

Youth Newsletter



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News from the WWS Youth programme



Opening of Timothy House

Timothy House Opening

A centre for our Orphans and Vulnerable Children was officially opened on the 18 October 2006 where many stakeholders and supporters attended.

Youth in Action was formed in 2003, to reach Vulnerable children in the community between the age of 10 and 25.

School Program

This year we worked in Primary and High school in the community and on rural farms.

Future plans

- To conduct HIV/AIDS Prevention and awareness workshops to the Youth and Kids living on rural farms. We hope to target 10 farms in 2007.
- To implement more children activities such as Volley Ball and Drum majorettes.
- To organise sports (Basket ball, Volley ball and Soccer) matches and talent (dancing, poems, dramas, Choirs, etc.) competitions in the Vaalwater

Achievements

"Life Matters" - A manual for learners and teachers was compiled by WWS youth staff consisting of the following topics:

- Human Reproduction and Development.
- relationship and Peer Pressure
- Teenage Pregnancy
- STIs and HIV/AIDS
- Sexual and Physical Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Crime
- Media Literacy
- Workshop - HIV/AIDS

community.

- To continue networking with other stakeholder in the community to improve standards for children's activities and facilities within the community.

Thanks

A big thank you to all our sponsors and supporters and a special thank you to Kololo Game Reserve for their continued support.

Comments:

- Super! Topics are much relevant to curriculum.
- Very good and neat. Comic is good idea.

Events

- Some of the events and campaigns celebrated this year:
- Valentines day
 - Youth Day
 - World Aids Day
 - End of year braai
 - 16 Days of activism against Woman and Child Abuse Campaign.
 - School Aids Week campaign



School AIDS Week Campaign



Our Purpose Is:

- To promote education and healthy lifestyles
- To train youth in various self-help projects
- To keep youth in our communities away from criminal environments
- To create a safe community in which our youth can grow up and have a future
- To raise awareness about VCT amongst the youth
- To turn the tide of the number of HIV/AIDS infections
- To eradicate the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS
- To provide good role models for our youth
- To give our youth opportunities to learn to make informed choices, and understand the consequences of those choices
- To equip our youth with positive attitudes

WWS Provides:

- Environmental outings
- Life skills programs
- Guidance and career counselling
- Fun activities like: drama, dancing, sports and games
- Skills workshops

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Picture Special

Our program includes dancing, singing, games, aerobics, English classes, life skills programmes, sports, dramas, movie clubs, recreation activities, outings, events and competitions.



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The **Waterberg Welfare Society (WWS)** was formed in 2001 primarily to provide help and support to those individuals infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. WWS merged with Mokolo Palala Community Services which had been providing primary healthcare, Pre-school education and training since the 1980s. Our focus is to: raise awareness; promote preventative measures; provide home-based care, treatment and counseling for HIV/AIDS patients, their families and orphans, as well as the youth and broader community. We continue to educate and train on a monthly basis our home-based care & and community health workers and crèche teachers.

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