

# Sethani

*Helping people to help themselves*



*Children playing outside the Sethani Centre*

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## Greetings from Sethani

*Following a number of requests from our friends and partners, we have decided to keep in touch via a regular newsletter which will keep you informed as to how Sethani is working to change lives and transform the community of KwaNgcolosi.*

*Due to the growing needs in the area, and some challenges we have faced, we are currently undergoing exciting changes in the organisational structure, projects and staffing at Sethani. We thank God for bringing us through the difficult times. He never lets us down and we appreciate how real He is within this ministry.*

*We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and we welcome your feedback.*

*Thanks to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and prayers which enable us to continue.*

*God bless  
Debbie (Director)*



## Child Protection Week Awareness Walk

On 8 July, children from the area walked through the community in an effort to raise awareness during Child Protection Week.

Posters and placards displaying appropriate messages about the prevention of child abuse and the protection of the rights of children were carried by the walkers.

The Walk started out from the Sethani Centre and continued along the roads surrounding the Centre and through the community of KwaNgcolosi.

After the Walk, the children enjoyed refreshments and ministry in the Sethani hall.



*Children gather together for a walk through KwaNgcolosi to raise awareness during Child Protection Week*

## Peer Education Activities

### Peer Education Workshop

Peer Educators from the five high schools in the area where GoLD Peer Education is being implemented attended a full-day workshop at the Sethani Centre one Saturday.

Transport was arranged for everyone who took part in the workshop and the day was very well organised by Sethani's six enthusiastic Peer Education Facilitators.

The learners participated in a number of skills sessions and other activities related to the curriculum, all of which were presented by the facilitators.

The learners remained focused throughout the day and enjoyed the sessions enormously. The hot lunch that was served was also enjoyed by all!

*Peer educators proudly display their GoLD portfolios (below) before taking part in a workshop held in the grounds of the Sethani Centre (bottom)*



*A group of Peer Educators made posters (right) during training sessions at the Maphepheteni Clinic and then posed with their TB FREE information pamphlets and juice bottles (below) before visiting members of the community (above) to encourage them to attend the clinic for TB-testing*

### TB Awareness Campaign

A very successful TB Awareness Campaign was organised by our peer educators in June.

Peer educators from three high schools met at the Maphepheteni Clinic for training one Saturday morning and went door-to-door into the community the following day, handing out pamphlets and juice bottles from TB FREE and conducting a survey of those they visited.

Despite unseasonably cold and wet weather conditions, the peer educators were well-received and many people were encouraged to attend the clinic for TB testing.



**"The tournament was a giant success in many ways."**

*Phumlani Cindy*

## July Winter Soccer Tournament

During the July school holidays, a successful two-week soccer tournament was organised by Sethani staff member, Phumlani Cindy.

Over 280 boys aged 11-19 from KwaNgcolosi took part in the event and the winning team received awards sponsored by Telkom.

"The action, passion, drama and excitement were in abundance," said an overjoyed Phumlani. "The community was also highly appreciative and Sethani hit the right mark. "

Fred Mkize and Jay Ramlal of Telkom Sports attended the presentation ceremony and Fred spoke out strongly against the use of drugs and alcohol. The passion shown by the players was highly commended and Fred committed Telkom to annual sponsorship of this event.

Thank you to Nkosi Bhengu for arranging a grader to level the field prior to the tournament.



*July Winter Soccer Tournament*



## Starfish Painting Day

During the July school holidays, 22 Sethani children between the ages of 11 and 14 took part in a fun painting day at the Sethani Centre.

At the request of Starfish UK, the children painted 250 ceramic starfish which will be given as a memento to each guest attending a gala fundraising dinner to be hosted by Starfish UK in London later this year.

Each child was given a paint brush, Paints and a pile of ceramic starfish and encouraged to decorate them with as many different colours and patterns as possible.

The results were wonderful and the children had lots of fun showing off their creative talents!



## Peer Education Exchange

Sethani is very proud to announce that two of our peer educators have been chosen to travel to Australia as part of the *Schools 4 Schools* Partnership Exchange.

Sabelo Mthethewa from KwaVutha High School and Nonsikelelo Ndletshe from Hlahlindlela High School were both chosen from the five KwaNgcolosi High Schools participating in the GoLD Peer Education programme.

We are delighted that Sabelo and Nonsikelelo have been chosen to represent the youth of our region. This is a wonderful opportunity for them and we look forward to bringing you more details in our next issue.



*Sabelo Mthethewa (front, second from left) and Nonsikelelo (front, fourth from right) will represent their schools in Australia later this*



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## Thanks!

Last year, boys from **Eton College** in the UK raised funds for a rugby tour to South Africa as well as additional funds to purchase a bus (right) for Sethani.

Lynne Keeble of Sethani UK was instrumental in facilitating the relationship between Eton and Sethani South Africa.

The Eton boys (*below right*) also visited Sethani during their tour of KwaZulu-Natal and spent a day helping out with tasks at the Centre and later found some time to teach the KwaNgcolosi boys some of their rugby skills!

The boys camped at nearby Inanda Dam that night before resuming their rugby tour in the morning.



**Ubuntu Community Chest** recently donated some curtains for our Resource Centre, as well as shoes which will be distributed to needy families in the KwaNgcolosi area.

Every month, **Feed The Babies Fund** provides Sethani with Boxes of much-needed Amandla porridge and powdered milk for the children of Bongimpilo Crèche.



## How you can help

If you can help us with any of the following, we would be very appreciative.

- White board & markers
- Flip chart & pens
- Practical IT support
- Children's ministry/activities
- Food, clothing & blankets
- Your ongoing prayers