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# NEWSLETTER

*Our dream is to create opportunities for all people of the greater Durbanville area to develop and realise their full potential.*



course. Some students commented: "Before I came to FCD , I had no idea how to switch on a computer. Now I have an e-mail address." "I learned a lot! It will surely benefit me in the future. I am really truly blessed". **Well done graduates! We are so proud of you.**

At FCD, **2014 is off to a good start.** There is considerable excitement with two Office Administration groups, two Bake-for-Profit groups, a Basic Computer group and some Learners License students. Most students are being trained as part of a City of Cape Town and Learn to Earn project. The City has also given a grant-in-aid.

## Nation Builders

The President's State of the Nation address has passed with very little impact. The elections in May will create a lot of hype, but are unlikely to result in significant changes from government. The overwhelming issues facing us in South Africa are easily accepted as our reality and we feel we can't do anything to change them. Or can we? **What if we find ways to partner with others in creating the society we long for?**

On 5 December 2013, **61 graduates** received recognition for hard work in the various courses: Bake-for-Profit course, Basic Job Readiness, Basic Computer Course and the Office Administration



**Thank you to those of you who are partnering with FCD - you are nation builders! If you would like to join the team, read the article on ways in which to get involved and contact us.**

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## Christmas party by Bake-for-Profit students

At the end of November, Elaine and the Bake-for-Profit students treated a crèche in Morningstar to a Christmas party with the most **delectable cupcakes!** It was smiles all around.



## Volunteer workshops in November

Two workshops were conducted by Paul Sturrock, the acting Director, to help FCD volunteers to explore ways to maximise their learner participation during training sessions. **Thank you to our volunteers for their participation!**

The wonderful aspect of this partnership in social transformation, is that as we give, there is the opportunity to move beyond our comfort zones and to encounter new realities. This can lead to changes in how we think and behave. **It is so exciting to hear volunteers' stories of how they have been impacted.** Look out for a feature in the June newsletter!

## A new look to inspire and energise

**What's in a colour? Come and visit FCD to see the difference some paint, and hard work by the painters, can make.** Teal blue, lime green and bright yellow have brightened up the centre and made it into a more vibrant learning environment.

These colours might strike you as a jarring combination. However, with Michelle Cole's (top right) interior decorating skills, they complement one another well. She also sourced a generous donation of paint through Midas Tableview??. Thank you very much, Michelle, Marc and Kevin!

**Well done** to the staff team, volunteers, Andreas (bottom right) - a graduate who cycled all the way from Blue Downs to help - and Themelani who painted, sweated and discovered new muscles!



# Our graduates make us proud!

**Rosina Mlata** attended FCD's Bake-for-Profit course from October to December 2013. She is the first student who has met (and exceeded) her sales targets every week of the course and has been a source of great encouragement to trainer Elaine du Toit.



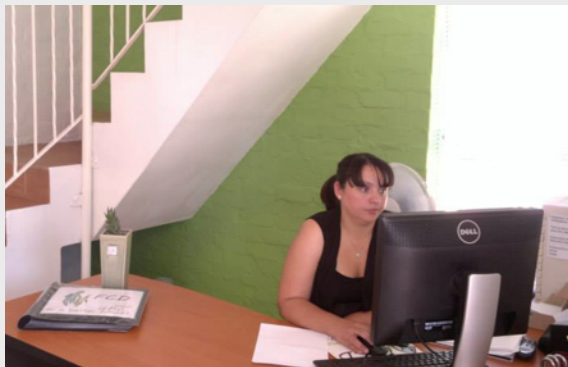
From the outset, she demonstrated her commitment in turning her passion for baking into a profitable business. She tackled her first assignment with glee and rushed home to sell her first batch of muffins and pancakes that she produced in her first baking practical class. Being the budding entrepreneur that she is, she immediately used her profit to stock up her kitchen to enable her to continue baking and selling and roped her daughter in to sell muffins at school. Creatively, **Rosina is "paying" her daughter for her efforts by giving her airtime for muffins sold at school!** Her husband, a taxi

driver, is very proud of Rosina's success.

Since starting with Bake for Profit, Rosina has been making a **weekly profit of between R200 and R300**. She rises at 4am every day to bake and is ready to start selling her goods at the Fisantekraal taxi rank before 8am.

Rosina is experiencing some challenges maintaining a profitable business and could benefit from **mentorship** from an experienced entrepreneur with an understanding of the challenges that living in an informal settlement brings. A small **fold-up table** would also help a lot!

**Danielle Michaels**, a 2012 FCD Office Administration graduate was recently appointed on a short term contract as FCD receptionist and job placement coordinator.



Danielle is married with 3 young children. **She has managed the transition from student to employee seamlessly** - largely thanks to her understanding of FCD's culture and course content, which enabled her to settle into her responsibilities in a short period of time.

Her **positive** and **helpful attitude** is contributing to the successful running of FCD's office . In addition, Danielle's input has been valuable in evaluating the effectiveness of the training provided to our Office Admin students as we seek to best equip our students with the values, skills and attitudes they require to obtain permanent employment.



**Right:** Always smiling and willing, Danielle helps with the revamp.

# It is a team effort and we need you!

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. ~Edward Everett Hale

## Thank you for kind donations:

The Foschini Group

Midas Tableview (TBC)

Pick n Pay Durbanville

The Rotary Club of Durbanville

Kind regular donations by **local churches and individuals** has been the lifeblood of FCD

Our amazing **volunteers**: serving on the board, training, hosting the website, book keeping, interior decorating, making tasty sandwiches, praying and participating in the spiritual development at FCD.

**NG Moedergemeente** provides facilities at which the Bake for Profit course is run weekly.

## HELP NEEDED:

- **WE ARE RECRUITING FOR A FULL TIME DIRECTOR.** For more information, please contact Paul on [director@fisantekraal.org.za](mailto:director@fisantekraal.org.za)
- **WANTED:** Contact details of businesses who might offer students few days work placements to enrich their learning, or employment.
- **Remember to like our facebook page** to be the first to receive the news and photo's!
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR** Training, mentoring, discipling
- We need your contacts and network! Please help with marketing and **raising some much needed awareness and funding.**

## PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Photo of Rotaries or paint place?

## It costs, on average, R3 000 to train a student. Please consider a once-off or monthly donation?

Note: FCD is certified in terms of B-BBEE legislation as an organisation for which SED donations are fully recognised. All donations received from SA taxpayers are tax-deductible in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act. Please send us your contact details in order to receive a tax receipt at the end of the tax year.

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