

CHARTWELL ... giving back by means of socio-development

Crèche Upliftment Program

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Chartwell's socio-development focus during its 2012 financial year is to make a difference in disadvantaged communities where pre-schools, although offering a centre for toddlers to 6 year olds – **being a child's** very informative learning years – are unequipped, sterile and in dire need of help. For this particular project, Chartwell made contact with the Community Outreach Program Trust (COPTrust) to help identify creches' in the township of Tembisa just outside Johannesburg where Chartwell could make a difference.

Through COPTrust's work in the community, they identified to Chartwell 2 pre-schools for our consideration. Although Chartwell were invited to select a school of their choice after meeting the teachers in both schools, it proved very difficult to turn one of the selected schools down.

Thus a determined effort was required in order to accomplish not just one upliftment, but two, in an allocated day of giving back in a socio-development way.

On 18 October 2011, Chartwell, and assisted by volunteers from COPTrust, made a difference in the learning environment of some 40 children from disadvantaged communities in Tembisa.

2.0 BACKGROUND TO THE 2 PROJECTS

2.1 Kopanong Crèche and Pre-School

Kopanong crèche is located in the Isiphetweni Section of Tembisa. Two teachers run the Kopanong crèche and pre-school, Lydia and Daphney. Both Lydia and Daphney have been through the COPTrust crèche course and have shown great initiative in trying to create an education facility. Most children come from RDP or informal settlement homes, thus income at the school is at a minimum. The school is run out of **the single garage attached to one of the teacher's home.**

Although Lydia and Daphney showed the initiative to create an education facility, their funding was very limited and the pre-school was really a concrete garage with little, if any, educational toys and stimulation aids.

23 children, some babies, currently attend Kopanong Crèche and Pre-School.

On Monday 10 October, Chartwell visited Kopanong Crèche and Pre-School and measured up for the re-vamp to take place on Tuesday 18 October 2011.

2.2 Evy's Day Care

Evy's day care is located in the Teanong Section of Tembisa. Evelyn is the homeowner and teacher and after completing the COPTrust crèche course in 2010, converted her garage and small adjoining lounge into an education facility for pre-school children in her area. Evelyn is very enthusiastic and attends any course offered by COPTrust so that she can elevate herself to be a better educator.

Evy's day care has 20 children enrolled, and 3 babies.

On Monday 10 October, Chartwell visited Evy's Day Care and measured up for the re-vamp to take place on Tuesday 18 October 2011.

3.0 THE KOPANONG PROJECT

3.1 Before



The teachers: Daphney and Lydia

The school and the children



No storage space, broken toys

Eager little learners

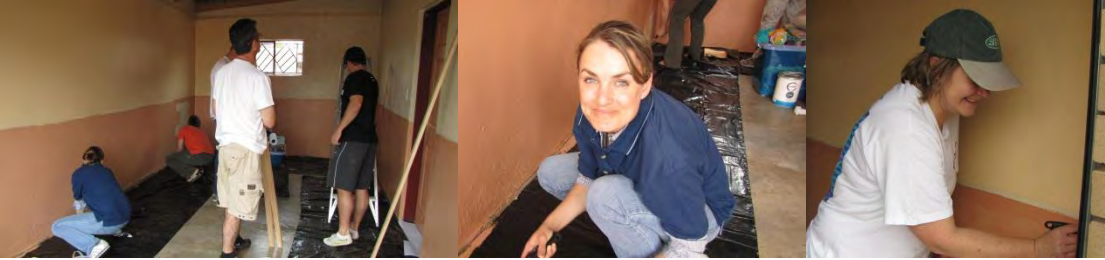
Measuring up



A song from the children

Kopanong school ... as it was before

3.2 The Re-vamp



3.3 A Party for the Children as the Re-vamp Progressed

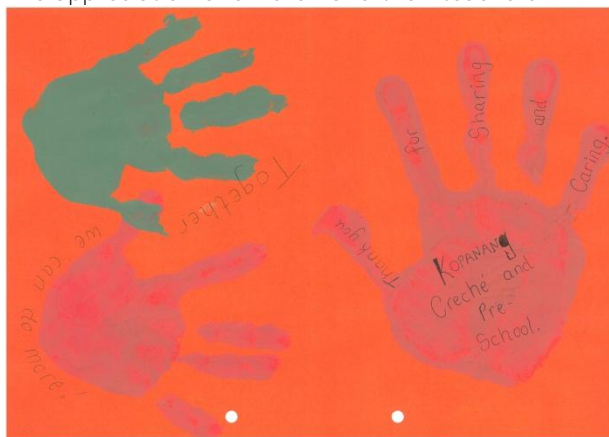


3.4 Kopanong Crèche and Pre-school Today





The appreciation of children and their teachers



Dear Cheryl
x
Chartwell

You have changed
our Lives. We now
look smart and like
a brand new School.
You have helped us
a lot

Lindy x
Daphney

1 Mabeli Komo
2 Sethu Mella
3 Olga Rabura
4 Junior Manganyi
5 Tshogo Mashige
6 Mpho Moola
7 Khanyisa Maswanganyi
8 Lethabo Mofhele
9 Junior Mosewa
10 Rosinah Motsoa
11 Zimang Ntse
12 Seobabese Ramotlana
13 Kapele Molepe
14 Tshogo Moleka
15 Roneua Makwela
16 Kabele Mombela
17 Morah Seabi
18 Janyo Seepad
19 Khamogile Molei
20 Ntsele Rikhotse
21 Tshogo Moleka
22 Rethabile Rankapole
23 Thandile Mokgodi

Thanks

4.0 EVY'S DAY CARE PROJECT

4.1 Before



Teacher Evelyn and her mother



The children at their school

4.2 The Re-vamp



Help given by COPTrust to paint the school prior to 18 October – which allowed Chartwell the opportunity to complete both schools on our designated socio-development day

The Chartwell team re-vamping at Evy's Pre-School on 18 October





4.3 **Evy's Day Care Today**





The appreciation of Evelyn and the children



5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chartwell is grateful to the assistance given by COPTrust and in particular Lucas and Leonie **Scheepers and their team who identified the 2 creche's** where enterprise and enthusiasm was shown by the teachers, and who in their own right were making a place of education in garages on their homes and where they were providing a safe place for pre-school children in the area.

The entire Chartwell team based in Johannesburg had a share in this endearing project. Chartwell looks forward to the participation of Cape Town based colleagues in a similar project to be undertaken in an under-privileged area in the Western Cape in the first quarter of 2012.

Chartwell is grateful for the opportunity and experience where we could indeed make a difference to these two pre-school's in the township of Tembisa.