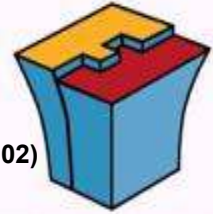




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“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community”



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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Future Factory is this year holding Christmas parties for over 2000 people. Because of the large number of different events, we have already started to give the kids their Christmas treats, complete with visits from Santa. So far parties have been held for the Ottery community, a family with 25 adopted orphans and for children in Ruyterwacht. More parties are still scheduled for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you to all who donated money and gifts for these parties, for many of these children it is the only Christmas meal and present they will receive, and it means a lot to them and their families. For more photos please visit our website www.thefuturefactory.co.za and follow the links.





NEW RESOURCES FOR CRECHES AND COMMUNITIES IN NEED . . .

Thanks to help from our overseas volunteers, The Future Factory was able to provide 2 new fridges, a freezer and oven to communities and crèches in need. These resources were needed in the lead up to Christmas, especially with the weather warming up. Thanks to everyone involved!

COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Future Factory is now running programs in two new crèches in the Ottery community, and four community centres in the Retreat/Steenberg communities. This will mean our programs reach hundreds more children each day.

LET'S MOVE A MILLION

This is The Future Factory's newest campaign, a joint venture with the Imvusa Foundation and Desmond Tutu Foundation. The plan is to have a million soccer balls in schools and communities across South Africa by the time the Soccer World Cup happens in 2010.

For just R35, people can donate money that will be used to purchase a soccer ball. The soccer ball will then be given to where they are needed. With the increasing crime, gang violence and drug abuse in South Africa, the plan is to give the kids something to do other than getting into trouble. It has been shown that when kids have something productive to do, they are less likely to do things they shouldn't.

Companies purchasing more than 100 balls can have their logo branded onto the balls before they are delivered, and individual purchases are also welcome. A website is in the process of being set up, in the meantime, for more information or to purchase balls, please contact Brian Keet (rbenterprise@mweb.co.za) in South Africa, or Tanya Dupagne (tanya@thefuturefactory.co.za) in Australia or for overseas enquiries.

Below is a picture of the first soccer ball presentations . . .



Volunteering in South Africa or The best time of my life

by Lena Frantzen
from Germany, a volunteer with The Future Factory in 2007



"On your marks, get set, GO!" As soon as I blow my whistle, twenty kids run through the obstacle course we set up before the lesson had started. With some cones, a few ropes and two balls we filled most of the lessons and made children of all ages sweat. Still - most of them enjoyed it: "Coach, can I hug you" was just one way to express their joy.

The daily life fast became a routine. In the morning, we waited to be picked up by Annie or one of the coaches - one or the other time waiting meant to sit there for hours - but we got used to that quickly. Sometimes we took the

Minibus to a school, an adventure I don't want to have missed. With the bus crowded, music playing, and the bass turned up as loud as possible, even breathing was hard.

We then went to our different schools where we taught - after a warm-up - different types of sports, especially running and ball skills. The favourites of almost every student were Dutch- ball, Netball and - World Cup 2010 can come - Soccer. It was such a pleasure to work with the kids.

Our days of work ended around 3 p.m. and we then spent most of our day at home in the Martin family. The Martins are a really nice family and made us volunteers feel welcome.

I take this chance, to say "Thank you" to them again!

Around 6 p.m. we had supper, which was always very "lekker". An evening in the pub or a trip to a soccer game of the national team was a highlight of the "family-time". On the weekends, we met with our friends to spend the days in Cape Town or to explore other nice places in South Africa, like the Garden Route, Johannesburg and the Kruger National Park. This way we saw a lot of the country and got to love it even more!

Even weeks after returning home, I still go with the South African pace and there are so many things that still remind me of my time in South Africa, coaching sports with The Future Factory, living with the Martins and experiencing a country and culture which fascinated me in every way. I just didn't take lots of photos to take home with me; I also have thousands of pictures in my head and in my heart - forever. And one thing is for sure: This was my first time in South Africa, but definitely not my last!

To read stories of other past volunteers, please visit our website,
www.thefuturefactory.co.za



Thank you!



To everyone who has helped us in the past few months, especially:

Physiotherapy Department, University of Munich Hospital (Germany)

One of our former volunteers, Anja, held a Christmas lunch for 35 people in her department of the hospital to raise funds for The Future Factory. Many doctors and nurses attended, along with patients.

One of Anja's friends has his own restaurant and came along with her cook from Africa and pizza for everyone. Everyone who was there was able to view Anja's presentation about her time in South Africa and see the dvd of our programs. Thank you very much to everyone who attended!



Cast, Crew and Supporters of "Kwinana's Got Talent"

(Australia)

Following the success of Dance 4 Africa in August, the kids of Kwinana got together again . . . they had been working for weeks during lunch times, after school and on weekends to learn how to dance "Cape Town Style" from

Tanya, and put on a show to remember. Over 70 performers aged 5-16 sang, danced, even did a sk8 demo. Special highlights were performances from Elvis himself, the cast of North Parmelia's Rocky Monster Show, the Jewels of the Nile Belly Dancers and a flashback to the movie Dirty Dancing. Over 200 people attended the show, and raised a lot of money for The Future Factory South

Africa and the new Future Factory Project Vietnam. Thanks to everyone involved, especially the kids of North Parmelia and Calista Primary Schools, Dance 4 Africa dancers, Jewels of the Nile Belly Dancers, the sk8 boys, Monique & Hannah, all the parents who assisted on the day, everyone who came to watch and the Town of Kwinana for sponsoring the venue hire, and Dr Disco for providing the music.

Staff of ABSA Kenilworth Branch (South Africa)

For making personal donations of money and gifts towards The Future Factory programs. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



Calista Primary School (Australia)

All the students in Room 8, who collected all their loose change all term to provide money for The Future Factory Christmas Parties and Feeding Programs. Thank you very much!



Curves Kwinana & North Parmelia Primary School (Australia)

For assisting in selling Future Factory calendars to go towards the Christmas parties



**And thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas campaign,
including:**

Danny for his donation of the Christmas tree for our parties

Natasha O'Brien and Emily Styles

Fay Ward

Liz Buchi

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Naomi Miller and Margaret Boyle from The Future Factory Project Vietnam

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WOOLWORTHS
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The arrival of this Christmas tree and oven in the squatter camp was cause for much excitement, as the kids jumped on the bakkie bringing it in!



The Future Factory Cover Girl!!

Anne Siroky, TFF Founder and Executive Director, as featured in *Sarie Magazine*. Photo by Nick Aldridge for *Sarie*. Anne was also featured on television show *Spirit Sister*.



Anne Siroky, Michael van Roodt, Tanya Dupagne, The Martin Family (Mr & Mrs Martin, Angelo, Dean, Michelle, Melissa, Brittany, Miche, Habeeb & Aunty Josie), all the coaches and volunteers, and especially the kids of Cape Town would like to thank everyone who supported us in 2007. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, and a fantastic New Year. We look forward to working with you again in 2008!



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