

2014 is a quarter way through already, and somehow it feels like it was Christmas only yesterday! We hope that your year has had a good start, and that you are geared to reap all that this year has to give.

We would like to use this edition to showcase one of our biggest events in the past couple of months, a fundraiser for the Lexus Mila Cerebral Palsy fund, a fund hosted by ourselves on behalf of Thys and Andrea Hattingh. All our expectations were exceeded by this event, with the business community of Rustenburg coming together, opening their hearts and their wallets in aid of this fund.

We first met Thys and Andrea Hattingh back in 2012 when they came to our offices, wanting to help children with Cerebral Palsy. Their little girl, Lexus Mila (now 6) was born with this disability. In their own words, they believe that they are blessed and lucky, they can look after their little girl's special needs, she does not have to want for anything and she is excelling at school. They wanted to help other children and parents faced with the same problems, who perhaps did not have the same support, or who were not as fortunate as them. They therefore decided to host a fund with the GRCF. You may recognise Thys, as he was one of the Top 8 MasterChef contestants in 2012, and from there on has gone on to appear on many celebrity cooking shows, and is today quite a sought after chef. Hosting a fund with our Foundation gives all people an opportunity to conduit funds, without having to go through all the administrative processes of setting up a non-profit organisation. Apart from that, we at the GRCF work very closely with the donors in order to make sure that the funds are distributed appropriately, but also with the donor's wishes in mind. (Read further in this newsletter on other types of funding, and the benefit to corporations). With Thys' background in celebrity cooking, he pooled his resources and managed to source a magnitude of fantastic collectors' items from many local and international celebrity chefs, and even celebrities from the fashion world. All these items were put on auction, and surpassing all our expectations, we managed exceed the previous years' takings!



TOP RIGHT: Andrea & Thys Hattingh;
RIGHT: Hellene Steenkamp, a friend of the Foundation, Thys Hattingh, and Christine Delpport, CEO of the GRCF.



*On my graduation day, I will walk on stage, even if it is with my walker, slowly but surely, knowing every step is a journey in itself. If my serendipitous journey with CP gives just one weary traveller hope and strength, I can arrive at my destination knowing that the journey was worth it. **The way I see it, : I do not live a full life in spite of Cerebral Palsy, but because of it** – Brenda Klopper*

Brenda, who is a long-time friend of the Foundation, gave a heartfelt talk on her life with Cerebral Palsy, themed "Serendipity", Brenda wowed the crowd with her ever enthusiastic demeanour, her quirky stories, but above all, her astonishing persistence in making sure that she takes absolutely everything that this life has to offer. An inspiration to all of us, Brenda's mere presence brings light and warmth to any occasion. Thank you Brenda for your beautiful speech, and for joining us on this special evening.



LEFT: Donations come in many forms and kind. Zane Posthumus, a young and upcoming musician on the South-African scene attended this special event, and even wrote a song especially for us on that night. His rendition of "A Child's Eyes" was so moving, and definitely added in creating the right ambience for the night. Thank you Zane, and we wish you all the success with your career.

RIGHT: Another donation in kind came from Madeleine and her team at the Professional Cooking School. All the food, and serving on the evening was kindly prepared and beautifully presented by Madeleine and her students. Definitely a feast for the eyes! Thank you Madeleine and your team!



More donations in kind came from "behind the scenes"; Jamille And Kyri from Manor Hills Guest lodge very generously sponsored the venue for us, and also gave us a night for two to auction off; Hellene Steenkamp, a long-standing friend of the Foundation helped us with the set-up, as well as the financial accounting of all the takings of the evening. Harry Botha, professional filmmaker, recorded the whole evening for us, and will be releasing the video of the evening very soon on YouTube. Karlien Delpont, our "Mistress of Ceremonies", also helped with set-up, compiling the program and managing it on the evening. Earl van Eeden, gave up his Friday night to come and auction off all the fantastic items we had donated to our fundraiser. We thank all of you; hands and time are as valuable as any other donation!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS, IN ITEMS AND IN KIND

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our donors, who, from the kindness of their hearts, sent us all these amazing items that we could auction off; Jenny Morris – 4 Signed Cookbooks; Chef Tamarin Blackmur – Signed Cookbook and other items; Chef Reuben Riffel – Signed Cookbook and Branded Apron; Abigail Donnelly – 5 Signed Cookbooks; Cyber Chef, Nina Timm – Signed Cookbook; Josie Borain – Signed Coffee Table Photography Book; Chef Frank Dangereux – Signed Cookbook; Chef Joanie Mitchell – Foodie Hampers; Chef Peter Goffe-Wood – Signed Cookbook and Branded Apron; Rustenburg Square Spar – Trio Bottego Wines; Chef Justine – Justine's Journey Cookbook; Chef Jackie Cameron – 2 Signed Cookbooks; Chef Allan Coxon – Signed Cookbook and 5set DVD; Baked with Love – Voucher worth R500.00; Assorted Hampers, with Handmade Goodies – BASADI, Multi-talented rural ladies from Koffiekraal & Skuinsdriif in Madikwe, NWP and GRCF; Voucher for 2 – Overnight at Manor Hills Guest House. One of these items reached a bid of R10 000!

And then ofcourse, to each and every single one of you who attended our event, and contributed to the success of it, those who took part in the auction, those who donated cash, and even those who donated via EFT's, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We will definitely keep you posted on where your money has been spent. May you be blessed.



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HOW CAN THE GRCF HELP YOU WITH YOUR CSI RESPONSIBILITIES

Through the years, we have had many opportunities to work closely with all kinds of organisations from government, to the private sector, to large international organisations. The purpose of a community foundation is to mobilise resources from within the business sector, to assist in development programmes and opportunities in our communities. Our Community Asset Mapping Program (CAMP) that we've developed through many years of research and co-operation with our counterparts in the rest of Africa, has given us the perfect tool to make sure funds are being invested in sustainable economic endeavours within our communities. CAMP focuses on identifying assets within communities, whether it be environmental assets, talent, skills or any other kind of potential that can be developed into resource. We also partner with other organisations in order to provide a holistic approach. Being a registered Non-profit organisation, your investment will also provide you with tax benefits, and of course, assist in maintaining your BEE scores. Give us a call to discuss your specific need, and we will be able to guide you to the most appropriate solution.

BELOW: Upon our visit to the Skuinsdrift community in March, we were blessed to be able to make a small donation to the children of Kgosimotswedi Early Learning Centre in Koffiekraal. Items of stationary, food and toys were donated by a group of people to the foundation, and we gave it to the centre. What a delight it was to see their faces!



STUDENTS EXCELL IN CAMP SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Department of Geography (Unisa) in collaboration with the Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation are very proud to announce that the first two bursary students for the short course in "Community Asset Mapping for Change" passed with distinction! Mr Michael Kirungi of the Masindi Community Foundation (Uganda) submitted his final portfolio reporting of a Community Asset Mapping Program (CAMP) Workshop he presented in Nyabyeya, Budongo Subcounty, Masindi (Uganda). Ms Bonolo Mmokele (pictured left) of the Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation presented a critical analysis and self-reflection of a CAMP undertaken in Modjadji (Limpopo), South Africa as her final portfolio.

On the 26th of March 2014, community members of Skuinsdrift and surrounds met in Koffiekraal to bring full circle to a process that started by GRCF and Department of Geography (Unisa) more than two years ago when the first CAMP was undertaken in Skuinsdrift. Community members who had successfully completed a number of skills training programmes offered by Unisa in Water Management, Alien Plant Management, AIDS awareness, AIDS de-stigmatisation, AIDS advocacy, Community Based Tourism, Beading, Sewing and Textiles and Nutrition were able to sign for their well-earned (and deserved) certificates. The day of celebration concluded with the various groups discussing how their newly acquired skills could be applied to achieve their own indicators of success. A number of exciting plans are underway and we look forward to reporting on the success of each of the groups in future newsletters.

A further 10 full bursaries for the second semester 2014 are available for employees or volunteers linked to non-profit organisations in Africa and those interested should contact Dr Melanie Nicolau, nicolmd@unisa.ac.za.

