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Capespan and Kaap Agri collaborate for disaster relief in Knysna



The tragic and devastating fire disaster in Knysna and adjacent areas caused tremendous damage to many of its residents, and the informal settlements in particular suffered heavy losses.

When Capespan's Angelo Peterson asked Sean Walsh to collaborate to provide disaster relief, he agreed without hesitation and it was decided that building material to the value of R100,000 would be donated towards the rebuilding of the houses in the informal settlements.

The project was coordinated from Kaap Agri's Langkloof Agrimark by Jan Schoeman, Regional Manager, and Jaco Steenkamp, Branch Manager.

David Hardnick, the Principal Clerk of the Knysna Municipality's housing department, provided a list of

materials which were required most urgently.

On the 10th of August 2017 the building material was delivered to the Knysna Municipality by Jaco Steenkamp and Johannes Whitebooy, the driver and forklift operator. Patric Claassen, Store Manager, and Nomangla Khonzani, Supply Chain, took delivery of the material on behalf of the Knysna Municipality.

The material is now kept safely inside the store and issued by the Knysna Municipality to the disaster stricken areas with the biggest needs, namely Nekkie, Ou Pad and White Location.

This collaboration between Capespan and Kaap Agri demonstrated what could be achieved when two great companies decide to make a meaningful difference.

Groblershoop Agrimark Revamps "Die Kospot"

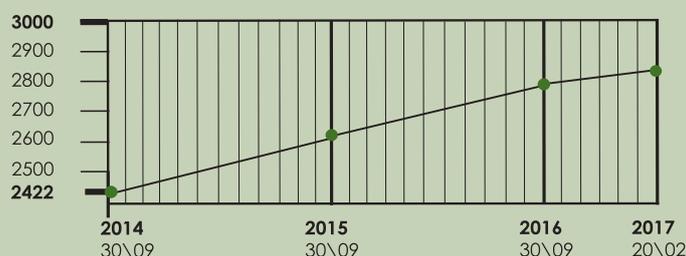


The primary school in Groblershoop runs a feeding scheme where meals are provided to 350 children twice a day. According to Eckhardt Kuhn, the Branch Manager of Groblershoop Agrimark, the feeding scheme does excellent work and provides food to those who are really needy.

The feeding scheme is run from a building which is appropriately named "Die Kospot". When this building was recently renovated, Eckhardt and his team donated the paint and they also did the paint-work themselves.

Eckhardt said that it was a wonderful experience to be part of a project in which the whole community became involved in making a difference in the lives of Groblershoop children.

Growing our family; contributing to the community.



● Aantal werknemers:

2014- 2422
2015- 2637
2016- 2774
2017- 2909

■ Persentasiegroei:

2014- 8.9%
2015- 8.9%
2016- 5.2%
2017- 4.9%

Agrimark supports Elgin Drummies



The Elgin Drummies

Hannes van der Walt, Manager of the Elgin Agrimark, reported that they again made a contribution of coffee, sugar, milk, cooldrink, etc. towards the Elgin Drummies for their trip to Durban where they took part in the national championships.

According to Hannes they performed well and in the Champs of Champions, they came third out of 24 schools. With this brilliant performance, they now move to the top league in the country.

Anne Keteldas, their public relations officer, thanked Hannes for their generous support in fulfilling the children's dreams, and making the community a great place to live.

Kapteintjies Day Care Centre Benefits From Donation



The Kapteintjies day care centre in Bonnievale is situated on the farm Drienes Rivier in Bonnievale. This is the only day care centre in the area and they provide tuition and care for the children of farmworkers.

When the Manager of the centre approached Drikus Steyn, Manager of the Agrimark, for a donation of shade netting for the classrooms receiving direct sunlight, he had no hesitation to offer their assistance, and, in order to save money, the branch personnel decided to erect the shade netting themselves during the evenings.

Woodline and Boland Boards also decided to come on board by donating poles and wood towards the project.

In her letter of thanks to Drikus, the centre manager pointed out that it was wonderful to experience the difference they made to children's lives.

Rondeheuwel Primary attends Kipper Production



For the past few years Kaap Agri has given learners of farm schools the opportunity to pay a visit to the Artscape theatre in Cape Town where the Kipper production is staged annually.

Kipper is the main character in the reading series of the majority of schools in South Africa, and the Krazy Katz Production House every year makes tickets available for less privileged learners from grade one to grade three.

This year Kipper's adventure was with the Queenbee, and for the children of Rondheuwel Primary the day started early with a plate of porridge being served to them before departing on the bus. The Hermon Agrimark this year assisted Lerina Nel, who organised the trip.

After arriving at the Artscape Theatre, Margit Meyer-Rödenbeck,

one of the directors of Krazy Katz, shortly briefed the touring group on theatre ethics and on what they could expect inside the theatre.

Needless to say, it was a breathtaking experience for the children, and they were taken to a fascinating world of make-belief. They sang and danced along with the actors, and their faces told the whole story.

After the show the group visited McDonalds where they enjoyed lunch, and then they went to a play park adjacent to the sea in Green Point where they had a wonderful time.

This annual corporate social intervention by Kaap Agri in conjunction with its business outlets is meaningful and it is "mens-mense" in action which clearly makes a difference.

Mandela Day Celebrated By Bredasdorp Agrimark



Morne van Heerden, Manager of the Bredasdorp Agrimark reported that they were approached by the Overberg Airforce base to take part in the 67 minutes for Mandela project which entailed the refurbishment of three schools for less privileged.

Morne agreed without any hesitation, and they donated the majority

of the material needed to fit new shelves and to restore the play parks.

According to Morne it was a great team effort which was concluded with great success. The project leader, Philip Brink, expressed his sincere appreciation towards Agrimark's contribution and for the value they added to the community

Citrusdal Agrimark makes contribution towards local youth week



The Hope Changes Possibilities (HCP) movement, which forms part of Hebron Community Projects, recently held a youth week for the children within the Citrusdal community.

As one of the activities, the children rehearsed for a concert which was performed for their parents. According to Karlin Eloff, the project leader, the children enjoyed themselves

thoroughly, and their parents' reaction on the concert was overwhelmingly positive.

Chris Gobbelaar, Manager of the Citrusdal Agrimark, donated the frames in which the picture below was placed as a keepsake.

In her letter of appreciation to Chris, Karlin thanked Chris for always being prepared to contribute towards the upliftment of the Citrusdal community

Wellington Agrimark touches children's lives



Photo: The children of Andrew Murray receiving their gift boxes

Wellington Agrimark selected the Andrew Murray Children's Home for their community project. Hannes Stassen, Manager, reported that Andrew Murray was the home of 150 children who were removed from parental care by the Children's Court.

To be in a position to provide for the children's emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual needs, Andrew Murray is reliant on aid from the community. Hannes met Karen Petersen, the person responsible for marketing and funding, and it

was decided that they would become involved with the shoe box project.

Hannes said that two houses within the complex were selected. House Aristeia (girls) and house Lourier (boys). With the help of Lerina Nel, Antoinette le Roux and Fiona Samuels, purchases were made for 24 children, based on their needs.

They returned with bags of clothes which were carefully sorted and packed with special care in boxes of equal size by Rachel de Vries and Irene de Klerk.

On Wednesday, the 26th of July,

an excited group from Wellington Agrimark handed over the boxes to the children. Hannes said that it was a very special and emotional event and that there could be no better reward than watching the smile on the children's faces.

Hannes thanked all who were involved with the project, and he said that it was a privilege to make a difference in these children's lives. He also emphasised that initiatives like these made one realise that we needed to count our blessings. 🌱