



# NEWSLETTER

## Golf day - 17 Mar '16

"Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where it lies"



The kids had their first hand at the sport, golf. Part of our vision is to expose them to activities that will push them outside their comfort zone. We believe who you surround yourself with is who you become



## SocialMedia



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ElnaBritzMemorialGolfDay2016



## Annual Fundraiser

Again we were extremely privileged to be the beneficiary of the funds raised at the annual Elna Britz memorial golf day. The event took place on 17 March 2016 at De Zalze Golf course outside Stellenbosch and was organised and hosted by Synergy.

23 4-Ball entries challenged each other for victory. The guys played some serious golf, and even though only one team can claim victory, each team walked away with a prize.

The head prefects of Hermes Primary and Chatsworth Primary attended the event together with their principles and had the opportunity to interact with the golfers while serving smoothies at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. Much fun was had when the kids were given the opportunity to practice their putting skills on the warm-up green. Special word of thanks to all the sponsors and the event organiser, Priscilla Doig from Synergy, whose boundless energy and passion again ensured that the event was a huge success.





### Kids surprise golfers

On the day of registration, all the participants received a surprised gift in their lockers. The kids from Foundation Backbone wrote personal messages to inspire Golfers on the day and it was attached to Foundation Backbone branded cold water.



Even though the kids are the beneficiaries of the funds we teach them that Leaders are always giving back to their communities. They had the chance serving the Golfers refreshing smoothies and in that way giving back their time and kindness at Hole 9.

As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round.

### Who was Elna Britz?

The Elna Britz Memorial Golf Day is hosted annually by Synergy, Elna's previous employer in memory of her magnetic personality and kind heart. She was a gentle soul that always lend a helping hand. She was very involved in charity work and specifically with Foundation Backbone. Synergy organises every year in her honour the Golf Day and Foundation Backbone is the beneficiary of the proceeds.

### Do we see you next year?

Save the date, 16 March 2017

### Who were our angels at the event?

Below a list of companies that reach out and gave generously helping us being the Backbone in our neighbourhood communities. We encourage you to support these companies right through the year.





### Name Badges

Each child received a personal name badge during an award ceremony, where their achievement as Leader is recognised and boost to instil a sense of confidence as well as responsibility towards themselves, their school, their peers and the community.



Many of the kids' parents are unemployed or are living on a very low income. All the activities that we present is free of charge. At the annual kick-off we encourage the "buy-in" of the parents to ensure the family is committed to the program to increase the success rate of our program and efforts.

### Next event

Saturday 9 April 2016

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## What is a Leader?

This is our kick-off event and it is always very interesting to observe how reserved the children are at this opening event? The fear, the uncertainty of what to expect but also the excitement of what is to come. After the first "ice breaker" it is game on and the kids are having tremendous fun and show their potential and eagerness to be the next leader. Many of the kids don't eat 3 meals a day, and the banana bread in the morning for sure created happy smiles and provided lots of energy for the games, that followed the rest of the day. After all the activities the hotdogs for lunch disappeared 1-2-3 & satisfied many empty stomachs.

With Valentines day in mind, we decided it was a good time to spread some love. We melted some baking chocolate into heart forms and the kids wrapped the hearts in sweet little gift packs. Few of us can resist chocolates, so each child was spoilt with his/her own packet and the second packet was made "with love" for someone in the family or community that was going through a difficult time or needed to hear "Jesus love you and so do I"

This is also our message to you, reading this Newsletter. Thank you for your support and prayers!

