swartland.

This is only the start of this opportunity because bobsforgood committed themselves to support this chosen school annually. What a fantastic privilege this was for us to be in the presence of children with; energy, gratefulness, passion for life and visible innocence.

The bobsforgood foundation is the charity arm of the bobsforgood social enterprise whereby for every pair of shoes sold by them, they then donate a pair of brand new leather school shoes made in South Africa to a child in need. They set up the foundation to accommodate monetary and product sponsorship to enable the bobsforgood team to make a bigger impact to many more children.

Just after we left the school the Bobsforgood team experienced some trouble with their vehicle. Thus, WCCF would like to thank the following people; Mr. Hendrik Nell (Malmesbury) that was so friendly and towed us to a garage and Mornay du Plessis from Doctor Auto (Moorreesburg) that assisted the team. These two men really went out of their way to help us and we really appreciate it. The Swartland can be proud of men like you!

ABSA

WCCF would like to express our gratitude towards ABSA. The grant we received will ensure that we can continue with our good work and in future make an even better impact on the West Coast Region. We are looking forward to working with ABSA and to even better this relationship in the near future.

Enjoy the final steps of 2010



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