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THE BEST POSSIBLE START TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE ... BREAKING THE POVERTY CYCLE

Tjhabelang Primary School, located in Bainsvlei, was registered as an independent school in 2007, with the goal to prepare under-privileged children for formal learning to enjoy the possibility of meaningful lives. At Tjhabelang, 75 children (ages 3-6 years) from socially and economically disadvantaged households are benefiting from excellent early childhood development (ECD) programmes, afternoon care, transport and nutritional meals on a daily basis.



Addressing the needs of children in disadvantaged communities can be quite overwhelming. The lack of nutrition, education and protection has an extremely negative influence on the development of these disadvantaged children. Yet in a few years, the world's challenges will be theirs to manage.

Poverty is a cycle. Behaviours of parents and role models in these poor communities are repeating in the lives of the children due to lack of adequate education. However, it is possible to break this vicious cycle if the influence of positive behavioural examples is facilitated during the early developmental years of the children, thus laying the foundation for lifelong learning.



Children who have received quality ECD are more likely to offer it to their children - this is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Research indicates that the early years are of critical importance in the development of children. During this time children acquire concepts, skills and attitudes that form the foundation for future school success and the possibility of being employable.

Over the past 12 years Tjhabelang has provided 920 children with the opportunity to benefit from high quality early learning programmes, while the sad truth is that in SA over a million children aged 3-5 still do not have access to ECD.

Tjhabelang is fortunate to have like-minded friends, friends who understand and who are genuinely interested in our work. We would particularly like to thank delegates from Standard Bank and Honey Attorneys who visited Tjhabelang during the month of August, engaged with our staff and children, brought



BLOEMSHELTER IS MORE THAN A HOME



Bloemshelter care for the vulnerable, homeless, abused and disabled members of our community, enabling personal livelihoods by providing housing, nutrition, counselling, training and personal development opportunities.

During the past term, Bloemshelter initiated classes to equip women on business skills. After completion of the classes, each woman receives a certificate which will better their chances for future employment. The annual market also took place during the winter months, where self-manufactured goods were sold. The residents of the shelter utilize their own skills for woodwork, needlework, cooking, baking and jewellery-making.

gifts and made a generous financial donation to the school.

It is your contribution, however big or small, that makes it possible to inspire, change, develop minds and turn dreams into reality.

Visit www.tjhabelang.com or contact Spoudazo for opportunities of involvement.

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH" - HELEN KELLER

GENERATING INCOME FROM THE TOWNSHIP VEGETABLE TUNNELS

It was a good winter season in the township vegetable tunnels. Beneficiaries were able to harvest vegetables for their own households and also managed to sell some of the vegetables for income.

Some beneficiaries have more than one vegetable tunnel which they utilize for generating income. Spoudazo's support over the past few years, have enabled these individuals to secure relationships with local businesses to buy their vegetable crops.



The market serves as a fundraiser towards the upgrading of the house. During this term two of the residents managed to re-paint their the Bloemshelter home beautifully!

Bloem Shelter not only provides a safe environment for the vulnerable and the homeless, but equips their members to become worthy citizens contributing to the well-being of the local community.

Please visit <http://www.bloemshelter.co.za/> for more info or contact Spoudazo for opportunities to get involved.

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