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It has been a busy six months for The Future Factory. As well as our regular School Sports Academy and other programs, we have taken on two new feeding programs, the Ke Moja “No thank you I’m fine without drugs” and “B4 U Drink Think” roadshows for over 260,000 children, four community centres and expanded our programs into Saigon and Da Lat in Vietnam. We thank everyone who has helped

us out, and look forward to more busy months to come! Here are some updates of The Future Factory projects:

XENOPHOBIC ATTACKS

As an employer of people from other African countries, and as an organisation that brings volunteers from overseas to help out South Africa, we were shocked to hear of the xenophobic attacks taking place throughout the country. As thousands of people are now living in refugee camps, The Future Factory is one of the collection agents for clothing, food and other goods to be taken to the camps. We thank everyone for their assistance, in particular the staff of Two Oceans in Observatory who have supplied many boxes of clothing. Any South Africans wishing to donate goods can contact Anne on 0731 908 208 to arrange for collections.



ROADSHOWS

The Future Factory is currently nearly at the completion of two roadshows that have taken us throughout schools in the Western Cape. The Ke Moja “No thank you, I’m fine without drugs” roadshow has been educating over 120,000 learners on the dangers of drug use. This roadshow ties in with the Ke Moja fitness program we have been running for the past year in conjunction with the Department of

Social Development. The “Think b4 U drink” roadshow has been spreading this message to over 140,000 learners. Learners have been treated to dance performances and educational sessions within their schools.



THE LITTLE ROCK

For the past eighteen months, The Future Factory Director Anne Siroky has been involved with the girl known in South Africa as “The Little Rock”. This young girl at the age of seven was raped, set alight and left to die. She managed to not only put out the flames, but crawl over a kilometre for help. Her attacker was sentenced to 18 years in prison last month, and the family is now trying to move on with their lives. The Little Rock (who cannot be named or pictured because of her age and circumstances surrounding the case) and her family have been supported by The Future Factory to help provide food, blankets and assist with medical care. We also provided a surprise ninth

birthday party for her and all her school friends. The family is currently living in a makeshift shack, with all eight members of the family (four teenagers, two children and two parents) living in the same bedroom. The house is falling apart, electrical wiring is open and gets wet during rain, and with winter now here, there is no source of heating for the family. Our goal is to assist them with better living conditions and help ongoing food and medical costs. Anyone who can assist is asked to email tanya@thefuturefactory.co.za. (The picture above was taken in the family kitchen).



NEW FEEDING PROGRAMS

The Future Factory has now taken on two new feeding programs, in the Egoli Squatter Camp and at the Lotus River Clinic. The Egoli program is run by Doreen, a local who makes soup, rice, or whatever is available to feed the community. The Lotus River program feeds those people waiting for treatments at the clinic. For many of the people who receive food from these programs, this is the only meal they eat in the day.



WELCOME!

We would like to welcome our new schools, Westcott Primary School and Newfields Primary School to The Future Factory programs, and welcome back Islamia College. We are now running our Sports Academy in around 50 schools in the Western Cape.

COMMUNITY CENTRES

In conjunction with the City of Cape Town, we are now running four community centres in the Lavender Hill/Retreat/Steenberg communities after school. Children from the communities can come for free to the centres, usually between 2pm and 6pm to participate in activities such as table tennis, dancing, sports and games.

The aim is to teach the children new skills, and keep them off the streets and away from drugs and crime at the same time. At the present time, only one of the centres has a feeding program, however we are looking for sponsors who would be willing to provide funding so that the children at all centres can be provided with a meal in the future. The four centres are the Lavender Hill Centre, Seawinds Recreation Centre, Concert Boulevard Centre and Steenberg Recreation Centre. All are facilitated by coaches from The Future Factory Sports Academy. Below are photos of some of the children enjoying centre activities.



THANK YOU!
Thanks to Emily and her mom Natasha from Australia, who sponsor Kaylin and her family from Manenberg in South Africa each month with food. Kaylin was very happy to receive her present from her "Australian sister"!



PROJECT VIETNAM

Our first Future Factory trip to Vietnam took place in April. TFF International Director Tanya ran the program along with a team of volunteers from Australia and Ireland – Naomi, Peggy, Marg, Sal, Fergal, Sally and Shondelle.

They spent the first week at the Long Hoa Orphanage in Saigon, that has over 110 boys aged 5-20. The second week was spent in a village near Da Lat called K'ren. Both have extremely basic facilities and are in desperate need of support. The aim was to provide staff training in kids games and activities, as well as boost self esteem and help out wherever needed.

Thanks to fundraisers before the team headed over to Vietnam, we were able to provide educational gifts for every child at both the orphanage and village (such as books, jigsaw puzzles, dominoes, chess sets and soccer balls), meals for all children, a party in each of the places, toothbrushes and toothpaste for all the Long Hoa boys, a computer for the boys, and medical supplies and a nurse for the village.

A great time was had by all, and we thank everyone in Vietnam for their hospitality. Our next trip will take place in July 2009. Anyone interested in coming along is asked to email tanya@thefuturefactory.co.za.





DANCE 4 AFRICA

For the past year, the Dance 4 Africa program in Kwinana, Western Australia, has been raising money for The Future Factory programs.

Over 400 children in the area have now been taught to jazz Cape Town style, and 95 took to the stage at the April show to show the rest of the town their new moves at

their show called the Kwinana Community Spectacular.

Dance 4 Africa also hosted Swim 4 Africa in March, where teams of 5 from various companies in the area got sponsors, then came along and swam 50 laps of the local pool. They also got involved with games, had massages from the Notre Dame physio students and enjoyed a sausage sizzle.

All money raised from both these events went to The Future Factory programs in South Africa, as well as Project Vietnam.

The Future Factory would like to thank everyone who was involved in the two events, including:

Town of Kwinana, Bertram Primary School, North Parmelia Primary School, Ian, Ruth & Kwinana Arts Centre staff, Wellard School of Music, Brendon Styles, Inner Voices Community Choir Rotary Club of Kwinana, Chicken Treat Kwinana, Zaldeesh, Nolan Family, Kwinana Childcare Workers, Kwinana Recreation Centre, Eamon Guilfoyle, Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams, Cr Sandra Lee, Project Vietnam

volunteers, Notre Dame University Physiotherapy students, and all the helpers, dancers and parents for all their hard work.



All the children who benefited truly appreciate it and thank you!



CAN YOU HELP?

The Future Factory would like to provide a new house for Doreen, who runs the Egoli Feeding Program. She and her 7 grandchildren currently live in a run down shack in the Egoli township. They all share a bed, and when it rains, it also rains inside the house (see photo below). Doreen co-ordinates feeding for the whole community, and we would like for her and her family to be living in respectable housing. We estimate the cost of a Wendy house to be around R15000 (\$2100 AUD). The Happyland Creche also requires a new roof, as the current one is dangerous for the children. If you can help with either of these projects, with materials, labour or a donation, please email tanya@thefuturefactory.co.za.

We are also running school holiday programs in the Retreat/Steenberg/Lavender Hill communities in the first week of July and need to feed 1000 children each day. We are asking South Africans who can assist with donations of a pot of food (many pots feed many mouths) or donations of rolls, hotdog viennas or burger patties to contact Anne Siroky on 0731 908 208. Any international people who are able to assist with a donation to go towards cost of the food are asked to email tanya@thefuturefactory.co.za .

Thank you!



NEEDED – SPORTS COACHES

As our sports program expands, we are in need of South African sports coaches, preferably those with their own transport or easy access to public transport. If you can coach netball, soccer, fitness, hockey or squash, or know of anyone who can, and are looking for part time or full time work, please call Anne Siroky on 0731 908 208 or email tanya@thefuturefactory.co.za.

