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Highlighting 2012 at FCD

A total of 299 certificates have been successfully completed since April this year. That includes 149 people trained. 84 New jobs were found for these students.

We kicked off with a bang by hosting the official launch of the Job Centre on the 22 of February. About 35 people attended. Then we started working hard to find employment opportunities for our students. We have once again been overwhelmed with the support from new volunteers, churches, organisations and have formed many new partnerships.

We continued to successfully run the compulsory Life Skills course as well as continued with Basic computers, Office Administration and then we started with a new course called "Bake for Profit" in June this year. We also joined a partnership with Red Cap foundation (Mr Price) where we trained 19 people to equip them for possible employment at Mr Price stores across the Western Cape.

Furthermore we partnered with LtE and did some Training in Scottsdale. It was an 8 day Life Skills course. This course is the first phase of a three phase project requested by the City of Cape Town. Marguerite, our Training Co-ordinator conducted this training and enjoyed it immensely.



Seven new volunteers have signed up and have been actively involved in the past year. We have joined hands with many organization including Checkers, Mr Price, PNA, Shoprite and McDonalds just to name a few. It would be great if we could partner with more organisations to ensure that ample opportunities are created for students in terms of employment and holistic development.

We have been blessed beyond boundaries. Gracefully given to by so many individuals. Supported by several new organisations. We have been made aware of growth beyond our wildest dreams. We have been inspired to keep building into people's lives, as these bricks cannot be broken.

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In this edition we will be looking back to be encouraged by growth. To tell our students stories whose lives were changed. To inspire people who still want to find a place to be encouraged to grow and invest in themselves. To give people a place to start serving in a project that will build people holistically.

Zakhe Puwana

From Jo'burg to FCD: An amazing journey

He was born in the Eastern Cape but was raised in Johannesburg where he lived with his father and mother. Later his mother moved to the Eastern Cape with his brothers and sisters and this was very hard for him. He only spoke Zulu and Sotho at the time so when he was 12 and his mom and brother came to visit it was quite a shock because he couldn't communicate with his brother since his brother was speaking Xhosa and he didn't speak Xhosa yet. They needed a translator when wanting to speak with each other. When he was a teenager his mom found out that his dad had been cheating on her and she was furious with him. So they fought a lot and Zakhe felt bad because he knew that his dad was cheating on his mom but was never brave enough to tell her. His parents worked out their problems and are now doing well and are still together. Later he moved to Fisantekraal where he is now staying. Zakhe is a hard worker and believes that one should always tell the truth. He is not married and has no kids. His motto is "to live a Life of Excellence"! Zakhe studied Radio and TV broadcasting at Damelin College and completed this 2 year certificate in 2009. Zakhe then registered at FCD in April 2012. He completed his Life Skills, Basic computer and Office administration certificates.



He then offered to volunteer at the centre and help out with everyday tasks. We very soon realized that Zakhe had a real passion for God, people and for training. So Zakhe was appointed as the Assistant Training Co-ordinator on the 1st of November and continues to inspire and work hard at achieving excellence in all he does.

What the manager has to say:

FCD has been running at almost 100% capacity for the past year and we have conducted various training courses at other venues. 60% of our students have found employment via our Job Centre since April this year.



We now have 16 committed volunteers who are actively involved on a weekly or monthly basis.

We had two very successful graduation functions this year, the last which was definitely the biggest in FCD history since more than 115 people attended.

We have spread the word regarding FCD at a number of occasions including a crusade held by a previous student, at Bergsig DRC's Plaasfees and Boot sale, and at Badisa's Poverty and Compassion workshop. FCD also presented a workshop at Durbanville DRC's regional meeting.

FCD was privileged to receive the Nedbank's Local Hero award for 2012!

FCD was also fortunate enough to receive a grant from the City of Cape Town.

A special word of thanks to the community of the greater Durbanville area for their passionate involvement in the success stories of FCD.

May God bless you and your families in 2013!



Bake for profit

We started with the bake for profit course this year in June and it has really made a big impact on the lives of the students who attended. The course runs once a week on Thursdays at the Durbanville DRC. Elaine Du Toit offered to act as trainer since she had her own baking school.

Here are some of the student's success stories:

Zukiswa Somlandu gets up at three each morning to bake vetkoek. She then sells them before going to work. She is supporting her two kids, her sister and her sister's child with this income.

Judy Herwel started cooking and baking at a crèche in Atlantis after having struggled to find employment and is now full time employed.

Ruben Nawata is baking up a storm in Paarl while getting orders from his church and other community members. He supplies scones for most of the funerals held at his church and is supporting his family in this way.

Our students speak up:

Here are a few testimonies which students have shared with us over the past couple of months:



Cheryl Maxwell

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that made this course possible. Thanks for all the help that was exchanged. May your dreams be fulfilled. May God bless you and guide you in the future. I will surely miss all of you. To the good Samaritan who always brings us eats on a Wednesday, A GREAT THANKS TO YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. To the people who have devotions with us on a Wednesday morning: Thank you for sharing with us." (Continues on the next page.)

Our students speak up continues...

Lorraine Ngoshi :

“I came to South Africa in December 2011 I got to know about FCD this year. The staff is very kind, humble and friendly. I have acquired knowledge and have learnt how to socialize with people. I am very grateful for what FCD have done for me. They go the extra mile for every individual regardless of their background. Thank you FCD for giving me this opportunity.”



Marissa-Mahmoodah Janes (Office administration):

“I would like to thank each and every one who helped me gain what I’ve learned here, everybody who made it worthwhile, I enjoyed every moment being here and I am going to miss the students and FCD staff. I grew to love you all. FCD, keep it up and help people. You guys helped me and I am very grateful. I now know more than I used to know. THANKS!”



Zenodean Grootboom:

“I want to share how much FCD meant to me in such a short time. I learned so much about others and their culture and their different beliefs. We helped one another and we learned to work in groups and pray for one another, But the most important tool I learned is to trust in GOD in all times. I want to thank you FCD from the bottom of my heart because you did not just teach me to become the best office administrator, but made me realize that God is everything. Now I can be the best and not just good but good enough.



Carlene Kleynhans:

“I live in Durbanville and have three kids the first time I registered at FCD was to know more about computers. I started with life skills and basic computers. What I learnt in life skills opened my eyes on how I lived my life every day and with people around me. On how I can become a better person for someone out there without giving money but just be yourself and give five minutes of your time to listen to them. Especially the devotions talks that they have for you in the mornings I learn so much that I have a better outlook in life and that GOD never gives up on me .The best thing that happen here was when Grant Hopkins on 24/07/2012 give us a talk about how you can always count on GOD whatever obstacles may come in your way he is always there for and he will never give up on you.”



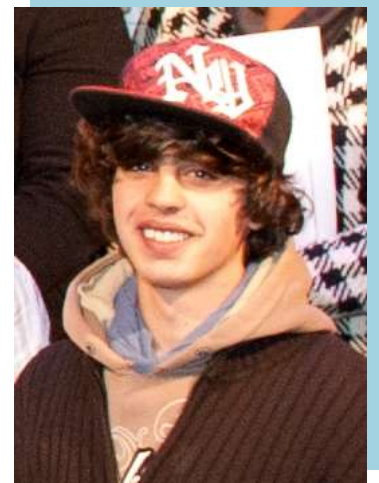
Antoinette Serene:

“I live in Fisantekraal. I Have I child and I live with my mother. The first time at FCD I learn more about other people and their culture, where they come from and more about their background, how to communicate with others and appreciate one another. What it takes to work in a group and also to respect each other. We pray for each other through difficult circumstances. I was taught how to improve your skills in different courses, how to get and keep your job. I came to FCD to learn more about office administration and I learn more than just that. I started to find myself in God and I also accept that God is everything and with His power I can move forward with the love and grace of God. I want to thank FCD for everything they have done for me which made me a better person.”



Teagan Max Nolan:

“I’m 19 years old and I had no idea that FCD will be so awesome! I’ve learnt a lot here from FCD and I’m not talking about the courses alone. Everyone here is more than great and has such a good heart for other people and great love for the Lord as well. In the time that I have spent here I have rubbed off from some off their love and care for others and for the Lord himself I did the life skills course and the basics computers course and I started with the advanced computers course – but I didn’t finish it. . I came back in July and the first thing Marguerite said to me was: “Are you here to finish up?” I was so happy that she asked before I had the chance to ask. I immediately went and sat down and started finishing up my course. I want to thank everyone here at FCD for the awesome support and faith in me to finish what I have started – and I’m am honestly VERY grateful for all that u girls did for me Many thanks, Teagan Nolan. God bless.”



Babalwa Xakwa:

“I am 22 years old. I live in Khayalitsha. Being at FCD made me acknowledge many things. Today I know more about living with different people, about God and what I need to succeed in life. FCD was always there for me in hard times they made me talk about and be strong. If it wasn’t for them I wouldn’t be who I am today. Now I know my strong points and my weak points. I thank you God for combining me with FCD. I felt welcome and appreciated, I was part of a good family where my problems were solved for me.”



FCD Training 2012: Tapping into unnoticed potential



“We have been extremely busy this year with the centre running at between 95-100% capacity throughout. We have trained 141 people and 299 certificates has been successfully completed so far in this financial year. Training has been conducted at the centre, at Durbanville DRC, at Durbanville Bergsig and in Scottsdene. We have partnered with LtE for the Scottsdene training and this project will continue well into 2013. Our Red Cap training is well on it’s way where we are partnering with Mr Price and the red Cap foundation. More volunteers has signed up and jumped in with training. We have received sandwiches for the students every single Wednesday by a volunteer who has served us in this way out of her own initiative. We have been blessed with dedicated volunteers who help out with devotions every Wednesday. Elaine Du Toit has been running the Bake for Profit course at Durbanville DRC and Zakhe has gone from student to volunteer to assistant training co-ordinator to someone we can definitely not picture FCD without. It has been an exciting, challenging journey in which we have discovered that we are really investing in people’s lives in a much more practical way than what we could ever expect. We are blessed to be a blessing.”

Marguerite Potgieter



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How God blessed us in 2012

The blessings that we have received are almost too many to count. We received blankets from the Basson family to keep the students warm while studying, we received sandwiches on Wednesdays, a brand new air conditioner, a brand new oven for Bake for Profit, many financial donations, time from various people to help with training, new electrical beaters from the ladies at Bergsig to use for bake for Profit, gifts for the



bake for profit students, food to feed an army for both graduations, soup from the Durbanville library ladies, items for a student's house that burnt down, support from Gretje Jooste in numerous ways and much more. So you if you have played any part in contributing to FCD in the past year, we would like to thank you so much. It has made all the difference and we will be forever grateful. We hope that you will keep building FCD for years to come.



How you can be involved...

Are you willing to partner with us? **Anyone can make a difference!** Meet us for coffee at the taxi rank and let's chat about the options! All training sessions are divided into 1-2 hour modules and there are various other possibilities depending on your time and interest....



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Wish List

**Pens & Little Exercise Books, Toilet paper,
Cleaning Materials, printing paper**

OR

Sponsor a student for 2012

Choose one of the following options:

R1 000 once off

or

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It is a team effort and we need you...

The project is dependent on donations. Would you like to partner with us by making a monthly contribution? Your contributions are changing lives of people and families.

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