

MCDC TIMES

MUKHANYO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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Comming soon: MCDC on the World Wide Web

by Annerie Reyneke

At long last the time has almost arrived to unveil our new, upgraded (and we think, beautiful) website.

In today's technology driven world, the need to be connected becomes even more evident when you look at the broad range of donors that contribute towards MCDC. From all over the world inspiring individuals, companies, churches and other organization give something of themselves in order to protect the lives of precious children and their families.

Unfortunately there are those out there that try to take advantage of donor's kindness. Transparency and accountability is therefore vital towards ensuring relationships built on mutual trust and respect.

It is because of this march towards openness that MCDC has decided to build a new and improved website.

The website, which will be launched within the next month, strives to inform viewers not only on the day-to-day activities of MCDC, but also our heart and soul. Information that will be provided includes the colorful history of MCDC, as well as a broad look at company structure and goals. All the different projects including Nakekela, the five OVC Care Centres, and our new skills training centre are featured on the site, and enhanced by vibrant photos.

The brilliant people at Blackkhaki



One of the first, and very much uncompleted, drafts for the website.

have busied themselves with our website, and are producing a truly wonderful product. We are in their debt for all the hard work and dedication to the development of our new site.

Please be patient as we complete the finishing touches on our site, and know that our excitement is only sur... or gratitude to all those t possible.



Voices that matter

By Archbishop Desmond Tutu

God calls us to be fellow workers with him so that we can extend his kingdom of shalom, of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, joy and reconciliation, so that the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

From his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, 1984.

Life, learning and leadership for the youth

We have started the roll-out of our brand new entrepreneurship model. The main aim of the first phase of the project is to empower young people to be able to achieve success and to identify and encourage emerging leaders to impact their communities in a profound manner. This is done through character building and values-based life skills training.

The launch and pilot of the peer-group program was the first step in the process of starting up the new entrepreneurship model. Vezubuhle Care Centre was chosen as the venue for the first pilot group. We started with 28 young people, who attended the training course on life skills development.

The training includes the following:

Environment

This Study Unit assist the students in re-examining their particular environment and surroundings. They must learn ways to break away from those aspects of their environment that constrain or prevent them from living a self-



The computer training centre used to train and empower individuals.

fulfilled life.

Personal Qualities

In this Study Unit, students are encouraged to discover their personal skills and the unique talent that young people can bring to a community. There are a number of skills that have been neglected by many young people, so with this training we aim to develop those rare and important skills.

After the pilot had been tested at Vezubuhle, we chose to extend the program to Thembaletu. We are

happy to report that we have been able to start life skills training with 32 young people from that village.

We are grateful that the computer training centre was finished and that the first training activities were started. We are also glad to report that Thembi managed to secure and deliver her first independent order. Well done to you!



MCDC Community Calendar

- Christmas parties for all the OVC Care Centers November
- Foster Mothers Christmas party 22 Nov
- Youth Development Career Expo hosted by Wapadrand Church 14 Nov
- Life skills training for Thembaletu and Vezubuhle Centers November