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**WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN BOOKS**

“Learners and school leavers; the sky is the limit, come and use the information in the library effectively. Parents and teachers; tell the children about the importance of education, learning and the library. School teachers and community; let’s work together to improve the level of education.” These were just some of the inspiring words from Mandisa, our librarian, in her speech at the long awaited and anticipated opening of Ikhaya Lencwadi (Home of the Books).

The new Zithulele community library had its grand opening on the 18th of October 2011 with an event held in the community centre, attended by around 300 guests from the community and from nearby schools. Our brave pre-schoolers performed a sketch showing how to use the library and how to handle the books, and the audience were entertained by choirs and traditional dancers from two local schools, who had even composed their own song about the library!



Mandisa addressing guests at the library opening

After the performances and guest speakers, all guests were invited to go on a tour of the library and receive more information on how to use it. The event provided a great opportunity to inform people about the library and it was a successful event that was truly appreciated by the community. As one community member said during the opening, “This is the first time we have had an opportunity like this, so let’s talk to our sons and daughters about working together to support and protect the library, everyone must come to the library and read”.



Opening ceremony for the library

**MANAGING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Who would have thought that 10 children crying in the space of an hour would bring about a sense of satisfaction? This is not an inappropriate appreciation of other people’s pain but a sense that it is far better for a child to cry because they hurt themselves in the playground than for them to lose their life from playing in the road.

Jabulani Foundation are incredibly grateful to have received a sizable and generous donation from the Managing Director’s Committee of one of South Africa’s largest Corporate companies, which has enabled us to do a number of things. The grant has made the building of two new playgrounds possible; one for the pre-school and...

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one for the community centre. Offering our children a safe environment to play in, as opposed to in the road, will make a huge difference to the community. The playgrounds are complete with jungle gyms, swings and slides and are already being used by plenty of children every day. It is truly rewarding to see the children playing safely in the playground!

The pre-school also now has a much needed and essential new toilet block with proper child-friendly toilets as compared to the single unsuitable long drop that was there before. The pre-school storeroom rondavel has been renovated for use as a second classroom and will be put to

good use by the implementation of either a Grade R or pre pre-school group. A TV and DVD player complete the developments at the pre-school, allowing for the children to benefit from educational movies.

Last but definitely not least, a portion of the funding was used to acquire further books and bookshelves for the community library.

The funding has been greatly welcomed by all involved and the effects of its impact in the community are already recognizable. Our sincere thanks go to all who made this funding possible.



New community centre playground



Newly opened library

## RELIEVING DISTRESS

When an 11 month old boy first presented to Mentor Mothers, he was significantly underweight. With no source of income, his teenage mother was forced to give inadequate amounts of very poor quality food to her new baby. Another two year old child with TB, living with his grandmother, was also malnourished. No Child Support Grant (CSG) and poor food security meant he often had to take his TB treatment on an empty stomach.

These situations are unfortunately not uncommon in the communities surrounding Zithulele, which led Kate Sherry who lived and worked in Zithulele for a few years, to start the Relief of Social Distress Fund (RSDf) in 2010. The fund was established to offer emergency short term relief and support to families in dire need, and now falls under the Jabulani umbrella.

Mentor Mothers (MM), a local Philani operated NGO, is the main referral source for this fund, as frontline workers in the community are best placed to identify families who could best benefit from the RSDf. The guiding principle of the fund is "a hand-up and not a hand-out" with small, low profile, short term funds or food parcels offering emergency relief to families while we help them 'get back on their feet'.

JRHF manages this fund very carefully. Specific criteria, amounts and duration periods have been put in place to ensure that this fund is not misused and that only families in extreme need benefit from it.



Emergency food parcel items

Through short-term support from the fund, the underweight 11 month old is doing well. The family has managed to organise a CSG with the money and purchase better quality complementary foods. The two year old has also had support from the RSDf through the supply of food parcels while the family has now applied for a CSG.

Seeds for the food parcels have been kindly donated by Starke Ayres and funding for the RSDf comes from others in the Zithulele community as well as outside funders. The RSDf is a good example of how relatively small amounts of support can make a great impact.

1000 from a 1000

# 1000 from a 1000 CHALLENGE

Siphenathi learnt to walk again with the help of our therapists. Junior is alive because his mom got an emergency Caesar and an experienced doctor was on hand to resuscitate him. Philiswa collects her life saving medication at her local clinic thanks to our pharmacists. Andile can hear again because he got a hearing aid.

They come from far and wide seeking the help of the multi-disciplinary team at Zithulele Hospital, which has grown from only three doctors in 2005 to nearly 30 professionals by the end of 2011. Furthermore, four NGOs are now active in the community, further expanding access to health and education.

Regrettably, in 2012 we do not have the ability to accommodate professionals who are interested in being part of these improvements. Accommodation remains one of our greatest challenges in Zithulele. We are now in the position where clinical professionals, looking to come and fill existing posts in Zithulele Hospital, and long-term volunteers, looking to come and assist the four NGO's, will have to be turned away as we have nowhere to house them. In order to make sure this doesn't happen, 1 December 2011 marks the launch of our exciting new accommodation initiative, the "1000 from a 1000 Challenge". To find out more please read the attached document or visit [www.jabulanifoundation.org](http://www.jabulanifoundation.org)

## Sowing Seeds for Change

Seeds 4 Schools completed the third and final part of the programme in September. The project involved over 200 students from 2 local schools and resulted in 30+ indigenous trees being germinated and planted by students on school property.

This year, as part of the project, students from Putuma JSS interacted with students from a school in the UK via Skype and email. They discussed trees, asked questions of each other and shared photos.

The top performing student was Zukile. He won 1st prize of a soccer ball for out-performing other students and a bonus cash prize for growing the tallest tree, even out-performing Roger, who set up and runs the programme.

## Same Heart, New Look

We are extremely excited about the launch of JRHF's brand new logo. Although the old logo has served us well it was felt that we needed a fresher design that also communicated what Jabulani is all about, specifically our vision and values.

The brief given to the designer was for a logo that speaks to community upliftment, health, and hope in addition to the other aspects such as joy, working together, rurality, and the power of prayer. After many attempts, tweaks and changes, the result is what can be seen below. We are very pleased with the outcome.

As a result of this, the JRHF website has also had a bit of a facelift. Go check it out at [www.jabulanifoundation.org](http://www.jabulanifoundation.org)



Website Home Page Banner including New Logo