



Spring 2007 NEWSLETTER

The Huntington community received their first rain of the season and the surrounding area is already transforming from the dry winter vegetation to a lively summer vegetation. The local municipality is responsible for supplying the village with drinking water three to four times a week and with the recent rain to the area water supply for the community and their crops are improving.

HENNA PRE-SCHOOL

Since 2002 the children of Henna pre-school have entertained more than 200 guests from Lion Sands. Better education from an early age has been everyone's vision. With the help from all over the world, even the children whose parents cannot afford to pay the R35.00 per month school fees, are now able to attend. Our goal is to accommodate all the children from Huntington between the ages of 3 years and 5 years at Henna pre-school and give them a chance to be part of an education system.

We have also introduced a food supplement for the children called POWERPAP. This is a pre-cooked sorghum-based supplement that provides a complete meal, high in vitamins and minerals to help the body fight disease by boosting the immune system! This has been a huge success and the children's health has all improved since the introduction of the POWERPAP.

We are also very proud to announce that the Jungle Gym was completed recently and the children are all enjoying their new outdoor playing area. Thank you to MARITZ, an American organization, who sponsored the new Jungle Gym.



Before.....



After.....





HUNTINGTON HOME-BASED CARE

Africa Foundation has been assisting the villages bordering the Sabi Sand Wildtuin as well as other disadvantaged communities all over Africa. Their projects include building of extra classrooms, offering of bursaries for the further education and developing of some of the health centers. Huntington Home Based Care was chosen for a sponsorship on training of the caregivers.

The plant-a-tree project has become a popular activity for the guests doing the community tour in Huntington. The visitors have now planted fifteen Mango Trees, three Avocado Trees and one Guava Tree at the HHBC. The same project will start at Henna Pre-school as soon as the water is up and running.

The main aim of the HHBC is to start an HIV free generation. Since 2005, the caregivers tried to reach all the households, but most of the family members work in the Private Game Lodges and have no time to attend the HIV awareness sessions. The HHBC team has now started visiting the Private Game Lodges for HIV awareness lessons, voluntary counseling and voluntary testing and the response has been great.

Thank you for your continued interest and support

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