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First Day of the Saturday Academy Saw over 280 Children / Teens

Quarterly News

Opened and Ready In Spite of Challenges

After a very long and successful year in 2009, on the 6th of January 2010 we opened our office; the staff and volunteers were ready and fired up for an exceptional year. Within the first month we were faced with challenges to operate at the EMS (Emergency Management Services) building as they had their own commitments to attend to at the time. We have learned a lot within the years. We have tried and are still trying to find a home for Teboho Trust. We are faithful that in 2010 will be our year to launch the opening of the Teboho Trust Empowerment Centre. The community and supporters have committed to make this a reality in 2010.

Teboho Trust Advisory Board Steps In More

We saw tremendous growth since our Christmas Party on 16 December. More grannies and adults in the community demanded that we take on additional children. As a result we extended our deadline for 2010 to 26 February. In this short time, we saw 350 children / teens registered for 2010. There was also a demand that we bring an additional 50 adults through our successful small business development model. Our small staff was challenged (David Rantho – Programmes Manager; Thabiso Maesela – Educational Support Projects Manager, Sylvester Ezenagu –

Bookkeeper and Maths tutor and Mr. Bright – Executive Director). There was a demand that we take on more children and at the same time we wanted to grow our programmes and activities. In order to provide quality to each child, we had to look for additional staffing, though we had no additional budget. With the increase in children, we needed to build stronger relationships with their parent / guardian / caregivers and the community at large. Over the years, we have built a small team were all work well together in an enabling work environment.

To add to our team and contribute to a healthy work environment, we were joined by two Advisory Board Members: Ma Zenzile Buhale and Sister Lebo Mothae. They came on board as volunteers in the office to assist with special programmes and activities for the children / teens. Ma Zenzile Buhale is a parent of the Mayor of the Teboho Trust. Ma Zenzi is the Chair of the Marketing Committee of the Advisory Board. She has come on board to assist with administration and special projects. Of note, she has taken the lead on securing a location in the community to house Teboho Trust. She has mobilised the community and is consulting with relevant stakeholders. Sister Lebo Mothae is one of the adults in the community that believes in improving the quality of life of our children. She is also a very good role model for the teen girls and young women at Teboho Trust. She assists them with advice, as she best understands their issues in the community. Sister Lebo is also heading up our economic

development projects and she is the Secretary of the Advisory Board. Both are carrying out their functions full time with dedication, commitment and innovation. We would like to thank our board and these adults from our community for giving their time to help us create more legends in our township and beyond.

Making Connections & New Friends

On the 12th of January 2010, the Teboho Trust parents, guardians and adults met with MBA students from Cornerstone University from Grand Rapids, Michigan in the United



States of America. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the visitors to the small enterprises that the Teboho Trust adults are to register and for the MBA students to assess how they can assist the entrepreneurs. Over 30 adults from Teboho Trust and 23 delegates from Cornerstone University participated in the gathering. The Teboho Trust adults (mostly parents, guardians and concerned Sowetans) gave short presentations on their enterprises (e.g., farming, beauty, catering, flowers and crafts cooperatives). The delegation was then put into groups per the small enterprises to assess and discuss further how they can virtually assist.

All were overwhelmed and intrigued by this encounter. The delegates noticed that the challenges facing the Sowetans were similar to the ones back home. The entrepreneurs welcomed the genuine advice and support from the MBA students. By the end of the meeting, all have come together with a spiritual bond of brothers and sisters. All are looking forward to this virtual mentoring experience.

The meeting was not just for the adults. The Teboho Trust teens also participated. The teens noticed that starting a business without business knowledge / skills is risky. To be successful they realised that they needed to acquire needed business knowledge and skills. The teens also realised that they too can be successful entrepreneurs right now with a good business idea and a team of mentors from the community and Grand Rapids, Michigan. We would like to thank the visitors for touching our community with love and especially ideas that would give them something to look forward to...success. Thank you Skot Welsh for making this happen!

Teboho Trust Holds Annual Orientation for Volunteers

On the 16th of January 2010 the Teboho Trust staff, Advisory Board,



Learner Governing Body and the new and old volunteers all met to discuss how best to maximise the use of volunteers in 2010 where our children benefit and our volunteers receive a positive experience. The Executive Director gave a brief overview of the organisation and our Saturday Academy. Volunteers that were active in previous years shared their experiences. New volunteers were able to seek clarification on their expectations too. One of the main topics was to ensure that all volunteers that assist with the Saturday Academy receive relevant materials (e.g., curriculum, syllabus, suggested textbook, secondary learning materials, etc). We also discussed how best to assess the learners to ensure that educational support was appropriate and enables each learner to progress. All gathered to share new and innovative ideas that can encourage more learners to shift their mindset to become more proactive and increase their academic performance. The meeting really excited the new volunteers and the staff was able to learn from the meeting to make 2010 even better.

2009 Successful Matriculants Inspired

On the 16th of January 2010 the Teboho Trust 2009 matriculants went to Northcliff to celebrate passing the matric (high school) exam and receiving their senior certificate (high school diploma). One of our volunteers – Louise Bick – spoke to them regarding next steps and how best to develop a strategy to achieve their dreams. She really

got the young people to focus on practical steps and to develop a short-term plan to assist them through this phase of their young lives.

The young people were also advised by a group of retired professionals visiting from the USA. They shared their stories of working hard in school, working hard to pay for the university studies and many other sacrifices that they made over the many years to have successful careers, families and a better life. Their wisdom and personal stories really motivated our young people. The delegation presented the young people each with R200 for their achievement. Thank you Mary Brooks for bringing the delegation. It was perfect timing as our young high school graduates gained so much from the experience.

Congratulations to our 2009 Matriculants

As an annual tradition, Teboho Trust honours and congratulates the successful learners every year. On the 16th of January 2010 the matriculates were gathered at Northcliff to celebrate their hard work with a festive meal. They wore



their orange Teboho Trust for their last activity in the organisation.

They all had a reflective session on their struggles and how thankful they were for making it this far. Out of a seven matriculants in 2009, six of passed. A big well done to Refiloe Kola, Simphiwe Mjuleka, Mandla Thabethe, Clement Nkabinde, Nthabiseng Mdluli and Buhle Rampeba. May your hard work continue to take you far in life and that you achieve all of your dreams.

The Adults Register Cooperatives

During most of 2009, the parents, guardians and Sowetan adults met to acquire knowledge and skills in



entrepreneurship. The workshops took place at Phefeni Senior Secondary School from March – December 2009. They attended the workshops every Saturday. The modules included: personal empowerment and business skills. Mr. J Bright, the Executive Director of Teboho Trust, designed and facilitated the workshops. They learned how to build their self-esteem and develop characteristics to become successful entrepreneurs. They also learnt how to develop, manage and grow their businesses. On the 23rd of January 2010, the catering, beauty, florist and farming cooperatives met to complete the application and membership forms

for their cooperatives as well as the application to register their cooperatives. It was a happy day for all as they will soon become business owners. We would like to thank Mr. J Bright for coordinating the proceedings and extend our gratitude to Mrs. Teboho Skeele the principal of Nkathuto Primary School for providing her school as a venue for our workshop.

Young Women Empowered for Life



On the 25th of January 2010, we started a young women empowerment training programme for young women in our community aged 18 to 24 years. This workshop was based on helping young women to have self-reliant options for their



futures. The modules included: personal empowerment; entrepreneurship; and IT Literacy. The project was sponsored by YDT

(Youth Development Training with funding from the Finish Government). The project was completed on 30 March and the young women are extremely happy. It has helped them to be more skilled and knowledgeable in society as well as to give them economic options to care for their siblings / children and themselves.

“My name is Thato ‘Tea-tee’ Mazibuko and I am part of the young women empowerment workshops. Thanks to Teboho Trust for the workshops. I now know that I can make a difference in my life, community and the economy of this country. My grandmother has opened a laundry service business, and with the skills that I have acquired I will make her happy by expanding this small business. I was a bit cynical, due to the fact that I couldn’t picture myself as a businesswoman even though my grandmother has operated her own business for years. Since the workshop, I can picture myself operating the laundry business. All I can say is that I hope the world is ready for me, because I am ready to take over!”

“My name is Tumi Maumakwe and I live in Dube Village. I am part of the young women empowerment project, which was for two months. Being here taught me how to stand up for myself, to be proactive, positive and assertive. It is important for me to know where I’m heading in life, know my vision and practice the values I put forward to achieve my dream. I’ve also learnt that time is valuable in life and that I should always do

things accord to my plans. I have learnt that it is not easy to start a business afresh and that it needs planning for it to run smoothly. There are different types of businesses and working together is the key to a successful business. A business is like a person. It has to have a vision/dream, values and mission/planning in order for it to become a reality and a success. There are ups and downs in a business but as long as you believe that you can make it then nothing can stand in your way and you can make your dream a reality. A computer makes your life simple in a way that you can use it for your personal and business life on a daily basis. These workshops taught me how to communicate effectively using this technology and now I am able to sign up for my own email address, how to use MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint and to research on the Internet to develop a good business.”

A New Year, A New Day For Teboho Trust

The shinny, glittering, crystal colours of fire crackers on the dawn of a new



year set a trend that it was destined to be a good one. Teboho Trust started the year on a good, clean and bright slate. On the 6th of

February it was the official opening of the Teboho Trust Saturday Academy. There were over 280 learners who were full of smiles and ready to meet new friends. The number of learners was astonishing as the atmosphere was welcoming and lessons were very interesting. Some of the learners were very eager, others were very optimistic to venture the start of this blissful memory and most of the parents and guardians just came to witness. Mr Bright with his strict personality, Mr Thabiso with his structured plan, Mr David with his camera, Advisory Board with their supportive nature, kitchen staff with their utensils in hand and the volunteers with their stationery were all assembled to welcome everyone in warm arms. Pencils were sharpened, erasers were cleaned and paper was distributed. All the learners wrote assessments tests for English, Maths and General Knowledge. They also welcomed their new teachers and later played table and board games. For most of the children and teens, this was a fun filled day. New friendships were started among the children. Special thanks to all of the volunteers, staff and supporters. Cheers to a prosperous year in 2010

60 New Volunteers Join Teboho Trust Saturday Academy

This year we have grown in numbers and we are now ready to take on more learners to improve their academics performance in our educational support programmes. We now have over 60 volunteers assisting us with academic support

at our Saturday Academy. We believe that with the help we now have, we can reach more children this year. The 60 wonderful volunteers come from various professions, ethnic groups and nationalities. They bring a true spirit of volunteerism and love for the children. They are assisting us with English, Mathematics, Life Science, Physical Science, EMS, HSS, Business Studies, Accounting and Economics. To extend our gratitude we want to thank all these volunteers for joining our family. We are looking forward to building a good relationship with all of you. Watch this space as we highlight them over the year.

Over 250 Children / Teens Embark on a Journaling Project

The 13th and 20th of February 2010 was a breakpoint of blissful memories yet to come. On these days Grade 4-12 learners of Teboho Trust Academy were given the tools to capture key feelings, thoughts, dreams and reflections for 2010. They were introduced to journaling. They were given stationery, glitter, paper, glue, paints, colour pencils and exercise books to show craft a visual of where they see their future dreams. A majority of the learners were not aware that people keep key reflections, hopes and dreams in journals. As our children / teens grow over the year and acquire life skills from Teboho Trust, we wanted to help them capture these milestones to help them discover short victories. All learners were very happy and showed dedication and commitment towards their lives

through their artistic expressions on the cover of their journals. They will come with their journals every Saturday and reflect on how the previous week impacted their dreams, goals and interests. Thanks to all learners who participated on these days. During difficult times, they can view the cover of their journal; filled with inspirational images and words. These words and images will help them to remember that education is the key to their future successes.

Parent / Guardian General Meeting



On the 20th of February 2010, we held our first parent/guardian general meeting of the year. This day was filled with information and interested people wanting to assist in the programmes. Over 130 parents / guardians participated in the meeting as they were all ready to support and / or volunteer. Many grannies came in large numbers and have insisted that children / teens in their neighbourhoods must participate in Teboho Trust programmes to save them from the negative influences in the streets. It was great to see so many take ownership of Teboho Trust. We would like to thank the staff for making sure that everything

ran smoothly and the Advisory Board for their leadership in running the meeting. It was great to see so many people from the community take an interest in the lives of our children and teens. Moreover, we are grateful to see them come on board to volunteer and support our programmes and activities.

Speed Dating at Pro Bono. Org

On the 24th of February 2010 Pro-Bono.Org extended an invite to Teboho Trust for a speed dating evening with the country's top law firms. Together with other NGO's we were given a maximum of five minutes to present Teboho Trust to each firm. We briefed each firm on the work of Teboho Trust specifically asked the firms to help the cooperatives with assistance in commercial law, labour law and tax law. The many firms showed much



more interest beyond what we imagined. Several firms offered support and we were told to call them when our cooperatives need such assistance. Both big and small law firms are required by law to at least volunteer hours of free work. The Speed Dating event was very beneficial to Teboho Trust. It's great that the top firms are interested in helping community enterprises obtain good legal support. With successful enterprises, the entrepreneurs can care for their families and make charitable contributions to Teboho Trust.

GIBS share information

On the 25th and 26th of February our staff members Ms Zenzile Buhale and Ms Lebohang Mothae went to GIBS (Gordon Institute of Business Science) for a two day workshop. The aim of the workshop was based on serious social investing and leadership development initiatives. They learned about goal setting and performance grading. There were three giant companies that sponsored the workshop: Anglo American, Tshikululu Social Investment and GIBS. The workshop was a general guide to responsible social investment and a networking opportunity for NGOs. Ma Zenzi and Sis Lebo made significant contacts to take Teboho Trust further. We would like to thank The Global Fund for Children for sponsoring us at the workshop. We also want to thank Mr. J Bright for giving them an opportunity to gain experience, develop a network and to develop personally to interact with

individuals and organisations that can assist Teboho Trust.

Art Therapy Session



Art is a technique that helps the mind to relax and unwind with all the challenges of life. Art also makes us see life in a totally different perspective. On the 20th of February the Grade 4 – 7 learners were introduced to life skills through art. The learners held a discussion on personal identity. The learners spoke of their ethnicity, family backgrounds, language, community and social standing. They also spoke of their dreams of the future. The discussion was quite interesting. They had the opportunity to know more about themselves and to learn how to express themselves visually with the use of paintbrushes and paint. Each painting was creative and unique. They also presented their paintings in their respective class. During their presentations, the learners were very inspiring as emotions were high at some point of the presentations. We would like to thank Ms Louise Bick and Mr. Gregory Whittaker for giving us art supplies to initiate the Arts Programme of such calibre. This session will live on with our memories, as we now understand the power of art.

Alzheimer's Workshop; Making Things Easier by Sis Lebo

Lebo and Matthew went to a three-day workshop of living with people with dementia. The workshop was held on the 2nd -3rd of February 2010. Alzheimer's is one of the types of dementia. Many people don't know about this disease in the community. When most see their granny doing funny things, they say she is a witch. Alzheimer's is a brain virus. The more the person lives with dementia the lesser the brain functions properly.

Early Alzheimer's disease symptoms include: routinely placing important items in odd places; forgetting names of family or common objects; frequently forgetting entire conversations, can't follow recipe directions, can no longer manage chequebook; withdrawal from usual interests; and getting lost in familiar places.

Dementia progresses and has no cure, but there is treatment that can slow the stages (e.g., early stages, mid stage and severe stage). Everybody can be diagnosed for dementia, especially people over 55. During the 1st early stage, it's hard to see the symptoms. The symptoms appear between the 1st late stage and early 2nd stage.

In our next issue, we will talk more about the stages.

Let's be mindful of our elderly and not be quick to judge and convict them as witches. We need to

educate ourselves to better care for our elderly. Until next time.

Novo Nordisk Diabetes Bus Visits Teboho Trust

On the 6th of March 2010, we were visited by Novo Nordisk (Changing Diabetes) to test over 200 children /



teens and 50 adults for diabetes. It was quite pleasing to see our children / teens and adults going in and out of the bus; some in slight pain from the prick of the testing machinery. Our entire staff also was tested. Diabetes is a disease characterized by abnormally high glucose levels in the blood marked by excessive urination. This disease is also found in children and teens. Often it goes undetected in communities like Soweto as many are not tested. Type 1 Diabetes can be controlled with regular blood glucose testing, exercise and healthy eating. The day made us realize that we need more regular health awareness campaigns to better monitor the health of our children, caregivers and community. We thank Martin Salkow from Novo Nordisk for making this wellness event possible. We hope that this is the first of many engagements to make more people aware of diabetes in the community. We also extend our thanks to Mrs.

Kay Schirmer for coordinating the logistics.

Inspiration is Motivation

On the 20th of March a wonderful young woman by the name of Tumi Motsamayi visited our learners. She



is an airhostess with South African AirlinK. She came to give our teens (Grade 10 – 12) advice on how to become an airhostess or cabin crew member. At the same time, she inspired them to seek out all types of careers to better their lives. The teens were very excited as some never considered travelling to other parts of South Africa and the rest of the world and get paid to do it. Some saw this as an option to earn money to attend university if they are unsuccessful in obtaining financial support. This experience left our teens more informed and inspired to be better citizens of South Africa. We thank Ms Louise Bick for arranging with Ms Tumi to meet with our teens. Thank you Ms Tumi Motsamayi for taking the time to come to address her career path with our teens.

Financial Management Training for Teboho Trust Staff and Advisory Board

On 31 of March 2010 the Teboho Trust staff and members of the

Advisory Board participated in a Financial Management workshop. Kagiso Mamabolo from Goals Performance Analysts facilitated the workshop. It was beneficial in that it made the staff and board more aware of the need to manage public funds that come in and out of Teboho Trust responsibly. Specifically, the workshop focused income (e.g., banking, accounting and asset management); expenditures (e.g., petty cash, cheques, travel & vehicles and procurement); and conflict of interest. It made the staff and board more aware of the need to put in place stronger financial management systems and policies, especially as the organisation increases its donor and sponsor support via implementing the resource mobilisation strategy. We believe with the knowledge acquired, the board will develop needed policies and the staff will abide by them in order to strengthen financial management. We thank the Global Fund for Children for sponsoring this workshop.

Donations



We want to thank the following people for their support and contributions this first quarter of

2010: **Yeshiva College** for donating books, stationery and art supplies; **Sandton Action Sport Arena** for Netball Kit for our



learners; **Mr. Micheal Surdukasa and family** for contributing books, toys and clothes; **Mr Xolisa Dlhamini** for contributing novels and textbooks; **Mrs Kay Schirmer, Mr Gregory Whittaker, Ms Louise Bick, Mr Sylvester Ezenagu** and our Volunteers for taking their time to help us improve the lives of our children, teens and community.

Meet Trudy Ndlovu

I was born in Greenvalley, a little village near Acornhoek, on rainy 30 March 1986. I lived there with my grandparents for about four years and then moved to Nkowa-nkowa, Phalaborwa, Hazyview, Polokwane and finally Johannesburg. I matriculated in 2004 from St. Mary's School for Girls in Waverly Johannesburg.

In 2005 I registered for a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics and Insurance, because I didn't know what I wanted to study by then. During my study period, I changed paths and completed with a BCom in Marketing and Management in 2009. In my final year, I had Mr Bright as my lecturer. My life changed yet

again. I got involved in volunteer work as a teacher in Soweto.

Besides volunteering at the Saturday Academy, I work full-time as a marketing assistant, studying towards a BCom with Honours in Business Sciences (Marketing). I am also an Outreach Manager of a youth NPO called Peace of Educational Mind. I aspire to be the best in whatever I decide to specialise in, and to be a role model in social and sustainable development. I was Mr. Bright's student in 2009 for a Strategic Management course at the University of the Witwatersrand. While introducing himself to the class, he told us about Teboho Trust and how he had 200 children. I was so fascinated by the story and the impact it had on the community that I asked him if I could visit. Let's just say the rest is history. Since I started coming to the Saturday Academy, my heart and passion for serving those less fortunate has grown and matured in a way beyond my expectations. I've learnt to be patient, open-minded, loving and accepting of different types of people and their backgrounds. I have fond memories of the Trust, especially the Christmas Party of 2009. I had so much fun playing with all the children, meeting the faces I don't see on a regular basis, and bonding with my teammates. **P.S: Our team took the 1st prize!! Well done guys and gogo 😊.** The management team, Jose, Sylvester, Thabiso and David, and other staff members have been utterly amazing! I've learnt so much from them, especially when they think nobody's watching. Their

dedication and love for what they do has given me strength to do the same in all that I do with the children.

Learners Section

Since the beginning of the Teboho Trust newsletter it has been evident that a lot of stories are about the happenings of the organization and events, that we tend to ignore the voices of the people that make Teboho Trust Saturday Academy a success. In this quarterly edition we have introduced the “learners say” under the learners section, so that you can get a good glimpse of what happens in the organisation. The topic for this quarterly newsletter is “*Why do you come to Teboho Trust?*” It’s going to be only good news, most certainly it will be but the truth will also be covered. With the wonderful bliss of attending here it is yet upon those who make a success of it.

What the learners of Teboho Trust had to say

Nomaswazi (Grade 10)

‘Teboho Trust is exactly what our song says,’ Teboho Trust gives the skills to survive standing here in front of everyone is because of the skills I have gained.”

Gael (Grade 8)

“Teboho Trust is like heaven on earth, a place of peace and love. It’s a place where you always smiling.”

Nkosinathi (Grade 12)

“Since I’ve been in the organization for the past 4 years, I have been well taught. I have been obtaining good marks at school and this is a place where I wish I could be in 24 hours everyday.

Teboho (Grade 9)

“Teboho Trust is like home no! In fact it is home”

“My name is Simphiwe. I am a Grade 8 learner at SDA High School. I am a proud learner of Teboho Trust since 2008 and was formally introduced by my friend (Sibongile). I come to this organization every Saturday because I have extremely improved at school and need more knowledge to better my life; I am really enjoying myself here!”

“My name is Neddy I am 15 years old and attend at Orlando West High School. This is my first year at Teboho Trust and I was introduced to the programme by my family. I was quite and scared when I started because I was nervous but now I have began to enjoy myself.”

“My name is Tinyiko and am a Grade 11 learner from Endas Community College in Hillbrow. I recently joined Teboho Trust because I know they can feed a hungry brain, I love Teboho Trust because they make us feel at home.”

“My name is Modjadji and I am a learner at Letsibogo Girls High, I started attending at Teboho Trust last year. I was really happy during my first few weeks and thought that it was best thing ever. Honestly

speaking Teboho Trust has helped me a lot. I have solved a lot of problems and discovered a lot of new things.”

I am Katlego and I am 16 years old and currently in Grade 9. I began attending the academy through a family member of mine and ever since I have been coming in. I fully admit that my English has improved and that my Maths is getting better.”

“POETRY CORNER”

There are a Million of Things in the World

There are a million things that we have done
Millions of that I regret
Many wrong things I've done to myself and to other people
But today the things that I've done are stressing me
They keep rolling and rolling in my mind
And now I can't even focus on my studies because of what I've done
I wish I could undo the things that I've done
But because I'm the person that I am
I have forgiven myself, but there's this thing that keeps asking me a question
WHAT HAVE I DONE?
It keeps asking me this question in a very small voice
But one day I answered it then I said...
I know I made mistakes but I can't undo the things that I've done and the thing is I have forgiven myself before everyone forgives me.
Poet: Ayanda Marhwa (Grade: 8)

A Word from Our Chair of the Advisory Board

A lot has been said and written about the so-called lost generation whose obituary has already been written. Their parents, society and community at large have devalued them.

Teenage pregnancy, drugs, alcohol and substance abuse are the order of the day. Parents have lost all hope and given up on the fortune of their God given children. Is there anything or something that we can do jointly as parents and children to change this situation? I don't know but please read on.

Driving down Vilakazi Street in Orlando West (Soweto) on a Saturday morning is quite a pleasant and beautiful scene to witness. This is a very busy street that attracts hundreds of tourist and locals who visit the Mandela Museum and the two famous restaurants. It is also the only street in the world that houses two Nobel Peace Prize winners in the same street.

Amongst the throngs of people in this street, is a small group of young hungry and thirsty children wearing colourful yellow and orange t-shirts (hungry to knowledge). Take a closer look at these beautiful, tiny creatures; you will notice that these children are special and different from their peers. Their faces are glowing with smiles; their bodies are full of positive energy. Hope and courage written all over their angelic faces. Their body language telling a story of young talented minds ready

to face new challenge that awaits them inside the unity and unkempt building they call their home. Their spirits are not dampened by the cold weather or broken windows. Their dreams of a better and brighter future drive them forward, towards their ultimate goal and destination, which is education. Against all odds, they strive and struggle for knowledge.

These are the Teboho Trust learners who have sacrificed their Saturdays, friends and short-term enjoyment / entertainment for a better tomorrow. Thank you very much Mr Bright, the staff, board members and all the volunteers.

Surely the future looks Bright.
God bless
Mr. Phillip Mokone
Chair

From the Executive Director



This first quarter of 2010 is like a tale of two cities. On one hand there are many wondrous achievements and committed individuals. On the other hand, it's a battle to get the local government to support our work in the community. We continue to see an increase in the number of children registered and participating in Teboho Trust programmes and activities; 350 now. The community is increasing in their demand to

expand Teboho Trust to reach out to more children and teens in the community. Many others from other communities in South Africa and the continent are also anxious for us to expand to reach more children / teens beyond Soweto. Yet, we are still motivating decision makers to find a home for Teboho Trust in Soweto. I recently received a note from a single mom who had her son in Teboho Trust. Unfortunately she had to move out of Soweto to a township further away – Orange Farm. She noticed a negative change in her teenage son. She witnessed him making poor choices in friendships and school. She noticed that the choices were due to peer pressures and a sense of hopelessness and despair. She begged me to open a branch of Teboho Trust in her new township. She felt that when her son was with Teboho Trust, she didn't have to worry much. She tells of a negative environment leading our teens to negative consequences. She appreciated that Teboho Trust helped her to help her son grow and mature. It's unfortunate that the streets of the township are winning now.

I receive many emails, phone calls and letters begging that Teboho Trust is cascaded into more communities across South Africa and the continent. Some are willing to provide land, facilities, financial support and committed people. Many who come in contact with Teboho Trust are amazed and say the need is far greater than Soweto. The goal has been to develop a centre of excellence in Soweto so

that it would be easier to cascade the Teboho Trust model into other communities. Yet, after nine years, we are still struggling to obtain a home in Soweto for the organisation. It seems the community wants Teboho Trust while the government is slow to respond. Now the community has taken ownership of the battle to secure a home for Teboho Trust. They have witnessed this miracle and they know children that have benefitted from our programmes and activities. I'm sure that they will prevail on the will of government to assist us.

On the other hand, it's a pleasure to see so many children and teens doing better in school and building their self-confidence. Our children received their first term reports for the new school year. They are improving. Moreover, their parents / guardians come to us with great thanks for their children's improved performance. This keeps us going and ensuring that we are there providing quality to our children. We remain hopeful that we'll reach more children.

We've also taken on a new group; young women between the ages of 18-25. This was something new for us and the experience was extremely valuable to us. We've learnt more about their harsh realities and have expanded our model to reach out to them. They are now part of the Teboho Trust family and network. We are really looking forward to them establishing their own enterprises where they can become self-reliant. There is a huge

need to assist this vulnerable group of young people too.

We remain hopeful that in our next newsletter, we'll report that we have a building in the community to house Teboho Trust. Thank you all for all you do.

Let Us Hear From You

We would love to hear from you and share your words with the Teboho Trust Family and friends.

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