

NEWSLETTER

Dear Seven Passes Community,
 Welcome to the latest edition of the Seven Passes Initiative newsletter. As we wrap-up an exciting year, we are thrilled to share the latest updates, achievements, and insights with you from the 4th quarter.

Make a Wish Come True: Christmas Party Fundraiser

In the final quarter of this year, Seven Passes focused its efforts on a festive campaign for the Sinombulelo ECD center, Aftercare and Life Skills programs. The goal was to garner support for Christmas parties dedicated to the ECD and Aftercare programs. The George community has played a pivotal role in making this initiative a success, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their support. A special mention goes to Emmerantia McDonald, a dedicated volunteer, who surpassed expectations in coordinating both efforts and financial contributions for the party gifts. Her unwavering commitment to our cause has been truly commendable.

Additionally, we express our gratitude for a substantial financial contribution from Heleen van Wyk (12 years old), HRRRA, Rotary Club, Shoprite Holdings, and the fantastic Christmas boxes received from various individuals. Thanks to this collective support, this year's Make a Wish Come True Christmas Party has transformed into a tangible reality.

What's In This Month's Issue?

- Campaign Features:
 - Make A Wish Come True: Christmas Party Fundraiser
 - Golf Day Fundraiser
 - Mental Health Campaign
 - 16 Days of Activism: Anti-Bullying Campaign
- Collaborative Spotlight:
 - National Parks Week
 - Sappin Indaba
 - Biosphere
 - E-Learning
 - Parents' Meetings
- Programme Spotlight: Heart-warming stories from our programmes
 - Positive Parenting
 - Sinombulelo Early Childhood Development Programme



This is 12 year old Heleen, whose school project was to raise funds to benefit a local non-profit, which she donated to Seven Passes.

Will you join Heleen and help sponsor our santa box gifts for our ECD and aftercare?

#MakeAWishComeTrue

WOULD YOU JOIN US?

We are expecting 300 children at this year's christmas party.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Sponsor R200 towards a child's gift for this amazing event!



Giving Tuesday: Transforming Lives Through Peace and Non-Violence Advocacy

On the 28th of November 2023. We invited our generous donors to support our Giving Tuesday campaign, where we sought to raise R30,000 to empower and uplift individuals affected by violence, as we strive to break the cycle and foster safer, more resilient communities. We have not yet met our target, but if you are in the spirit of giving and want to support our cause please reach out to us. Your donation will go towards our commitment to non-violence and creating positive change that drives our impactful programs

Thank you for all the current donations and for being a part of our transformative journey. Thank you for making giving fashionable again.



Heartfelt Thanks to our donors and golf players for Outstanding Participation in Seven Passes Golf Day Fundraiser 2023

We would like to extend our warmest appreciation for the exceptional involvement of local business and Seven Passes individual Supporters in our recent Golf Day, held on the 2nd of November 2023. The team's presence brought an unparalleled level of enthusiasm, turning the event into a day to be cherished by all who participated.

The outstanding performance of teams on the golf course, coupled with a remarkable spirit of sportsmanship, truly stood out, and significantly contribute to the success of our Charity Golf Day: Betterball Stableford. It also played a pivotal role in creating a lively and competitive atmosphere.

We express our sincere gratitude to our players and our donors for the substantial contribution towards our fundraising goals, resulting in an impressive total of R110,000! Your support has left a meaningful impact on our mission, directly benefiting the children and families we aim to assist.

Winners of Golf Day and points obtained:

1. Winner: Tokkie du Toit & Charles Wolmarans - 49
2. Runner-Up: Stephan Barnard & Louis Ehlers - 49
3. 3rd: Josh Davison & Shaun Harris - 47
4. 4th: Andre Britz & Francois Retief - 46
5. 5th: A Swart & J.C Swart - 44
6. 6th: Jason Slater & Daryl Austin - 44
7. 7th: G.M Victor & Kassie Karstens - 43

Noteworthy Achievements:

Nearest to the Pin:

- Hole #06: George Whitehead
- Hole #13: Andries Schutte
- Hole #15: James Claasen
- Hole #17: Wynand Stander

Longest Drive:

- Ladies Hole #3: Marisa van Wyk
- Gents Hole #09: Heinrich Koch
- Gents Hole #18: Migal Rehr
- Most Golf: Matt McGillan & Stefan de Kok

Golf Day Fundraiser 2023

Everyone's invaluable contribution and dedication made our Golf Day a resounding success. We eagerly anticipate hosting this fundraiser again next year on the 7th of November 2024, for the Seven Passes Golf Day Charity Event. Kindly save the date!

If you have any feedback or suggestions to enhance our future Golf Day events, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your insights are highly valued.

Stay connected with us through our social media channels and website for updates on upcoming initiatives and events.



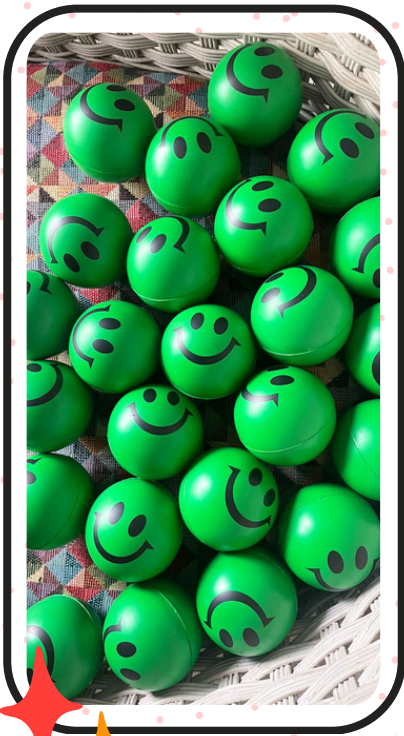
Empowering Mental Health and 16 Days of Activism Initiatives in Our Community

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent impactful campaigns focused on mental health awareness and the 16 days of activism within our community.

Our mental health campaign, predominantly conducted on social media, was designed to heighten awareness among our dedicated staff and community members. We are grateful for the collaboration with the Department of Health, which not only provided valuable information about mental health but also generously donated stress balls for our staff. These tools have proven invaluable in helping us navigate the daily challenges we all encounter.

In tandem, our 16 days of activism campaign centered around an anti-bullying initiative. Our aim was to foster a culture of kindness, empathy, and inclusion within our schools and community. This comprehensive campaign spanned our social media platforms and included partnerships with Touwsrante Primary School and high school learners actively engaged in our aftercare program from Parkdene High. Through the anti-bullying campaign, we successfully reached an audience of approximately 399 learners.

The support received from the school and the broader community has been instrumental in the success of these initiatives. As we continue our everyday programs, we are pleased to note the sustained impact, reaching more learners with the crucial message of fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to creating positive change in our community.



September Fieldtrips Highlights

We were honored to be in partnership with SanPark's during their SA National Park's Week which provided free entry to South Africans from the 16th- the 24th of September. Children and youth active in our programmes were actively involved and they enjoyed the new experiences that they had.



September Fieldtrips Highlights: Continued

On the other hand SAPPIN network hosted a 2 day inspiring Indaba that Roslynn and Sive attended. We had the privilege of joining NGOs, international organizations, government officials, and delegates to commemorate parenting and family.

The event was filled with engaging discussions, valuable learnings, and the sharing of best practices. We were particularly reminded of the vital role of families as the core unit for children to thrive. Investing in families is a powerful way to prevent violence and combat various social issues.

We have also been cultivating partnerships with the Garden Route Biosphere Reserve where Joslyn has been involved in a number of training they held in Betty's Bay and Cape Town. We envision that this partnership will contribute to organizational and community development. She is actively exploring ways to implement newfound knowledge.

Denzel Enhances Afterschool Management Skills

We are thrilled to share an exciting update on Denzel, who recently participated in the Management Accelerator training in Cape Town. This initiative was made possible through our collaboration with the E-Learning Trust.

Denzel's attendance at the training reflects our commitment to continuous improvement and professional development. The Management Accelerator program provided a valuable opportunity to refine afterschool management skills, equipping Denzel with the latest tools and strategies to enhance our afterschool programs.

We believe that investing in the professional growth of our team members directly contributes to the overall success and effectiveness of our programs. Denzel's dedication to advancing his skills is commendable, and we are confident that the knowledge gained will have a positive impact on the management and quality of our afterschool initiatives.

We extend our gratitude to the E-Learning Trust for their collaboration and support in making opportunities like these possible. As we continue to prioritize excellence in afterschool education, we look forward to sharing the positive outcomes of Denzel's enhanced management skills with our community.



Parent Meeting Highlights

In the latest quarter, the Sinombulelo Early Childhood Development Centre, along with the Aftercare and Education Program, hosted crucial parents' meetings. These gathering provided a valuable opportunity to introduce our newly appointed Director to the parents. During the meeting, we took the opportunity to share updates on exciting new developments within the school and aftercare programs. The aim was not only to keep parents informed but also to rekindle their support for our initiatives. Additionally, the forum served as a platform to engage in constructive discussions about school fee policies, ensuring transparency and mutual understanding.

It was a collaborative session where parents gained insights into the ongoing efforts to enhance the learning experience for their children. The introduction of the new Director brought fresh perspectives and ideas, fostering a sense of community and shared commitment to the growth and success of our programmes.

We appreciate the active participation and enthusiasm displayed by the parents during these meetings. Your ongoing support is invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in nurturing and educating the young minds at Sinombulelo and giving guidance and support throught our aftercare and life skills education programme.



Positive Parenting Programme Celebrations

The Positive Parenting team recently hosted a joyous celebration to mark the conclusion of our impactful book-sharing course. Participants shared their experiences, highlighting notable improvements in their parent-child relationships as they devoted more quality time together. Many observed positive changes in their children's cognitive development since embracing book sharing. Parents proudly reported instances where their children now construct sentences inspired by book illustrations, count with newfound proficiency, identify colors, and draw connections between book content and real-life experiences. The Positive Parenting team remains dedicated to fostering these positive changes and is enthusiastic about extending our reach to more parents, assisting them in cultivating essential values and skills crucial for their children's future success.



Positive Parenting Programme Celebrations: Continued

The Positive Parenting team is actively implementing the Sinovuyo program for 2-9 year-olds and teens, engaging parents and children in Themba lethu and Rhenendaal. A significant milestone was reached this quarter with the completion of the program in Themba lethu, marked by a celebratory event. Here's a snippet of feedback from a participating parent: "I learned that understanding and loving my kids is crucial. Spending special time with them made that possible. I practiced giving clear, specific, and positive instructions, making it easier for us to understand each other. Asking about their day at school helped us acknowledge our feelings." The Rhenendaal group is currently in the process of completing the course. Our team is thrilled about the positive impact we've achieved in these communities. We encourage more parents to invest in these programs to enhance their relationships with their children. For those interested, please contact our office for further details. Let's contribute to creating safer and thriving communities by fostering positive dynamics within our own families.



A Heartening Journey of Support and Resilience in Our ECD Program

We want to share a poignant story from this quarter that highlights the unwavering dedication of our Early Childhood Development (ECD) staff members. We embarked on a journey with a father facing financial challenges, rendering him unable to pay school fees for an extended period, leading to his child's temporary withdrawal from the center for two months.

This was a somber situation, compounded by the fact that our school is currently grappling with limited resources and financial support. Despite the adversity, our committed staff stood by the father, offering continuous support and encouragement throughout this trying time. Their persistence bore fruit when the father returned, having secured a seasonal job, and was able to settle the outstanding fees.

The joy was palpable as we welcomed the child back into our school community. The little one seamlessly reintegrated with fellow students, radiating excitement at the prospect of being back with friends. Furthermore, the father, now in a more stable position, can adequately provide for his family.

In light of stories like these, we are reaching out to our compassionate community with an appeal for support. Your assistance can make a significant impact on our program, allowing us to establish a bursary fund aimed at aiding families in need. Together, we can ensure that no child is denied an education due to financial constraints.

Your generosity can help create a brighter future for families facing challenges. We appreciate any support you can provide and look forward to building a stronger, more inclusive community together.



CONCLUSION

Thank you for being a vital part of our community, and we look forward to the continued success of our collaborative efforts and exciting adventure that 2024 promises to be. Wishing everyone a happy holidays as we express our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support!

Seven Passes Team



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