



Phedišang's Newsletter - Hands On October 2009

WHO WE ARE

Phedišang is an organization that contributes to the care of orphans and vulnerable children by providing meals, health monitoring and access to available government funding.

WHAT WE DO

Phedišang's mission is to:

- Provide orphans with 2 meals a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Monitor their health and liaise with healthcare professionals and providers
- Obtain available government grants
- Keep the children living with a family member

Projects are centered on achieving these aims. In addition, it is very important that we provide a nurturing and loving environment for these children so they can thrive.

ACTIVITIES

ON THE GROUND in LIMPOPO

On 8 September, the Phedišang office moved to a temporary location in an under-used extra room at the crèche/Phedišang centre in Turkey. We are really grateful to the community at Enable for providing office space for the

last 5 years within the Enable ADP office, and later in our own building next to Enable ADP. Over the last year, it has become clear that for Phedišang to grow, it needs to have its own office space in Turkey village. This is primarily due to concerns raised by the Department of Health and Social Development and the politics of having more than one development NGO operating in the same space. The Turkey community is thrilled to host our office, and three of the four staff members live in the village. Unfortunately, no existing buildings are available for use, but we have secured a plot in a location next to the clinic where we can build a new office to suit our needs. We are now in the process of raising funds to build this office, very definitely separately from our raising of essential operating expenditure.

PHEDIŠANG INTER-CENTRE TOURNAMENT

On 24 September, Phedišang held an inter-centre tournament at the Turkey centre for all children from age 11 and over from our seven drop-in centres. Activities included soccer, netball, traditional dance, and choir. Our new centre at Molalane took the lead in the soccer competition while Turkey centre dominated the netball court. The day was all in good fun, and the children clearly had a wonderful time. Activities like these make all the difference in the lives of these OVC. Phedišang is proud to serve such a spirited group of children.



PARTNERSHIPS

MERISON-MOLALANE CENTRE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING!

Our new drop-in centre in the village of Molalane (next to Butswana village) is now up and fully operational. Thanks to our generous partners at Merison BV, we were able to begin feeding the children starting on 27 July. Merison provided funds to fully equip the centre for operations including cooking equipment, cutlery, cabinets and shelves, extensive electrical repairs, and a new water storage tank. The grand opening



was held on 5 August. Present were Michael Moore and guests representing Merison, prominent community members such as the ward counsellor, social workers, local NGO managers, and the Induna (village chief), all the Phedišang staff and volunteers, as well as over 150 community members. The opening was most successful, and the centre has continued to run up to Phedišang's high standards. Merison is providing full financial support for the daily operations of this centre. Currently, 65 children are enrolled and receiving daily meals and support. This is exactly the kind of responsible and effective growth that Phedišang aims to achieve through its partnerships. [Merison Retail BV is a company with a charitable foundation both based in The Netherlands].

ROEDEAN SCHOOL VISIT 2009



The third annual Roedean School volunteer visit was a huge success! From 30 July to 3 August 18 students from Roedean School in Johannesburg, accompanied by staff, donated their time and energy to the project in Limpopo. As with the previous years, the girls developed a theme for their visit: this year it was sanitation. Following the outbreak of cholera in southern Africa earlier this year, it was decided that hygiene education would be

prudent. The students came armed with educational materials and assembled washing stations to show the children how to wash using fresh water and soap. The children and staff readily adopted the information and the stations. In addition to this theme, there was the typical cultural exchange of games, songs, and dance that makes the trip so enjoyable for all. We would like to extend our heart-felt appreciation to Roedean School and the girls who participated for doing such meaningful work for the children of Phedišang.



FUNDRAISING

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

We are very pleased to announce that funds have been deposited in the Phedišang bank account from the Limpopo Department of Health and Social Development (DHSD). Phedišang has been diligently and tenaciously pursuing these funds since February of this year. This represents an important milestone for both Phedišang and the South African government in supporting the disadvantaged children of Limpopo. Although we have received these funds, the role of Phedišang and our multiple generous donors is not diminished. These funds allow us to use donor funding to maintain a high standard of care, and allow us to push forward in our efforts to support the OVC. We will celebrate the reaching of this milestone while keeping our focus on maintaining the highest standard of care for the OVC supported by Phedišang.

LA CUCINA DI CIRO FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP

La Cucina di Ciro, the highly acclaimed restaurant in Parktown North, Johannesburg has embarked on a campaign to help Phedišang. Starting September 2009, diners at La Cucina can add donations to Phedišang onto their restaurant bill, and Ciro consolidates them and pays them over to us. We're sure that Johannesburg diners paying for their meal will feel touched by the fact that R100 feeds an orphan 2 meals a day for a month, and so will respond generously. We send tax certificates by e-mail, so this will expose Phedišang to many more Johannesburg folk, who will then receive our newsletters and look at our web-site. Recently moved into a beautifully re-done old house, La Cucina di Ciro occupies new premises, still in Parktown North – No 43, 7th Avenue, with a menu to match the setting. We would really appreciate reciprocal support from friends of Phedišang for Ciro, who is doing this generous extra fund-raising promotion for us.
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INVESTEC SPORTS EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

An enthusiastic "Thank you!" goes out to our friends at Investec – the Cradle Project, manned and managed by Investec staff. They have given us many sports balls and pumps, hula-hoops and other equipment.

SOUTH AFRICAN FUND-RAISING – MY SCHOOL

Phedišang is registered with a special card scheme - My School gives a tiny percentage of all sales at participating outlets to designated, approved beneficiaries. Many stores do this : Woolworths, Wimpy, Stax, Makro, Kalahari.net included. All supporters need to do is apply for a My School card linked to Phedišang – it is easy! Once they have the card and present it to be swiped just before they pay – benefit goes to Phedišang, at no cost to them.

To apply in South Africa, phone My School on 0860 100 445 - remember the beneficiary is Phedišang in Johannesburg, not Limpopo! To change the My School beneficiary, phone the same number, but Phedišang really does not want to disadvantage any other schools or schemes, so is asking people to think carefully before they do.

To connect on-line, simply type this into the address field of your web browser:

<http://www.myschool.co.za/index.php/component/user/?task=register>



BACK-A-BUDDY

Phedišang is registered with back-a-buddy, www.backabuddy.co.za, which means for South African supporters, if you want to run, cycle, or perform for sponsorship, Phedišang can be your nominated charity. You register your attempt on-line, and nominate Phedišang as the cause – then mail would be sponsors and supporters to do just that – Phedišang gets the cash. All those cyclists riding in the 94.7 in November, if you want to support us, it's made extremely easy.

WATCH THIS SPACE

TIGER BRANDS LTD DONATION

We are in the process of finalising a donation of basic food-stuffs to Phedišang by Tiger Brands, one of the leading South African foodstuff suppliers. If it all works as we hope, and anticipate, Tiger Brands will deliver Ace Mielie-Meal, Jungle Oats, Tastic Rice, Koo tinned goods, including jam and much more, directly to Phedišang in Limpopo each month. This is like a dream of Phedišang's come true, and will help with most basic (and delicious) foodstuffs, and transport thereof. The magnitude of this support over a year certainly warrants naming one of our centres the Tiger Brands/Phedišang centre, and we plan to do that! Wait for confirmation, pictures and news!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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