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# NEWSLETTER

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



**In the 2012/2013 financial year, 409 students from all over Cape Town have completed our various courses.**

We recognize that, as the English philosopher, Herbert Spencer wrote, "Not education but character is man's greatest need and man's greatest safeguard." For this reason we pray that by teaching the students certain life skills and by disciplining them, God will transform their characters and so their lives.

## The Butterfly Effect

*"It has been said that something as small as the flutter of a butterfly's wing can ultimately cause a typhoon halfway around the world" - Chaos Theory*

If every employed person typically cares for 7 people, imagine the impact if 10 unemployed people find employment... Or 100 or even 1,000 unemployed people!

At Fisantekraal Centre for Development (FCD), we create unique opportunities to be a part of a significant life changing project. We aim to equip unemployed people with basic skills and to help them find suitable employment.



**We can not do this without the tremendous support of the Durbanville community and churches. We thank you sincerely for every thought, every prayer and every other effort - financial and otherwise - to support us!**

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# Looking back and moving forward

FCD's vision is to empower people and enable them to become employed, thereby significantly decreasing unemployment levels in the greater Durbanville area. This is a big vision in the context of increasing unemployment and the lack of effective strategies to address the problem. **In order to pursue this vision, it has been the plan since 2009 to build a centre in Fisantekraal** on land purchased by Learn to Earn, to which FCD is associated. Upon completion of the building, the land will be donated to FCD.



In 2012 the board decided to create a full time director post in place of the part time manager post in order to grow a more financially sustainable organisation that could embark on the building project and significantly grow the organisation. This has led to staff changes in 2013 which has been difficult.

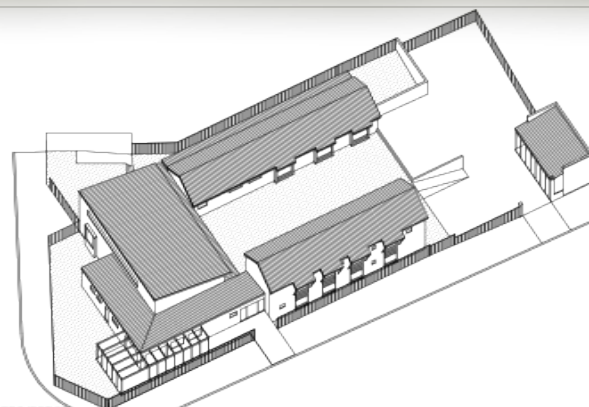
Mary-Ann Prinsloo was appointed as director in April and left in August. In order to bring stability and the necessary expertise to grow the organisation, the board accepted a proposal from Learn to Earn to manage FCD for 6 months which started in September. Paul Sturrock is the interim manager and Roché van Wyk is working on the building project and fund raising.



One of FCD's strengths has been its committed volunteers, including the board members. **There was a great turn out at the volunteers meeting in September** and people were very willing to get involved where needed. This team will be important in growing the work of FCD. It is amazing that God who can do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, empowers us to carry out his work of restoring people and building hope.

*Please pray and work with us to make this dream a reality in 2014!*

*It is a multi-purpose building planned for Fisantekraal that will host a variety of much needed courses as identified by a comprehensive community analysis.*



AXONOMETRIC PROJECTION

FISANTEKRAAL CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT

SKETCH PLAN OF TRAINING CENTRE & PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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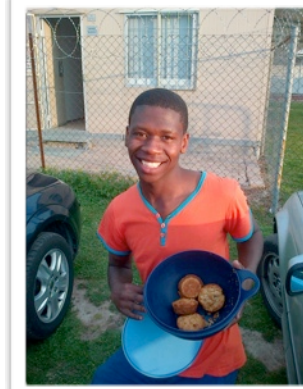


# Our graduates make us proud!

Meet a few of our students who have experienced big changes in their lives. We have been particularly encouraged to see some of our **Bake for Profit** students making exceptional progress after completion of their training.

**Hannelie Plaatjies** started her own little baking enterprise, baking muffins and koeksisters at a profit for friends and neighbours after completing the course. However, difficulties with her stove negatively affected her profit and she decided to seek formal employment. She says that the training from FCD gave her the confidence to believe in herself and her ability to improve her life. This confidence, along with her baking skill landed her a permanent job at a bakery in Stikland.

Other students are also experiencing the rewards of baking for a profit from home. **Rene Smith and Edith Venter** both say that although they are not selling as much as they'd like to, they are motivated to keep going. Edith says that she is "now more open to people and is more disciplined in her life, specifically relating to her business and personal finances", while Rene says that she is "much more confident in her abilities to work for herself"



**Mabuti Ntswane (22)**, a **Basic Computer** graduate, proudly shows his muffins. He is currently attending the Bake for Profit course. He lives in Klipheuwel. From a very young age, he worked on a farm milking cows at 4am

to support his sick mother financially. He also had to work some afternoons to make ends meet. His very ill mother went to stay with family in the Eastern Cape and Mabuti became the sole provider for himself and his younger brother 10 years ago leaving school prematurely.

Through the physical support, friendship and mentorship of Christians who crossed his path, he met the Lord and also gave his life to Jesus in 2007. He now volunteers with Inside Out and is in charge of the computer program at the Primary School. The Basic Computer course at FCD taught him so much and he can teach his students with confidence. He also conducts training four times a week at Klippie Kids.



He is involved with a sport programme and youth Bible study in Klipheuwel and assists in reaching out to the elderly. He loves his job!

Mabuti said "I really enjoyed studying at FCD, because it builds me up personally and spiritually. The staff at FCD makes me feel at home, as they care about and respect the students. The best thing about the training is that every day starts with Bible reading and teaching."



After completing the **Basic & Advanced Computers and Office Administration** Courses, **Candice Luyt** was thrilled to be employed by a local BEE company where she is confidently implementing everything that she learned at FCD.

# 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

**WANTED:** Contact details of businesses who might offer students work placements (few days) to enrich their learning, or employment.

*Do you have specialised skills?*

We need a **handyman** to volunteer for 1-2 hours, professional advice on **IT**, the **Building** Project, and more

**Training, mentoring, discipling**

Volunteers are welcome to help with **presenting training** to the students. Help is always needed with **mentoring graduates** and **discipling students**.

**NEW: TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON HOW TO ASSIST WITH ADULT EDUCATION WILL BE CONDUCTED EVERY SECOND TUESDAY AT THE TAXI RANK!**

**DO YOU HAVE GOOD IDEAS? DO YOU LIKE TO ORGANISE EVENTS?**

We would like to have regular Special Outreach Projects in Fisantekraal and around the Taxi Rank.

*Please Note: Students are expected to pay a small **commitment fee** for attending each course. Please refrain from paying it on their behalf!*

**PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE:**

Paul Sturrock and Elaine du Toit handing over certificate of appreciation to Stuart MacSymon from Pick n Pay Graanendal, for their sponsorship of ingredients for a previous Bake for Profit course.



**PLEASE HELP!**

We need your contacts and network! Please help with marketing and **raising some much needed awareness and funding.**

Would you like to partner with FCD in changing the lives of students and their families? It costs on average R3 000 to train one student. You can make a one-off donation or give monthly.

*Note: 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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