



## Project Progress Report

29 September 2014

### 1. OVERVIEW

#### Vukukhanye

Vukukhanye is a non-profit and public benefit organisation formed in 2001, which operates and supports community-based projects aimed at the care of orphans and vulnerable children and vulnerable families. Our activities are focused on the historically-disadvantaged community of Chesterville in Cato Manor, KwaZulu-Natal. Through community partnership and leadership development Vukukhanye strives to play a meaningful role in the holistic development of this community.

Services provided by Vukukhanye include the following...

1. A **Children's Foster Home** (est. 2001) providing holistic short and long-term residential care for 6-8 orphans and vulnerable children. Seventy-two children have been cared for to date.
2. A **Bursary Project** (est. 2008) offering long-term renewable school and tertiary bursaries to children from Chesterville schools. Twenty-four bursars supported (20 at present, 4 graduates).
3. Operation of **The Vukukhanye Educare Centre** (est. 2012) in Chesterville.
4. **Welfare support services** for vulnerable and child-headed children & adults; including home-visits, counselling, assistance with legal documents and grant applications, food, infant formula and material support, as well as provision of schools fees, uniforms and stationery.

#### 2014 Summary

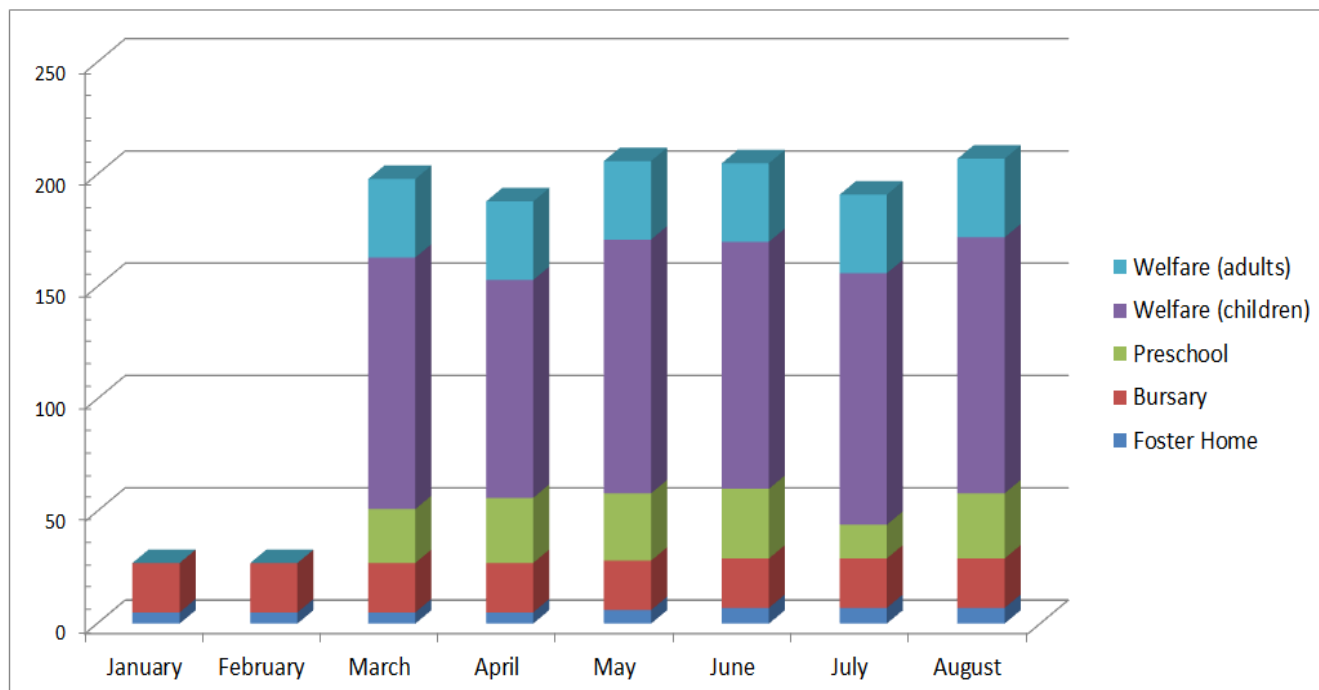
Thanks to the ongoing support from our partners, Vukukhanye has been able to continue providing services in the four main areas of focus listed above...

1. Seven children are in care at the Children's Foster Home, including two new children who were placed this year; and one young man (23 years old) left as he is now able to live independently.
2. The Vukukhanye Educare Centre made a successful transition to its new long-term home in Chesterville and started operating again from March 2014. The educare centre enrolls 29 children, who are also provided with breakfast and lunch daily.
3. Fourteen school and 6 tertiary bursars are being supported. We are very proud of our first four graduates.
4. Our two community workers identify and support vulnerable children and families and facilitate psycho-social, legal and material support. This benefits an average of 110 children per month.
5. We also provide and facilitate monthly and ad-hoc material and other support to Chesterville preschools, schools and community-based projects.

'Sport For All Chesterville' (a social franchise acquired by Vukukhanye in 2009) was handed over to Sipiwe Qwabe in 2013. Sipiwe (the franchise owner and manager) and his coaches provide after-school sports coaching to approximately 200 children, and benefit from ongoing support and training from 'Sport For All Franchising'.

## 2. SUMMARY OF BENEFICIARY NUMBERS 2014

The graph below gives a snapshot of the number of beneficiaries per project during 2014. Some details on each project are included in Section 3 below.



\* **Limited services January & February** - The Welfare Support project could only commence in March (due to the availability of funding) and The Vukukhanye Educare Centre operation was delayed to March due to the relocation process.

## 3. PROJECTS

### 3.1 CHILDREN'S FOSTER HOME

#### Overview

This Home, situated in Berea West Westville, was established in 2001 to provide a source of short or long-term care for orphans and vulnerable children. Our aim is to provide the children with a loving, stable home environment and associated support (such as education, nutrition, legal, financial, psychological and healthcare) and to help the children grow up to be healthy, educated, socially well-adjusted adults. It is intended that wherever possible children are reintegrated with family or placed with adoptive or foster parents. Where this is not possible, long-term placement of children at the Home occurs.



Six to eight children are cared for at any one time and seventy-two children have been placed in care since the Home was established. The children are cared for by a full-time Foster-mother, who receives assistance with domestic work and respite care.

## Children in care 2014

There are presently seven children living at the Home (see table below). Yaya and Nkululeko joined us during the first 6 months of 2014. Sanele who is studying Information Technology and working part-time, lived at the Home for 11 years, and recently moved out as he is now able to live independently. We have made it a priority to provide the children with as much educational support as possible to help them reach their full potential. All children are enrolled in appropriate schools (including special needs schools when needed) and to date we have been able to fund tertiary study for school-leavers still living at the Home. A dedicated team of volunteers assist with homework, extra lessons, music lessons and assisting the Foster Mother with transport needs.

Mxolisi at 'The Browns School' Sports Day



Reading books from Westville Rotary Club

CHILDREN IN CARE @ 29 SEPTEMBER 2014				
	Name	Age	School	Grade
1	Mxolisi	10	The Browns School	3
2	Mlondi	12	Berea West Senior Primary	6
3	Yaya	13	Rippon Primary	7
4	Dean	14	HP Ngwenya Public Primary	6
5	Tracy	14	Pitlochry School	9
6	Nkululeko	14	Day Dawn Special School	5
7	Thanda	23	Bonela Secondary	12

DESTINATION OF CHILDREN 2001-2014	72
Independent	3
Adoption	3
Foster care & extended family	39
Children's Homes	20
In care (@ 18 September 2014)	7

The budget for daily food and consumable needs is eased by support from local schools, preschools, churches, organisations and companies. We have been fortunate to identify a few new partners during 2014. We are grateful to the Westville Parks Department for removing a large stand of rubber trees which bordered the property and were damaging the plumbing and foundations. A Westville Baptist Church homegroup has spent a number of days sorting, cleaning, painting and repairing various items at the home. The Rotary Club of Westville donated 170 reading books, which are ideal to stimulate a love of reading in the younger children who are still developing their reading skills.

The children have been treated to a few outings, which are listed with pictures on the next page.

## Outings & Events

- Orchestra 2014 (tickets sponsored annually by The British Cultural and Heritage Society). This ties in nicely with a love for music being fostered by one of our volunteers who is teaching the children to play the recorder
- 'Cygnet Junior and Pre-Primary School' Fun Day
- Tickets from Standard Bank to Ushaka Marine World
- Spur, Suncoast hosted the family for a meal
- Helping the Sunflower Fund with the Annual 'Rope of Hope Event' at Suncoast
- The Browns School Fun-Day



Spur, Suncoast



Ushaka

Sunflower Fund 'Rope of Hope' Event



The Browns School Fun-Day

### 3.2 THE VUKUKHANYE EDUCARE CENTRE



#### Overview

Vukukhanye established a new educare centre in Chesterville in March 2012. The pre-school operates from two new prefabricated classrooms and five 2<sup>nd</sup> hand park homes and enrolls thirty children under 5 years, cared for by 5 staff (1 supervisor, 3 teachers and 1 cook & cleaner). The hours of operation are 7:30am to 3:00pm daily, with the formal programme between 8:00am and 1:00pm. The children are provided with breakfast, a healthy mid-morning snack and cooked lunch daily. Nutritious 'JAM' Porridge (breakfast) continues to be donated by City Hope, for which we are most grateful.



#### Staff training

The teachers and supervisor have all received training in the care and education of children 0-3 years of age. The teacher responsible for children over 3 years has also recently completed a 12-month training course on educare for 3-6 year olds, and the Supervisor is engaged in a Supervisors training course provided through 'Save the Children'. The educare centre also benefits by participating in the Cato Manor Preschool Forum.

#### Re-location 2013/14

Towards the end of 2013 Vukukhanye was informed by its Landlord that it had to relocate. An appropriate site was identified on vacant land on the property of the nearby uKukhanya Kwelanga Junior Primary School (see picture to the right) and permission was obtained from the school and the Department of Education to operate from the school premises. The new site is strategically positioned close to a Grade R facility, junior primary school and a senior primary school.



The images below show some of the preparatory work that was conducted from December 2013 to March 2014, when the school re-opened at its new site in March 2014. While a lot more work needs to be done (e.g. paving, re-installation of jungle gym, set-up of rainwater tanks, grass, awnings, painting), we are pleased with the success of the transition so far.



# EARTHWORKS

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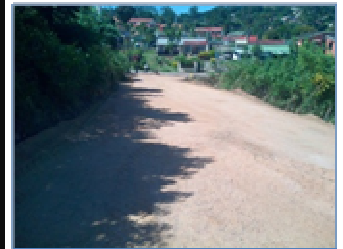
Driveway



Preschool platforms



AFTER



G5 Gravel



Drainage



Retaining wall and fencing



# The move & set-up



### 3.3 BURSARY PROJECT

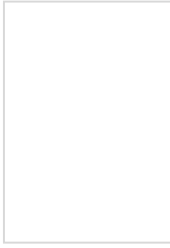
#### Overview

Vukukhanye launched a Tertiary Education Bursary Project at Chesterville Secondary School on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2008 - two Grade 12 candidates were selected from Chesterville Secondary School and their tertiary studies were sponsored from 2009. The bursary project has subsequently grown, with new bursaries being awarded annually. We have supported 24 bursars (see table below), 20 of which are at school or tertiary institutions at the moment and 4 have graduated.

All bursaries are renewable annually and cover school/tuition fees and other education related expenses such as uniforms, stationery and text books. The schools from which bursars are selected has remained consistent since 2009 i.e. Grade 1 bursars are selected from uKukhanya Kwelanga Junior Primary School, Grade 5 bursars from Christopher Nxumalo Senior Primary School and Grade 8 & 12 bursars from Chesterville Secondary School.

BURSARS						
	Name	M/F	Grade/Level in 2014	School/Institution	Yearselected /Grade	
<b>School Bursars (Primary School)</b>						
1	Spesihle	F	2	uKukhanya Kwelanga	2013	1
2	Mbalenhle	F	3	uKukhanya Kwelanga	2012	1
3	Nobuhle	F	4	uKukhanya Kwelanga	2011	1
4	Asanda	M	4	Christopher Nxumalo	2010	1
5	Abongile	F	6	Christopher Nxumalo	2013	5
6	Bhekisiza	M	6	Christopher Nxumalo	2013	5
<b>School Bursars (Secondary School)</b>						
7	Sofia	F	8	Umkhumbane Secondary	2011	5
8	Neliswa	F	9	Chesterville Secondary	2013	8
9	Nontsikelelo	F	9	Overport Secondary	2010	5
10	Nothando	F	10	Chesterville Secondary	2012	8
11	Siphiwo	F	10	Umkhumbane Secondary	2009	5
12	Thembinkosi	M	10	Umkhumbane Secondary	2009	5
13	Nolwazi	F	11	Chesterville Secondary	2011	8
14	Thandeka	F	12	Chesterville Secondary	2010	8
<b>Tertiary Bursars</b>						
15	Slindile	F	B. Soc. Science, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	UKZN	2009	8
16	Thabiso	M	Financial Accounting, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	DUT	2009	8
17	Siyanda	M	B.Com Accounting, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	UKZN	2013	12
18	Ntobeko	M	B.Com Accounting, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	UKZN	2012	12
19	Z'busiso	F	B.Com CHE (HEQF)	PC Training College	2011	12
20	Thabile	F	Nursing, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Nursing & Prim. HC College	2013	Post-12
<b>Graduates</b>						
	Name	M/F	Field of Study & Institution	Current position (2014)	Yearselected /Grade	
21	Sibonelo	M	Civil Engineering (DUT)	Employed as Civil Engineer	2010	12
22	Thobeka	F	Nursing (Netcare)	Qualified Staff Nurse	2009	12
23	Tsepo	M	Dip. Marketing (Rosebank College)	Employed (Marketing)	2009	12
24	Philile	F	BSc: Biological Sciences (UKZN)	BSc. Degree. Honours 2014	2008	12

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1. Spesihle (2)



2. Mbalenhle (3)



3. Nobuhle (4)



4. Asanda (4)



5. Abongile (6)



6. Bhekisiza (6)

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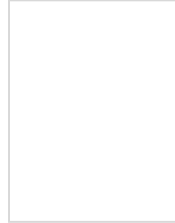
7. Sofia (Grade 8)



8. Neliswa (9)



9. Nontsikelelo (9)



10. Nothando (10)



11. Sipiwo (10)



12. Thembinkosi (10)



13. Nolwazi (11)



14. Thandeka (12)



School uniform shopping

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15. Silindile  
(B.Soc. Sci)



16. Thabiso  
(Fin. Acc)



17. Siyanda  
(B.Com Acc)



18. Ntobeko  
(B.Com Acc)

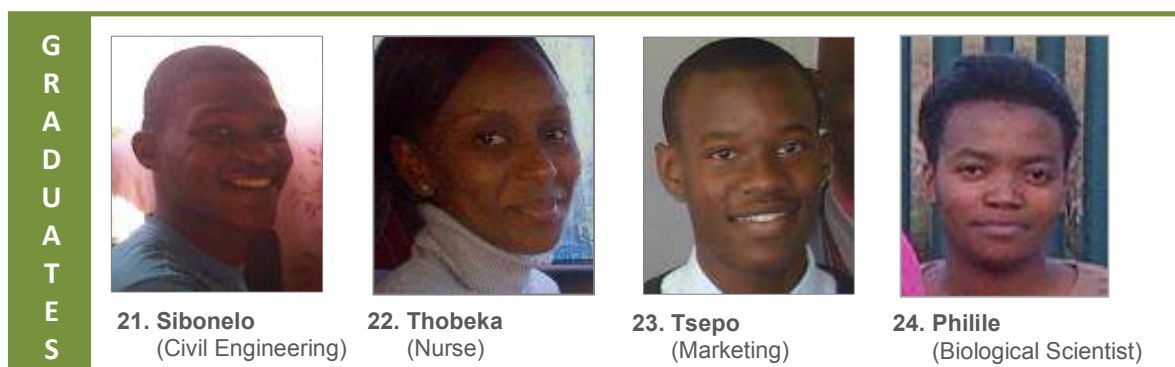


19. Z'Busiso  
(B.Com. CHE)



20. Thabile  
(Nursing)

## We are very proud of our four graduates:



- Philile received her degree in BSc Biological Sciences in 2013 and has received a bursary to study honours in 2014.
- Tsepo graduated in early 2014 in Marketing Management, was accepted to the Suncoast Graduate Programme and has recently been offered a permanent position from the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2014.
- Thobeka qualified as a staff nurse in 2014 and is seeking employment.
- Sbonelo has completed all modules of the National Diploma in Civil Engineering at Durban University of Technology and is currently employed as a junior technician in the structural department at TGC Engineers in Westville. This is the same company where he is completing the in-service training component of his diploma and is scheduled to officially graduate in March 2015.

### **3.4 WELFARE SUPPORT PROJECT**

#### **Aim**

The aim of the Welfare Support Project is to contribute to social welfare service delivery in the greater Chesterville area of Cato Manor, particularly to orphans and vulnerable children and vulnerable families.

#### **Services**

Funding received from The Starfish Greathearts Foundation enabled Vukukhanye to continue with the OVC (orphans & vulnerable children) programme in 2014. Nonto and Hlengiwe, Vukukhanye's two community workers, conduct home and school visits to help identify vulnerable children; while cases are also referred to them by community members or other organisations. Interventions include the support of OVCs and child-headed families and families in crisis, through emergency or monthly assistance (e.g. food, infant formula & household consumables), follow-up on cases of child-abuse, support in accessing official documentation and grants, and referrals to other organisations. Approximately 110 children receive support on a monthly basis. In addition to the bursars supported, Vukukhanye was able to assist 10 vulnerable children from Chesterville with school fees, uniforms and/or stationery for 2014.

Counselling & supportive services are offered by Vukukhanye's community workers at the 'Jes Foord Community Care Centre'. Situated on the Chesterville Clinic site, this centre serves as a convenient central base from which to operate. The community workers have received training in crisis, trauma, abuse and grief counselling, HIV & AIDS counseling and family counseling. CAST (Church Alliance for Social Transformation), an NGO active in the area, has recently taking over management of day-to-day operation of the Centre, including maintenance and managing the continued sharing of the facility by Vukukhanye, Hope2Educate, the Chesterville Clinic and other organisations as needed.



**A few pictures**

Wheelchair donated to a lady in Chesterville



TB Awareness posters and flyers (printed by Suncoast) given to the Chesterville Health Clinic, which manages TB patients



Walking frames & crutches donated to the Chesterville 'APD' (Association for the Physically Disabled).



Material and other items donated to the Siyaphambili Sewing Group



## Overview of 2014 monthly support visits from Suncoast staff

Suncoast staff continued to support community projects in Chesterville through monthly visits, including re-visiting projects to build on relationships established during previous years, as well as new projects. Suncoast staff are often accompanied and supported by the Suncoast maintenance or landscaping team. The projects visited during 2014 are listed below.

### January 2014 - Visit to Khulakahle Crèche, Chesterville

Besides treating the sixty preschool children to lunch, Suncoast donated a generous quantity of teaching aids (e.g. posters) and stationery to the school.



### February 2014 - Valentine's Day visit to the Chesterville branches of 'The Association for the Physically Disabled' and the 'Mhlenge Society for the Aged'.

Suncoast staff shared a fun morning with members of these two community-based organisations. Tea and cake was served and the guests presented with Valentine's Day gifts and cards. Visits are always a highlight for members of these two organisations, and as usual there was a lot of music, singing, dancing and laughter.



### March 2014 - Vukukhanye Educare Centre gardening & bush clearing



April 2014 – Easter visit to Ukukhanya Kwelanga Grade R



May 2014 – Djembe Drumming Experience at Suncoast



June 2014 – Youth Day movie shown to 100 Grade 7 learners at Christopher Nxumalo Primary School

July 2014 – Mandela Day soup-kitchen (meal provided to 200 Chesterville residents in Chesterville)

August 2014 – Gogos from Chesterville hosted to Women’s Day Tea at Suncoast Hotel & Towers



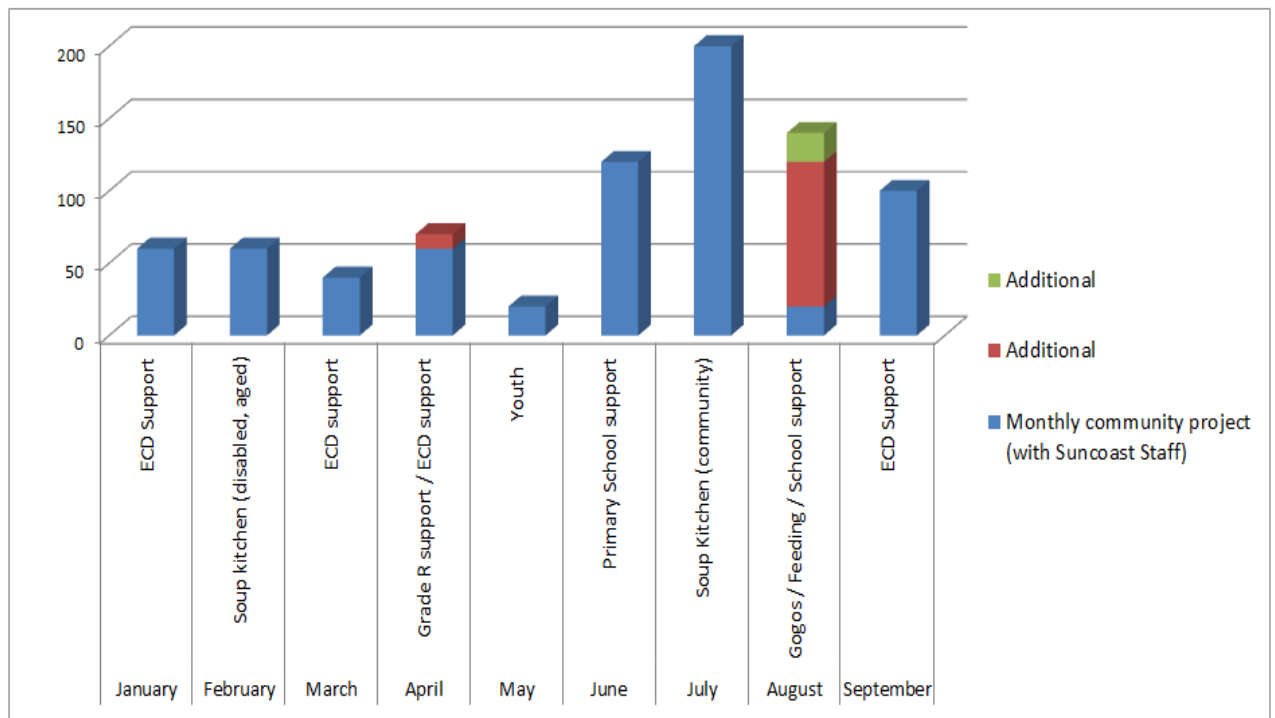
September 2014 – Visit to Khulakahle Crèche, Chesterville

Besides providing the over 100 children at this preschool with snacks and juice, a significant portion of the school received a fresh coat of paint, the vegetable garden was extended, flower beds created and swings repaired.



**Some numbers – beneficiaries of planned monthly and ad-hoc services**

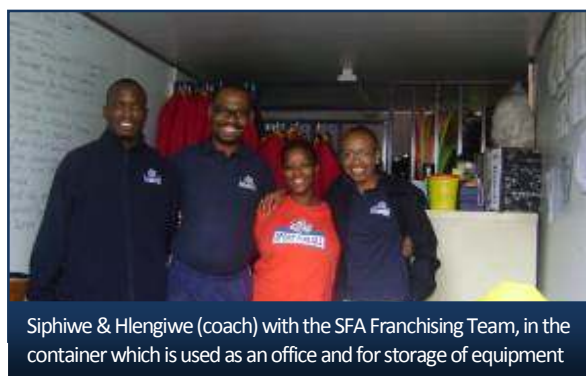
The table below shows the numbers of beneficiaries for each of the visits mentioned above, as well as a few additional activities. For example, Vukukhanye was able to partner with the Rotary Club of Westville and Chesterville Secondary School to help 20 Grade 11 and 12 learners attend the 'FFS Expo for Young Scientists' at UKZN Edgewood campus. This experience will hopefully go some way to encouraging some of the learners in the field of science and the school has expressed the desire to participate in the expo next year.



### 3.5. SPORT FOR ALL CHESTERVILLE



In 2013 Vukukhanye, which was initially the Franchisee of the 'Sport for all Chesterville' Franchise, officially handed over the Franchise to Siphwe Qwabe. Siphwe, who has been an integral part of the project since inception, is now the sole Franchisee, receiving his license in August 2013. Siphwe and his coaches provide after-school sports coaching to 200 children and benefit from ongoing support and training from 'Sport For All Franchising'.



Sport For All Chesterville is based at the Chesterville Sports Ground, but the members also participate in league matches throughout Durban. Three local coaches continue to provide daily after-school sports coaching to children and facilitate weekend league matches, tournaments and friendly games. Sport For All Chesterville's membership consists of approximately 200 children - paying members and "Orphans and Vulnerable Children" (OVCs), for whom fees are paid from the Sport For All Development Trust OVC fund or other corporate sponsors.

#### A few highlight reported by Siphwe (Franchise Manager)...

- The Sport For All Chesterville soccer teams achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Durban Central Football Association league and the netball teams won all their matches. In the under 15 category, six players were selected to play in a provincial tournament in November 2013.
- The drum majorettes had taken part in a pageant to welcome King Goodwill Zwelithini at an event on 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2013.
- The Rugby team was showing promising growth - from February 2013 Sport for all Chesterville started offering rugby, thanks to the availability of a volunteer rugby coach from the eThekweni Rugby Union. Sport For all Chesterville soon had 80 members playing rugby in their Open and Under 19 divisions. The Open team is winning the league and the Under 19s won 3 tournaments. They will be included in the selection for Westville Development side with the help of the Sharks and Natal Rugby Union.
- Life-skills training is incorporated on a regular basis and the Sport For All Chesterville Container is used as a space for homework support.



A soccer coaching session