

WELCOME 2011!

The GRCF wants to wish all our loyal supporters a very blessed 2011.

At the beginning of a new year, we at the Greater Rustenburg Community Foundation want to wish all of you everything of the best for 2011. We are certainly in high spirits for the year ahead, and are determined to keep on making a difference, as we have done for the past 10 years.

Already, we have a full schedule planned for the year ahead. We have planned ABCD workshops in another 10 clusters in the Bojanala District. The success of the ABCD methodology has already made a huge impact on our pilot clusters, and already we can see positive change in our communities. During the December holidays, the Department of Geography at UNISA, our technical partner, have visited some of these communities, and were even able to purchase some of their very own fresh produce.

New projects to be embarked on for this year will also include an Environmental project, focusing specifically on eradicating alien vegetation, and converting these waste materials into profitable and usable products.

As per our standard custom, our offices will be closed on 27 & 28 January for our annual strategic planning conference with the whole staff compliment. We will be back in the office on Monday 31 January though, and appreciate your understanding in this regard.

So, with 2011 already taking off with the speed of light, we will be sure to keep you abreast with all our dealings in the next 11 issues of this newsletter.

Dates to Diarise

- 27 & 28
January
GRCF Strategic
Planning, Staff
Breakaway
(office closed)
- 18 February
Children's Map
Competition
Exhibition and
Judging
(Waterfall Mall)
- 3 – 7
October
Rural
Development
Conference



10 years
Making Rustenburg the
place we love to call home



Christmas at My Home – During the December holidays, volunteers and staff members of the GRCF, together with Quantum Step Human Development, treated the children of My Home to a special Christmas. We would like to thank everybody who made a contribution to this wonderful family!

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While on holiday.... we still love doing what we do



During December we did a site visit to the George Stegman Hospital. These premises have been donated to our LACAP program by the Bakgatla Tribe, as a halfway house for parolees.



We also visited Losperfontein Primary School to hand over donated stationary received from UNISA Department of Geography in preparation for their participation in the Barbara Petchenik International Map Literacy Competition.

Even our partners are dedicated. On this photo is Chris Vlok from the Department of Geography at UNISA, advising a member of the Mathopestat community on her food garden, also during the December holidays.



STAFF NEWS

We say goodbye....

...to our Chairman, Mr Sebastian Matthews. Mr Mathews has been our Chairman of the Board since February 2009. Due to work responsibilities, him and his wife Natasha has decided to relocate permanently to Johannesburg. We wish to thank Mr Sebastian for his guidance and continued loyalty to the GRCF, and wish him and his family all of the best in their new home.

...to Ms Lana Lovasic. Lana has been with us for the past year as a CSI consultant. She has added great value to our organization, and shall be missed. Thank you for all your hard work!

We say welcome...

... to Jacky Bauer, our new Logistics Manager. Jacky has been with us since the beginning of October 2010, and has already proven to be an asset to our staff compliment. We hope that you will be happy with us.

...to Wikus Hoogenboezem, who has been appointed as our new Programme Manager as from the beginning of January. Wikus hails from Pretoria, and we are very excited to have him in on board .

...to Vusi Gule, appointed as Programme Assistant, specifically towards our Ke Rona Arts and Culture Programme. We believe he will be of great value to us.

"Watch this space each issue for more detailed profiles on all our staff members"