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HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR YOUNG GIRLS IN KATHU

During the first week of the December holidays, Spoudazo stepped in as a service provider for *Reisa Renewable Energy Investments SA* and facilitated their *Girl Effect* holiday programme for 50 young girls, aged 12 - 19 years. Ten learners from five different schools (Malkaelelo Primary, Langberg High, Sishen Intermediate Mine School, Debeng Primary and Gamagara High) in the Kathu area participated in the holiday intervention. The holiday program (4 - 7 December 2019) was designed to empower learners to gain awareness of where they come from, who they are and who they can become; exposing them to information that can help them make better decisions for their future by means of various workshops.

The holiday program involved a three-night stay in the lovely Aha Kathu Hotel and three days of interactive workshops at the Uitsig Conference facilities. An additional sponsorship was sourced from Kathu Solar to host a documentary evening presenting "*I am Malala*", on the welcome night. Popcorn, snacks, pizzas and informal discussions served as an icebreaker to a week of personal growth. Each girl also received a copy of the book, "*I am Malala*".

The girls also enjoyed a bit of glamour as a gala dinner was hosted at the Aha Kathu Hotel with Margo Fargo as the guest speaker who added inspiration, hope and humour to the evening.

The *Girl Effect* holiday program during December served as an important follow-up to previous *Reisa Girl Effect Conversations* during women's month in 2019 that tackled topics such as: menstruation; sex and sexual transmitted diseases; sexual assault and sexual consent; family planning and teen pregnancies. Sexual assault and sexual consent were amongst the conversations held, which assisted learners in understanding their rights. Partner social workers provided counselling and support to girls in various schools and the principal social worker entrenched all support on a weekly basis throughout the school terms.

BEUDENE DAYCARE FOR DISABLED

After a 6-week break, Beudene Day Care for disabled's doors were opened in January 2020. Each year they open their doors to new learners, never anticipating the true value and influence in the lives of the new families. It is not easy to measure the impact of selfless-serving. One way to share this impact is a very heartwarming letter that Beudene received at the end of December 2019. The letter was from a thankful parent whose child attended the day-care for 11 months. We are looking forward to the countless opportunities to sow into the lives of all our day-care learners of 2020!

[Letter to Cindy...](#)

GALLERY: GIRL EFFECT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



"Let me start by thanking you for coming into my daughter's life. It is with you that she truly blossomed and grew into her personality. She became more vibrant and happier. For that, I am eternally grateful. At the start of 2019 we found ourselves destitute, after all the plans we have made, we had nowhere to go with Sani, our autistic daughter.

Our arrival at Beudene was unplanned, yet Beulah welcomed and reassured us with so much warmth, she was a ray of sunshine. I had my doubts, the environment felt too crowded and with too little structure. Sani had limited speech and could not express herself properly.

After a few months I saw my daughter's personality coming alive and her vocabulary increased. I know it is because of you.

Thank you for all the attention to my baby, thank you for your efforts and investment in her and her abilities. Thank you for loving her, I am deeply and eternally grateful. We have not met, I find that funny sometimes! Cindy, may you be blessed beyond measure!

I wish we could take you with us! No words could fully capture my gratitude towards you, Cindy, Beulah, Aunty Martie (as she calls her) and the rest of the Beudene team. You have more than proven that Beudene is truly a place between heaven and earth!

I am taking her out to see how far she can go and conquer! Thank you for all the calls, updates, messages, pictures and portfolios! Thank you for all the things I know you did for my daughter and all the million other things I did not get to see or hear about.

Cindy, for someone I have never met, you sure have made an impact in my life in a big way. God bless!
Thank you Beulah, for you and your wonderful team who raised my daughter for 11 months!"



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