

Kidzpositive® 2015

APRIL



WOW! Who would have thought that we would be celebrating Easter in a few days. This year is really flying by and The Kidzpositive Family Fund is enjoying every challenge that the year is bringing along with it. We have had some exciting developments in 2015 and thank you for your constant support. We're hoping to bring you some exciting news very soon about new projects at various community based clinics in Cape Town.

GWEN

Our Adolescent Clinic started the year off with an exceptionally busy January, as teens streamed back from their holidays in the Eastern Cape. Jenny, our psychologist, remains an invaluable part of this service, offering much needed psychological support for these vulnerable young people. Despite having family planning available, teenage pregnancy remains an issue and our counsellors, doctors, psychologist and nurses are presenting a united front by encouraging young people to use contraception. Mitchell's Plain Adolescent Clinic is finally offering a regular support group, which seems to be running reasonably well despite changes in staff at the clinic. The young people certainly seem to appreciate having adolescent specific services.



CINDY

Kidzpositive's Positive Beadwork Project sadly had a very quiet start to the year, with only a few, small orders. However, things have dramatically changed for the better from the beginning of March! We now have several large orders on the go with a few other smaller orders, which will ensure that the mothers can earn up to R 500 per week, for the next couple of months.

These orders are mainly from previous customers, or from those who have read of the project from the information on the small cards we insert with all items we deliver.

The new clients have been enthusiastic about ordering our products. They found out about us at previous conferences, where our name badge holders or lanyards were being used.

We hope this increased work-load will continue for many months to come! Keep in mind that we can design work specifically for any client, company, school or tertiary academic institution. Our interactive beadwork design site is accessible through www.kidzpositive.org/beatwork/



FIONA

The Advanced Counselling and Health Literacy Course continues to extend comprehensive knowledge and skills training to lay health care workers and youth leaders. In 2015, we have two consecutive intakes. We are training a total of thirty-five students from nine separate organisations. Our teaching faculty is made up from educators in counselling and health, clinicians and allied health professionals, most of whom are members of the School of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town.

We know of no other counsellors' course that provides its trainees with such a wide range of essential, problem-orientated learning opportunities. Our graduates add exceptional value to their treatment teams.





JESSICA

GO KIDZ and Occupational Therapy (OT) services continue to run in Albow Gardens, Crossroads, Du Noon, Groote Schuur Hospital and Victoria Hospital. We have employed a new OT, Caragh Philip, to run individual OT sessions with children aged 6 months to 8 years at the Groote Schuur Hospital ARV clinic. This year we are also funding one of our OTs to treat children at Miracle Kidz once a week. Miracle Kidz is a safe house for temporary placement of children until they find foster homes. Our OT treats HIV-positive children and other vulnerable children who are struggling with developmental delay.

JESSE

Miracle Kidz is a safe house for children in Constantia. It is run by Elsie whose passion is caring for children needing some love and stimulation. The safe house is a temporary placement until the children find forever homes (adopted) or go back to their families once social work intervention has helped to restore family function. Elsie has also adopted some children of her own but all the children regard her as their mom and she loves them and cares for them all the same. Miracle Kidz needed an OT to help with some of their children who are developmentally delayed. They also have older children who have learning difficulties who are assessed and given home programs.

FUNDRAISING

We are very grateful to all the riders who represented Kidzpositive in the CTCT (Cape Town Cycle Tour) this year. We had over 40 riders riding in our colours and collectively they raised over R50, 000.00 for our projects. We wish our 20 OMTO (Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon) participants who will be running this weekend all the best. We know that you will be doing us proud.

We are also happy to announce that KPFF has (through an off-shore funder) employed two contract paediatricians to assist with "Gastro Season" at Victoria Hospital. With your support we can help deliver excellent services at our local hospitals and clinics.

KPFF is excited to announce that we will be hosting our second annual Golf Day at Mowbray Golf Course. Please feel free to contact us on for amazing sponsorship and four-ball opportunities.



We would like to also take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of KPFF. Your support, regardless of how big or small, is vital to us and ensures that we can deliver on much needed services though-out Cape Town. We look forward to expanding our projects into other clinics and hospitals during 2015/16 financial year.

We wish you and your family well over the Easter period.

Please consider donating your PnP Smart Shopper to Kidzpositive and please keep swiping your My Village cards at Woolworths

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Kidzpositive Family Fund, Nedbank, Account Number 1021 275 743 Branch Code 198-765 or via
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THE KIDZPOSITIVE TEAM

