West Coast COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Turning the tide on poverty

Newsletter for June and July 2010

West Coast Community Foundation serves the West Coast and its communities. Staff enjoy making a difference in the lives of our people and we challenge individuals to take hands with us. Where do you wish to make a difference, what assets do you have that might just benefit the whole of the West Coast?

Read more about who WCCF is and enjoy the June-July journey with me as you read through these pages...

Vision:

WCCF is the catalyst to mobilize resources to bring communities to self-sustainability in the West Coast.

Mission Statement:

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

Enduring Values:

- Politically independent
- Inclusive and reflective of the broader community
- Promotion of prosperity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Celebration of diversity, progress and success

Grant making 2010

Due to the economic crisis, WCCF was not able to secure grant money for re-granting in 2010. However through rendering services and by serving as a conduit organisation, WCCF was able to accumulate some funding. This will continually be disbursed as donations.

Organisations can apply by sending a letter of request for donations between the total of R1000 – R3000 within our broad focus areas of Youth Development, Women Empowerment, Education and Skills Development, Environmental Management, Tourism, Health and Community Development.

We strengthen community base organisations that are governed by an active steering community, with a constitution and a bank account in the name of the organisation. Our support services like mentoring, monitoring and evaluation are the crucial component to ensure accountability and sustainability of an organisation.

Review Process

You may submit a request in English and Afrikaans, by e-mail to admin@wccf.org.za, fax to 022 482 1994, or post to PO Box 924 Malmesbury 7300. We accept letters all year, but grants are awarded only bi-monthly after approval by our Allocation Committee.

After you submit a letter, a notice of receipt will be sent within 3 days of its arrival at our offices. You will receive a decision on your request in approximately 3 weeks. Please note that WCCF is not able to award a grant to all the deserving groups that apply and that we are also often unable to award the total amount requested.

Since January 2010 until July 2010 grants to the amount of R57 145 has been allocated to 11 grantees.

Visitors from Germany

Misereor is one of our generous funders. A group of 14 back-donors from Germany came to visit South Africa during the World Cup. They came to WCCF on 5 JuIy 2010 and it was an honour to introduce them to 2 of our grantees.

We took a tour through Atlantis and stopped for a visit at Eden Organic Farmers. Here Hilton shared their life changing story of conquering drug abuse and creating a safe home for their children. Life was not easy for these guys, but together they still stand, facing life and directing their lives onto a positive journey.

We then visited Highway Home and learned more about the struggles and stigmas of HIV/Aids in our communities. Here we also learned how there is still hope for our teenage boys. At Highway Home they get love, basic necessities and all the life skills they need to face the world outside the safe boundaries at the farm.

We shared this day with the guests and left for home, feeling thankful and privileged to be so









"In the final feed-back round before the group left for the airport, the impressions were positively high-lighted and confirmed. It was the meeting with special people, visiting special places, understanding the strength of both big and small organisations and the issues which stir all your activities which made such deep impressions. I want to thank you for the partnership and all the learning opportunities the time together provided." Annika Schabbauer

Moorreesburg Fonds



Mnr Jan Kotzé shares why he wants to make a difference in Moorreesburg



Signing of the contract

Jan Kotzé from Moorreesburg is a man who wants to make a contribution in a way that people will enjoy.

The younger generation in this area needs entertainment and in the end the whole community will benefit by this initiative.

This little village is making history! Dance-dance they will have regular small fundraising events that will be used to the benefit to the community. The funding will be administerd by WCCF and funders will get regular feedback and updates of the progress.

Any individual who would like to make a financial contribution towards this fund is more than welcome: It is very important to use the reference number that is allocated to this fund: **CFMF01** (this stands for: Community Fund Moorreesburg Fund 01)

Please fax the deposit slip to 022 482 1994 include your name, surname and address so that we have a track record for all payments.

As soon as the Dance-function dates are finalized I will inform all so that we can support this initiative that will benefit the community of Moorreesburg!

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WCCF Conference 2010

Date: 21 & 22 October 2010.
Venue: Goedgedacht Farm
Theme: Building bridges that matter

More details will follow...

Mandela Day: 67 Minutes of doing good











Nelson Mandela challenged South African citizens to do something good for 67 minutes on his birthday. West Coast Community Foundation believes that we can do small things with great love and that this gesture that comes from the heart will touch and change the lives of our people.

Staff decorated a small gift of one towel and a facecloth and personally handed it out at the 3 children's homes in our geographical area. The children from Huis van Heerde, Highway Home and Elkana were reminded that the Staff of WCCF, Madiba and our Heavenly Father truly loved them.

The smile on these children's precious faces is what makes life worth while. Take every opportunity to do good to others, especially to our children!

WHIZZ kids Mini World Cup









DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AREA WHIZZKIDS UNITED MINI WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT

**This programme has been funded by Misereor Small Grants*

The weekend of 23-24 July 2010, 150 children were rewarded with a mini world cup tournament for completing the life skills course over the last 6 months. THE GOAL of WhizzKids United is to use the medium if football to create an AIDS-free generation. THE STRATEGY is to reduce the HIV infection rate and increase uptake of voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) amongst youth. As football is a universal game that transcends language and culture, WhizzKids United aims to become a world-renowned, football-focused HIV prevention initiative coming out of Africa. THE TACTICS, the course is made up of six 60-90 minute sessions, each addressing a different aspect of football and live. Twelve boys and twelve girls, 9 - 16+ years of age, engage in professional football training exercises, after which they are brought back together on the field where the lessons from the training are interactively applied to life. Rather than simply imparting knowledge of HIV/AIDS, we address the underlying beliefs and pressures in young people that lead to unhealthy, high-risk lifestyles.

Through the programme, we strive to encourage the kids to think about what their goals are and then identifying the obstacles they are likely to face, we motivate each of them to plan for the future and take responsibility for their health, their dreams and what they want to be.

The children from Nuwerus, Bitterfontein and Molsvlei were competing with each other by using the FIFA Fair play rules. The children were divided in groups of 6 and they represent the 16 countries that competed in the World Cup 2010. Amazingly the children showed lots of good sportsmanship by respecting each other's view and solving disagreements in good spirit on their own. The winning team in the junior group was France with Nigeria as the runner-up and Algeria as the winner for the senior team and Slovenia as the runner-up. All the players received medals and certificates for attending and completing the course and the winners received trophies.

Staff in Betty's Bay





Every 6 months our staff will have a budget review to see if we are still in line with what we have planned for the year. This is of utmost importance to ensure that we work transparently with funders money.

We had a good look at our strategic planning for the year to also make sure that we reached all targets.

Teambuilding was great fun and being a part of this team is the best place to be!

Staff takes this opportunity to thank Judy Ferdenando for opening her home to us, Philip Roodman and Francois Smith for your contribution to make this working weekend a success. You are truly friends of the Foundation and we appreciate what you are doing to see that staff's wellness is taken care of...

HOW TO BECOME A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION:

- Make an once of donation of R500 minimum or contribute monthly
- Phone or send a text message with all your contact details to our Marketer (082 211 1112) and she would contact you to make an appointment.
- Visit our offices, 39 Hugenote street, Malmesbury, and we will discuss the benefits of joining the Foundation with you.
- Arrange 5 small functions with friends to promote the Foundation and pledge a financial contribution
- As a Friend of the Foundation we will help you to be involved in your local community and support a project close to your heart.
- Establish a Fund at the Foundation
- Help WCCF with your personal skills

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Keep on doing good to those around you. Life is too short to be unhappy. Get involved in you community and join us.

Together we can make a visible difference.

Friendly warm greetings, till you hear from me again!

Liza Rossouw