

Scholarship fund for the disabled, by the disabled

We here at the GRCF have been so overwhelmed by the newest member of our donor family. Brenda Klopper (27) has been a friend of the Foundation for many years, and served on our Youth Bank in the past as well. We recently tied up with her again, when she approached the GRCF to host a designated fund for disabled scholars.

Says Brenda: "Throughout my life, I have been supported, and uplifted by so many people, this is a way for me to give back, to pay it forward." Brenda's enduring spirit has inspired us, and we have committed to a matching grant towards the Brenda Klopper Scholarship for Disabled. For this fund to make a real impact though, we need to grow it, in order to reach a point where we can start awarding bursaries to prospective students. Brenda has strong principles for this fund, and requires beneficiaries to be committed to also pay it forward, and making a difference.

Brenda is currently an enrolled student with UNISA, completing a degree in Social Work, and is employed with Anglo Platinum. She suffers from cerebral palsy due to an injury at birth, and have spent most of her life in a wheelchair. But, by strong will, and dedication, Brenda has recently started taking her very first small steps in her road to WALKING. Yes, Brenda is learning to walk!

We would like to thank Brenda for her trust in the Foundation, to help her make her dream grow, and we would like to invite anyone interested in this cause to give us a call, and help us, help Brenda, to pay it forward.



Sponsorship Opportunity Available for CAMP for Change Conference

The CAMP for Change Conference taking place from 10 – 12 October in partnership with the Department of Geography at UNISA is around the corner, and final **registrations** will still be accepted until 10 September 2011. Unisa has also afforded us **discount** on group bookings of 5 people or more.

We can now also put a call out to **sponsors** for the conference, where companies will have a wonderful marketing opportunity. Should anybody be interested in taking up this opportunity, please contact karlien@grcf.co.za or on cell: 083 632 0123 for a personalised sponsorship proposal.

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TOP: Pono Legotsa (26) recently passed her K53 driver's licence, with the assistance of the GRCF, applying grants from the Department of Social Development. Pono is aiming to have a career in HR, and believes that now that she has a driver's licence, she has a better chance of finding employment

More good news from Mokgalwaneng



LEFT: Athalia Pheaga (31) is the proud owner of Three Sisters Hair Salon in Matlametlong. After attending the CAMP workshop with the GRCF in August last year, Athalia decided, that although she does not have the skills of a hairdresser, that she will open a hair salon in her community. Like a true business woman, she pooled the resources from her community, employed a skilled hairdresser, and her business took off. With a small grant she received through the GRCF, she bought her first products, and bought a Zozo from where she could operate. Today she employs 3 people in her salon, and is able to make a substantial contribution to their household of 17 people. Says Athalia: "The workshop opened my mind for new ideas, and I am able to see now what I can do."



Left: Johannes Selbe (30) was already a business man when we first met him at the CAMP workshop in August 2010. He was selling broiler chickens. He then decided to grow his business and applied for a grant to purchase a marquee tent and chairs that he can rent out for functions in his community. Johannes says that his motivation was to create jobs for other people in his community too, and he is currently employing two other people in his business. For him, the big shift came, when he realised that he can take leadership in his community, and create something that will benefit others too.



LEFT: Our longstanding friend, and former boardmember Mr Dieter Kruger popped into the office a couple of weeks ago to bring his contribution to the Piggy Fund. Thank you Dieter, the Foundation sincerely appreciates this gesture!



TOP: My Home's kids saying thank you to Huizemark Rustenburg for their recent donation.

Confirmed list of Speakers – CAMP for CHANGE Conference 10 – 12 October

- **Clr Mokati-Thebe** – Mayor: Moses Kotane Municipality
- **Clr Diremelo** – Mayor: Bojanala District Municipality
- **Ms Sadi Luka** – Executive Director: National Department of Social Development
- **Prof FG Netswera** – Executive Director: Research Administration: UNISA
- **Prof MJ Linnington** – Executive Dean: College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences: UNISA
- **Mr Stephen Makgoba** – Head of CSI: Xstrata
- **Ms Dudu Ratshefola** – Manager: Community Engagement: Anglo Platinum
- **Dr Juraj Mesik** - World Bank consultant and teaches global challenges at universities in Olomouc, CR and Bratislava, SK
- **Mr Michael Kirungi** - Community Foundation Masindi District, Uganda
- **Nana Oye Mansa** - Dompiahene of the Akuapem Traditional Area and Chiefdenesse Yeboaa of Akuapem Community Foundation, Ghana
- **Dr Ernest Mkonyi** - Arusha Municipal Community Foundation, Tanzania
- **Mr Chris Mkhize** of the Uthungulu Community Foundation (KwaZulu Natal)
- **Ms Melanie Nicolau**, CoD, Department of Geography, Unisa
- **Mrs Christine Delpont** - COO: Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation
- **Prof MS Makhanya**, *Principal & Vice-Chancellor, University of South Africa*