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## 1. FOUNDERS PEN

By Neil Pretorius

***Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! May you rest well and enjoy the festive season.***

### **Good News**

We are very excited about the news paper we are launching in 2013. We are always reading about the bad things happening and rarely read about the good things. **The Good News** will bring all the good news to Communities where the Leadership and Sports Academies (LSA's) operate .

### **DREAMS BECOMING A REALITY! This is what 2013 is about**

It is time that we start dreaming again. Why dream? It is the part that makes us want to do something regardless of the circumstances and occurrences which want to devastate our dreams. What should we dream? Our dreams should be the one thing that makes us want to get up in the morning!

One of the main reasons why we stopped dreaming is because we don't have time for dreaming anymore. Besides that we must find out exactly what it is that keeps us from dreaming. It is *my dream* to create an opportunity for every Primary School child to help him/her reach their dreams. This way everybody can **believe** again that it is possible, that you can reach your dream. Everybody has a dream, it does not matter how big or small the dream. We celebrate every dream that is reached.

### **Business Academy**

Our new Business Academy has been launched and it will have a great impact on the people involved. It has created job opportunities in our communities. We are distributing hampers in our communities, which involves the following process: The Business Academy selects Partners from our LSA's. They then select Marketers for the sale of the hampers. It is a great opportunity which adds to Hunger and Thirst's income for the LSA's and benefits everyone involved.

### **Fitness Academy**

In 2013 our Fitness Academy will be launched. Companies will enroll their staff in the Academy which will help them to live a healthier life. 50% of the income will go to the LSA's and it will make a huge difference in the lives of the LSA children.

## 2. Hunger and Thirst is a Level 1 contributor to Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment

By Lize Pretorius- Financial Director

Following our recent BEE verification, we are **VERY PROUD** to be a **Level 1** contributor to B-BBEE , Value Added Supplier.

This is the best possible score an entity can obtain. This means that for businesses making use of the services the Academies provide, such as our Team Building, they receive a factor of 1.6875 on their own scorecard for Procurement.

Our Independent Competent persons report was also updated by the Verification Agency, which confirmed that all donations made to Hunger and Thirst Foundation will contribute the full potential points (depending on the entity's turnover and profit after tax) to the donor's scorecard for Socio Economic Development (SED).



### 3. International Funding received from PEPFAR By Lize Pretorius- Financial Director



Hunger and Thirst is thankful for receiving their first funding from abroad.

PEPFAR (The United States President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief) has through its US Ambassador's Community Grants program awarded \$16'430 to us for the 2012-2013 year. We have been selected as one of only five grantees in the Northern Cape from hundreds of applications. Thank you to Cheryl Schoenberg, the Coordinator and her team for all their hard work in making this possible.

### 4. Overseers Training By Doreen Bessies- Operations Director

From the 7 – 9 November 2012 all the overseers from the LSA's in seven different towns assembled at the Head Office of Hunger and Thirst for training for preparation of the New Year and a discussion of the victories and challenges of 2012.

Encountered difficulties were discussed, and we brainstormed and shared ideas to improve the program and ensure the smooth continuation thereof at the LSA's. After the solutions were found and all of the Overseers had answers, they could focus on the Training and Teambuilding.

The feedback on the training was very good. The overseers were equipped with valuable information regarding leadership, time management, communication and teambuilding which they could put into practice at the LSA's. One of the main things learned from the training was to first identify the problem before trying to look for solutions. The impact of the training is incredible. Neil Pretorius, Steve Pretorius and Riaan van Wyk were the facilitators/trainers who motivated and equipped these Project managers (Overseers).



The Overseers left the head Office with uplifted spirits and a new zeal to continue the wonderful work they are doing in the communities and helping the children reaching their dreams.

## 5. Teambuilding Academy

By Riaan van Wyk

Hi to all of you reading this report!



I was asked to write a short paragraph on the H & T Teambuilding Academy and the impact it had on H&T staff members.

This is not a difficult topic to write about. We have such wonderful people that are so open to learn and willing to try new methods and styles of adapting and cooperating in our very diverse environment in South Africa.

To work together - to achieve one common goal - is the dream of every organization. One mission of the Teambuilding Academy is to plant a seed toward this concept. The staff members of Hunger and Thirst (H&T) impressed us all by their willingness to put aside personal differences, bury their egos and compel themselves to look past the shortcomings of themselves and others.

Through ongoing programs and exercises they have created a bond of friendship and camaraderie amongst themselves that is growing daily. Their purpose: 'THE CHILD' which they are serving in the LSA has become an unstoppable force that drives them and gives them purpose.

I am excited about 2013 and how the staff of H&T will grow and excel when it comes to working together to achieve one common goal.

The Teambuilding Academy shares 50% of their income with the LSA's to equip and feed the children.

## 6. Implementing the Fingerprint Scanner

By Gavin de Wee- Training manager

The directors of H&T decided to implement a biometrical fingerprint scanner which will make the paperwork procedures hassle free and give the administrators more control of what is happening at the LSA's.

The scanner works by putting your finger on the scanner and it records the time, date and the information of the person, recording their time and attendance. This helps to recognize and handle possible problems beforehand at the LSA's. After a person's fingerprint has been captured, it is sent via GPRS to a server in real-time. From the head office we are able to see in



real-time what is happening at the LSA's.

The first scanner has been implemented at our Roodepan LSA. We have piloted the scanner there and we are happy with the results. From next year we will be implementing it in all our LSA's. This will not only make the work load lighter, but also help with accountability and transparency.

## 7. DO IT NOW for the Hunger and Thirst Foundation!

Gary Merkel - 2 Million Steps

Sunday morning, 18th November 2012. The Hunger and Thirst Foundation and some very energetic and thoroughly optimistic athletes decided to launch themselves on the streets of Jo'Burg. Yes, the much anticipated event of the year or shall we say the "close off of another busy year" saw a number of dedicated guys and gals take part in Jo'Burgs toughest race, the Momentum 94.7 Cycle Challenge.



We at 2 Million Steps and H&T never want to spread our focus too thinly and our major focus will always be on the children and helping them "Realise Dreams" but we too understand that however noble the cause we need to approach this well and utilise vehicles that work. We incorporate business and marketing strategies that will help us find legs; with that said, could someone help me find mine as I think I lost them somewhere between kilometre 85 and kilometre 90!

One of the focuses was to network with celebrities and in a short space of time we have done really well. We presented to a number of them and the buy in was incredible. Victor Matfield, Ivan Zimmerman, Angelique Gerber & Robbie Wessels, to name only a few. Angelique & Robbie were a little nervous to take part in the race and ended up fleeing Gauteng just in case I kidnapped them.

About the race, we had no illusions that it would be a tough day as the weather was extremely hot, and we only had a starting time of 8:15 and 8:50 with two groups of Hunger and Thirst Gladiators. We decided that we would ride as a group and to ensure that not only create visibility but camaraderie. It was incredible, we rode at a pace that all could maintain and when that was not possible the guys ended up pushing the slightly weaker riders making sure that we all finished together.

We stopped at the water point along the way which took longer than a usual pit stop as what would normally be a hydrating session ended up being a photo shoot/signing autograph opportunity. Victor Matfield, ever the gentleman humouring every admiring fan,

and Ivan his charming self completely acting the part, looking stronger than anyone else - what a show man - to them hats off! What an amazing experience.

Our goal was reached in great spirit and I believe it could not have at all been possible if it were not first and foremost grace and then secondly relationships, something that we believe is the foundation of our . . . Foundation.

A big thanks to all our sponsors for making this possible and a big challenge out there to those who will be pushing to get their name on our jersey for next year.

This year's sponsors: DO IT NOW, Aurecon, Cannondale, BuyCycle, Eagle Canyon Cycles, TGF Productions, Bulk Meat Packers, KFC, Dischem, Cargill, Panda Sportswear, Race Works, BMW, Blendtonel's.

## **8. Holiday Program September 2012: Windsorton**

**By Barbara Ekong- Project manager**



The LSA children and the children from the community joined us as we played games, sang songs and had fun. It was so amazing to be surrounded by so many children. The staff had a chance to play with the children.

We ended the holiday program with different acts to entertain the children. There were gumboot dancers, opera songs, culture dancers, rap singers, hip-hop dancers, gospel singers and many more. The children were the stars of the day! They enjoyed themselves so much and it was great fun to see how they acted and danced and participated!

## **9. Holiday Program September 2012: Hopetown**

**By Margie Crouch- Project Manager**

We had an interesting holiday program from Monday to Friday which included the Jika Majika, "Boeresport", watching DVD's, a sports day and a fashion parade.

The team effort to present the program went really well: It was very exciting and we could see the children are very talented. In co-operation with the coaches, food team and the imitators we collected money amongst ourselves to buy something for the winners of the fashion Parade in Grade 1.

I think that was a bonus which helped to make a success of the program. The children were so excited and were very surprised at receiving prizes. The team leaders joined in the fun and games. The children and the leaders had a great time.



We want to thank Nicolene Smith (Training Director) for spending the week with us. We are so motivated and geared up for the rest of the year. It really was an awesome week and the photos speak for itself!

## **10. Holiday Program September 2012: Rietvale-Ritchie**

**By Dalvalene Matthee- Project Manager**

The Holiday program started on Monday. The children were asked to give ideas of what they would like to do during the holiday program. The result was a week based on games, and the children chose to include dancing, sketching and modeling. They practice during the week and then give a show on Friday so that everybody could come and see what they had prepared.

On Wednesday, one of the mentors, Charmaine Diergaardt, prepared vetkoek and mince for the children. The team each contributed R5 to the children and on Friday each child received a sweet packet. The children really enjoyed the holiday program!



## **11. Holiday Program September 2012: Barkly West**

**By Lizanne van Rooyen- Trainer**

The program for the week was scheduled as follows. Monday was a games day, Tuesday a DVD day and on Wednesday we would be teaching about First Aid. For Thursday we planned a “dress up” day and on Friday, the last day, we decided on modeling. Everybody had to model, the kids, the coaches and the imitators. Monday the team took to the streets to get all the kids together. The kids really enjoyed the Holiday program and to end off we collected money amongst ourselves and the children each received a surprise packet and juice. It was the best and greatest Holiday Program ever!



## **12. Holiday Program September 2012: Kgabang – Ritchie**

**By Magdalene Moemedi- Project manager**

On the first day there were only a few children. The coaches and imitators went out and invited all the LSA children to come and attend the holiday program. The next day we had a

lot of children and they were so excited about the Holiday program. We started with sack races and skipping: The winning team even received chocolates!

We decided to give each child something and not only the winners. Wednesday each of us brought R10 . We made packets with sweets for the children so that they could see and feel that we really care about them.

The highlight of the week was the beauty contest held on Friday. The kids really enjoyed each and every part of the program. It was **AWESOME!**



### **13. Holiday Program September 2012: Roodepan**

**By Sadrick du Plooy- Project Manager**



About 170 to 220 attended the Holiday program. The LSA team was excellent in managing the program as well as the children.

Different kinds of sports were played like soccer, cricket, netball and skipping. The kids also sang and danced and prizes were given to the first and second places of each group. The children had so much fun that the parents came to watch and enjoyed it just as much. Steven Graaff (Training Manager) from head office brought chips which were given to every child as well as the LSA team.

The program was very successful and we were sad to say goodbye to the children and with hugs we parted from them. We are really looking forward to the next Holiday program.

### **14. Holiday Program September 2012: Rietvale**

**By Sherece Maddocks**

31 Children attended and the highlight of the day was the soccer match between the coaches and the children. After the soccer match the children practiced for the program on Friday. The children really enjoyed the last day with the dancing, the band, the drama and the best was when Vicky Murray (Coach) dressed as a woman and paraded in his outfit. It was wonderful to see the wonderful talents these children have!



## **15. Training Director appointment**

By Michelle Smith- Office Manager

### **Congratulations to Nicolene Smith on her promotion!**

Nicolene Smith was part of the Training (Traveling) Team at Hunger and Thirst and through hard work and dedication she has been promoted to Training Director in September 2012. We wish her well and know that she is an asset to Hunger and Thirst.



## **16. Mrs South Africa representing Hunger and Thirst at a world stage**

Hunger and Thirst is die official charity of South Africa's beautiful Mrs SA, Lynné De Jager. She is ready to jet off to contend for The Mrs World-title. The pageant is taking place in March of 2013!

Thank you Lynné for your dedication and support, not only to our Foundation, but as an ambassador to our Country. We wish you all the best!



## **17. Thank You**

To all our partners – THANK YOU for your continued support. Your contribution has provided us in creating much needed job opportunities, as well as activating dreams in the hearts of our young South Africans. **Have a peaceful and blessed Christmas and may 2013 truly be a year of your dreams becoming a reality.**

Keep in mind that all donations are income tax deductible and qualify for points on your organization's BEE scorecard. Visit our website [www.hungerandthirst.net](http://www.hungerandthirst.net) for more information.