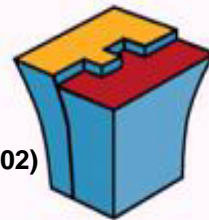




# THE FUTURE FACTORY



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

## NOVEMBER 2006 UPDATE

November has been a crazy month for everyone involved with The Future Factory. The end of the school year has come and we have been busy with end of year functions in all our schools. Every day has seen programs happening. This month's international volunteers have been Rasmus from Denmark, Mari from Norway, Simon from the Netherlands, Lukxmi and Lise from Canada and Becce, Frederike, Flo, Rene, Lukas, Danny, Claudia, Katina, Carina, Steffi and Flora from Germany.



### BAMBANANI BEACH PROGRAM TRAINING

Now that school is over, our coaches and volunteers will be running the Bambanani program on beaches from Cape Town to Mossel Bay over the months of December and January. Thousands of children from the townships will be transported from their areas to the beaches for days of activities including entertainment, face painting, sports and swimming. For some of these children it will be the first time they have been to the beach and had the chance to do these activities. Four days of training were provided last week for 150 South African volunteers and international volunteers from The Future Factory.



### GRADE NINE TEAMBUILDING

The Future Factory ran a teambuilding program for 68 grade nine learners from Good Hope Seminary High School in Cape Town. The aim of the program was to challenge the students with activities that would get the working together, listening, build confidence and self esteem. The program was enjoyed by everyone involved.



### PELICAN PARK HIGH TEA

The annual Pelican Park Primary School High Tea was once again held at the Grassy Park Civic. The Future Factory's executive director Anne Siroky was the MC for the event, which showcased the dance and fashion talents of learners and debutantes. Our international



volunteers Lukas, Rasmus, Danny and Tanya were the judges, along with Melissa from South Africa.



## MUHAMMEDEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL DAY

Every year Muhammedeyah Primary School holds its food festival. Grade seven learners are split into groups and assigned a country. It is their major project to learn about the country and provide food and information stalls, as well as a dance performance from their country. Anne, Tanya and Mari choreographed dances for the Mexican, Brazilian and Swedish Teams. Our Mexican team came in second.



## SCHOOL CAMPS

The Future Factory provided facilitators for school camps for two of our schools this month. Flora and Katina assisted with the camp programs for Alicedale Primary and Rene and Tanya ran teambuilding programs on the camp with the grade fives from Michael Oak Waldorf School.



## SURF WALKS

Our volunteers and coaches have been busy helping run surf walks for Schotsche Kloof Primary School, Al Azhar Educare and Pelican Park Primary School. Learners and families were transported to the beaches and walked up to eight kilometers. We also provided face painting and facilitation for fun days for Blomvlei Primary School, Athlone Pre Primary, Alicedale Primary and Star International Primary School.



## I KNOW

The I Know HIV/AIDS campaign takes testing and counseling into communities. As well as testing and providing results it also provides education and prevention strategies as well as counseling and further information for those testing positive. The Future Factory did face painting at their Christmas party in Mitchells Plain. All children and adults received a meal and entertainment.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS SPECIAL EVENTS

As well as our school programs, we also provided activities for a boys home in Lansdowne and the Devonshire Rovers Soccer Club. Activities included face painting, soccer, nikkies, drie blikkies and three sticks.





## **CORPORATE TEAMBUILDING**

On November 25, we provided a teambuilding program for the staff of Metropolitan. Participants did basic teambuilding activities, climbing wall and kayaking at the outdoor recreation center in Heathfield. This was followed with a braai at Dolce Roma in Wynberg.



## **THANKYOU!!**

### **OTTERY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On the 14th December, The Future Factory will be holding its annual Christmas party in the Ottery community. It is a huge event and gets bigger every year. This year we are expecting over 600 children to attend. We would like to be able to provide each child with a meal, as well as a present to take home. Thank you to all who have given donations, and a special



thankyou to Joan Scott and her grandchildren Elizabeth & Alexander Hogg, Lauren & Kirsty Scott and Lachie Chan, who have donated their Christmas money to help purchase food for the children of Ottery. Donations are still most welcome, as we would like to be able to make deliveries of party packs for children in other townships as well. For some of these children the only presents and Christmas meal they will get will come from our events.

## **HELP NEEDED!!!**

### **SCHOOL FEES**

The time of year has again come where sponsors are needed for children's school fees. For R350, a child's fees can be paid for the year. This is a huge help for families of the children who can't afford to pay the fees. Details of the children can be provided to the sponsors.



### **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

In the last month we have done face painting programs at more than 20 events, for thousands of children. Our face painting supplies have now just about ran out. A small touch such as painting a child's face can make a huge difference to them, so we would welcome any donations of paints for our programs.

We also always need sporting equipment such as soccer balls, cricket equipment, volleyballs, netballs and basic sporting goods. It is extremely difficult for us to run programs for 500 learners with only two balls. Books, games, second hand clothing in good condition and toys can also always find a home here.

### **COMPUTER**

We are still in need of a computer. If anyone is purchasing a new one for Christmas and considering throwing the old one away, we can use it!

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FOR THEIR CONTINUED  
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WITH SHORT DATED FOOD TO  
USE IN OUR PROGRAMS.**



## **WRITING FROM CHILDREN AGED 6-12 AT ZERILDA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

“My sister was good  
My brother was bad  
Now I am sad  
Because my brother is dead  
And my sister went mad  
And I'm all alone.”

“One day I want to be a social worker to look after children. I want to see that their families take care of them. There are many homeless children. This is a result of their families drinking and abusing them. The children run away from home and sleep on corners and in alleys. There are others who don't have homes because their families are dead. They have no place to go but the streets. I want to prevent this from happening to children. Children sell and use drugs. They get involved in gangsterism and that is why so many children are in prison. And that is the reason I want to be a social worker – to keep children off the streets and out of prison. To give them a better life in the future.”

“I wish violence would stop  
So crime could drop  
And all my dreams could come true.  
But something more I ask from you  
Is the people's freedom from you.  
The Lord made this world  
For me and you to play.  
If we destroy this world  
Where will our children play?”



“Drugs are becoming the main thing in children's lives on the corner or on the streets. They can't control them. The drugs are their masters. They don't listen to their parents or teachers. They don't want to go to school or learn. They must go for counselling and learn how to cope with life. A lot of people I know died of taking drugs and they hit their wives. Parents please! Teach your children and show them what it has done, you could be next.”

“The crime in this country should stop. If there were no gangsters in this country, then everybody will live in peace – but the country is in real terror. Shops and houses have been bombed. There are lots of people who have been shot, stabbed, and caught in bomb blasts. I feel sad, because we have to live in a world of crime.”

“When I grow up, I want to work on a computer so that I can work for money for food and stuff.”

**ZERILDA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A FUTURE FACTORY SCHOOL. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN THE FUTURE FACTORY WORKS WITH. OUR PROGRAM REACHES THOUSANDS EVERY DAY, DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS AND KEEPING THEM OCCUPIED, AWAY FROM THE STREETS, CRIME AND GANGS AND GIVING THEM HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. . .**