



## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2009

### Bursary Project Expands

The present bursars, Philile & Samukelo are engaged in studies at ICESA Matric School and Unisa. Since being launched in 2008, the bursary project is gaining momentum and we are pleased that Vukukhanye will be able to sponsor two new bursaries to Chesterville Secondary School's Grade 12 class of 2009 for tertiary study in 2010. Partnership with Suncoast has made significant expansion of the bursary project possible i.e. two Grade 8 bursaries for Chesterville Secondary, two Grade 4 Bursaries for Christopher Nxumalo Senior Primary School and two Grade 1 bursaries for Ukhukhanya Kwelanga Junior Primary School. All bursaries include mentorship and are renewable annually (the intention is follow-through to completion of tertiary study). Vukukhanye will also be facilitating the advertising of a Mike Strong Education Trust tertiary bursary to the Grade 12 class at Chesterville Extension Secondary School.



### School Partnership Project



The first school upgrade project at Chesterville Secondary (computer room) is complete and making a significant difference to learning in the school. Dreambuilders have started working with the school to integrate their programme into the schools' Life Orientation Curriculum.

The next project planned is the upgrade of the catering & hospitality room to comply with the Department of Education's syllabus requirements. A detailed budget and plan diagram is being prepared.



Join the "My School" Programme, swipe your card when shopping at certain stores and you can support any of the Schools in Chesterville – 26 new supporters added so far. For more information contact us at [kate@vukukhanye.org](mailto:kate@vukukhanye.org) or **031-266 2288**. Thank you.

### "Jumpstart" for 26 Unemployed Youth

Vukukhanye and the Chesterville Residents Association identified 26 unemployed matriculants (aged 18-24) from Chesterville, who have been enrolled in a development programme sponsored by Mr. Price. The delegates recently completed the first phase of training, delivered by Dreambuilders. The group applied themselves enthusiastically and will be reporting for in-service training in Mr. Price stores, starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. We wish them all the best in this exciting opportunity!



## After-School Sport Project (Sport For All)

The number of children registered and attending daily coaching is approaching 300. The smart-card registration & monitoring system is now fully operational. The Under 13 Sport For All soccer team recently played a friendly match with a team from the local primary school. The match was a great success and more friendly games are being arranged.

Lucky, one of the Sport For All coaches, recently attended a 3 day touch-rugby coaching clinic in Johannesburg, and has since started introducing touch rugby into the weekly coaching schedule in Chesterville. The coaches and coordinators spent the 16<sup>th</sup> of May at a St. Johns Ambulance Basic First Aid course. They will continue to upgrade their qualifications from time to time.

We would like to thank the following for helping to make the Sport For All project successful: Sport For All Development Trust, The Victor Daitz Foundation (for their grant of R100,000), Container Solutions SA, The Pavilion, Mr Price (Gear up our Kids/Red Cap Foundation), Suncoast, the Iqraa Trust (for their grant of R200,000), Reebok, Container Conversions and the Westville Golf Driving Range.



FRIENDLY SOCCER MATCH



LIFE-SKILLS

Volunteers, SFA team & children after a Life-Skills session



TOUCH-RUGBY COACHING CLINIC

Coach Lucky at the airport – ready for his 1<sup>st</sup> ever flight!

### Supersport/Let's Play Event

Please join us on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May at Chesterville Sports Ground (Road 1) from 9:30-12:00am. Supersport will be filming the Sport For All Project for TV broadcast on its "Let's Play" Programme.



### Hospice Shop Takes Off

The Chesterville Satellite Hospice, operated by Highway Hospice, has been doing great work in Chesterville for a number of years. In order to fund the expansion of its services in Chesterville, a 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand Hospice shop was recently launched, operating from the Day Centre next to the Chesterville Taxi rank. The shop is open Monday to Friday 9:00am – 2:00pm. Donations of clothing, linen, bags, shoes and kitchenware will be greatly appreciated. For collection, please contact the Highway Hospice Pinetown depot on **031-709 2647**.



### Community Welfare Support

Since October 2008, ten community workers have conducted home-visits and follow up under the supervision of Vukukhanye's social worker and the Chesterville Residents Association. Over 400 families have been visited within Chesterville, and the following priority social needs have been attended to: orphans and vulnerable children, poverty & unemployment, the ill & disabled and identity document problems. A database of social needs is being compiled. A Welfare Forum has been established to help maximize cooperation between key service providers, avoid duplication of services and facilitate the communities access to services (e.g. what services are available where and when). Organisations working in Chesterville include the Department of Welfare, APD (Association for the Physically Disabled), Khulisa, Mental Health, Child Welfare Durban & Districts (previously Durban Children's Society) and Highway Hospice.

# Chesterville Community Meeting

On Sunday afternoon, the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, the Chesterville Residents Association (CRA) and Vukukhanye hosted a very successful community meeting in the Chesterville Community Hall. The event was well attended by over 500 community members. Also present were invited guests representing local business and NGOs, as well as welfare & government departments active in Chesterville. Special guests included businessman Terry Rosenberg, ANC regional chairperson John Mchunu, the Department of Home Affairs, The Westville Rotary Club, Highway Hospice, Thutuzela Care Centre (Umlazi), the Playhouse Company, the Department of Justice, Cato Manor Technical College and SASSA (SA Social Security Agency).



The purpose of the meeting was to inform the community about the various Community Upliftment Projects that are being implemented in Chesterville.



## Security Training Opportunity for Chesterville

Through our partnership with the Pavilion, we were introduced to Enforce Security, who has made a number of training places available for Chesterville residents interested in enrolling in a security training programme in September 2009 and January 2010. Learners will be registered with SASSETA and PSIRA and their end qualification will allow them to perform a security service as an E Grade Officer. We are very grateful to Enforce for extending this opportunity to Chesterville – the Chesterville Residents Association is currently compiling a list of candidates.

## Community Safety & Street Committees

Forming part of the broader Chesterville Community Safety Initiative is the drive to resuscitate Street Committees in Chesterville. After formulation of guidelines, training materials and the training of 10 Street Committee Facilitators towards the end of 2008, there was a 3 month period of active patrolling by the facilitators, but without the formal establishment of street committees. The following is an extract from a report submitted by the co-ordinator of the Street Committee Facilitators:

*“Through the dedication and hard work of the whole team they managed to reach out to the community to fight crime and tried to make Chesterville a crime free area, through interacting one-on-one with troubled youth, identifying crime hot spots and interfering positively in domestic and other disputes. During December/January/ February the facilitators and co-ordinators formulated a plan to assist reducing crime in the area by ensuring the hot spot areas identified were patrolled to scare-off robbers (the path from Road 5 to Road 6; the Pavilion path from Road 24 to Road 27; the path from Road 24 to Road 26; Road 4 to Road 27; the path from Rd 25 to Road 1). Crime did decrease around these areas.”*

The formal roll-out of Street Committees was delayed for a number of reasons, including political matters prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April elections – it was decided to delay the roll-out to after the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. Way Forward: The trained facilitators (9) have agreed to volunteer their services in helping with the establishment of street committees, which will start at the end of May, after a further ‘training and stakeholder meeting’ on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, which will be facilitated by the CRA.

## Early Childhood Development

A few highlights, including encouraging examples of community cooperation, and business support for the sake of our preschool children, who should be nurtured at all costs...



The Bamba Izandla Preschool, which has been operating from Gemini Huts in Chesterville since 1989 has been relocated to a temporary container at the Methodist Church site in Chesterville. Thank you very much to Councilor Peer for accommodating the preschool until the container was ready, and to the Methodist Church for allowing the preschool to be placed on their property. Container Conversions kindly renovated and transported a container to the new site, where the school will be accommodated until the new preschool complex is built in Chesterville (early 2010). A matching grant has been secured through the Westville and Lake Murray (USA) Rotary clubs, which will be used to equip the preschool once in its final home – we are most grateful for their support.



A donation from Suncoast has funded the first phase of an upgrade to Zamokuhle Crèche. Significant repairs are needed – to date 5 windows have been replaced and emergency plumbing repairs completed.



Zamokuhle Crèche Upgrade

A jungle-gym was also donated to Zamokuhle by a Westville resident and relocated to the school – it's an obvious hit!



## Children's Foster Home Westville (est. 2001)

There are presently seven children being cared for at the Children's Foster Home in Westville. They are all progressing well at their respective schools - in fact, Sanele recently achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in grade 12 at Mayville Secondary School. Sanele will soon be applying to various institutions for tertiary study in 2010. We are fortunate enough to have Jennifer, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year DUT Child & Youth Care student doing some practical work at the Home for a few months.

A donation of 700kg of non perishable food was made by Curves Ladies Gym in April – thank you to the staff and clients of Curves.



Mxolisi rummaging for 'loot' in the Curves Gym donation.

We would also like to thank ADT for the free repair of the alarm system at the Home!



Thank you very much to all those who have been so supportive of the initiatives mentioned above.

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