MESSAGES OF GOODWILL ADDRESSED TO
THE YOUTH OF SOUTH AFRICA AND OF LESOTHO

“Sport against HIV and AIDS”

Presented by Community Developments Initiatives International in partnership with the City of Tshwane at the Third Cullinan Annual International World AIDS Day
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AIDS HAS NO BORDERS

Getting to Zero

‘Sport against HIV & AIDS’

Programme

Official Opening

Keynote Speakers

International Messages of Goodwill

Signing of Pledge

DJ; Choir; Song & Dance

Blue Bulls exhibition rugby match

Soccer exhibition soccer match

Netball exhibition match

Open Youth Sport Coaching Clinics: rugby, soccer & netball

Walkathon; Tug-of-War; Family Fun Events

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Welcome,

*International World AIDS Awareness Day is recognised on 1st December each year.*

We welcome you to the **Third Annual Cullinan International World AIDS Day Event** and thank you for your attendance and participation.

**We welcome our special guests** including Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Local Government; Traditional Leaders; Sport 24/7 Lesotho, Community Leaders; Sport Teams, Coaches and Administrators; Women, Youth and Community organizations; local business people and members of our communities.

**Special thanks are expressed to all the supporters of this Event** including the City of Tshwane, Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation, Community Development Initiatives International, CDII’s We MiND Foundation, Zonderwater Training College; Zonderwater Management Area, Petra Cullinan Diamond Mine, Ransom Foundation, Blue Bulls Rugby Union; Claudine Claassen & Netball Coaching Team, Soccer Coaching Team, Arts Revelations African Song & Dance Ensemble and all entertainers and performers.

Special thanks also to representatives of Embassies, High Commissions, Traditional Councils, Local Government, NGO’s, community organizations, businesses and all attendees and participants in this year’s World AIDS Day Event.

To commemorate today’s Event, CDII has compiled this inspirational booklet of **Goodwill Messages to the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho.** In recognition of our twenty year anniversary of democracy, we have included as our lead Message a quotation by Nelson Mandela made twenty years ago on 1st December 1994.

**Goodwill Messages** have been received from, amongst others, the Chairman and the President of SAFCOC, Kgoshi (King) Mampuru Mampuru III from the Pedi Mamone Traditional Council in Limpopo and from interested people of all ages, including from 7 year old Tristan Rheeder of Despatch in Port Elizabeth. We thank our friends from across different countries and provinces for sending Messages to be included in CDII’s booklet.

At its World AIDS Day event last year, CDII started a **Pledge** to support anyone with HIV and AIDS.

This year CDII will extend the Pledge which was signed last year by Tshwane’s MMC for Sport, Art, Culture and Recreation, by the High Commissioners of Jamaica and of Trinidad & Tobago and by the youth and leadership of communities from Tshwane’s Region 5. The Pledge this year will include communities from South Africa and Lesotho.

This year CDII (Community Development Initiatives International), a non profit company, is partnering with Sport 24/7 Lesotho, a sports academy, to create awareness about AIDS in South Africa and Lesotho. CDII’s We MiND Foundation will also be running an Event in Despatch, Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape) which is supported by 3G Gemeenskap, NG Kerk Retief

CDII’s ‘Sport against HIV and AIDS’ Festival in Cullinan on 29 November will be followed by the Lesotho Princess Netball Tournament in Lesotho from 12 to 14 December. The Lesotho Princess
Tournament has been endorsed by the Lesotho Royal Household and by the Lesotho Netball Association.

Our own Message to the Youth of South Africa, of Lesotho and, indeed, across all countries is to “Live Safely to Love – Love Safely to Live”.

Warm Regards

Mapula Tlhagale, Don Leffler, Louw Allan, CDII Team; the We MiND Foundation Team, The City of Tshwane, Mpho Mahula and the Sport 24/7 Lesotho Team

FOR: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES INTERNATIONAL (CDII), THE CITY OF TSHWANE and SPORT 24/7 LESOTHO

Some 800-1000 youth from the communities of Region 5 of the City of Tshwane including 300 AIDS orphans attended CDII’s 2013 World AIDS Day Event which was co-hosted by the City of Tshwane and the International Labour Organization (ILO)
MMC for Sport Arts, Culture & Recreation at the City of Tshwane, Councillor Nozipho Tyobeka-Makeke, signs the CDII Pledge at the special 2013 World AIDS Day Event in Cullinan. Looking on is Region 5 Sports Officer and the Programme Director of the day, Kgosi Mphahlele.

Messages of Goodwill

South Africa

In recognition of the anniversary of twenty years of democracy in South Africa, CDII reminds us all of the poignant message made by Nelson Mandela on World AIDS Day in 1994.
Message by President Nelson Mandela on World AIDS Day

Dated: 1 December 1994

On December 1, South Africa and the international community mark World AIDS Day.

The fact that we can now observe this day as a democratic country gives us the rare opportunity to co-operate as a nation in addressing this most pressing problem. It is estimated that in some parts of our country, already one out of ten people are infected with the AIDS virus. And the epidemic is spreading rapidly. Young people, in particular, face the highest risk.

It is appropriate that this year's theme for World AIDS Day is "The Family and AIDS". For it is in the family that the values required to combat this plague can be popularised. Mutual trust and support, particularly between parents and children, is crucial in spreading awareness about AIDS; and preventing it. Above all, we need to work together in eradicating the legacy of apartheid, including homelessness, illiteracy, the lack of health facilities, the migrant labour system and bad living conditions - all of which have created fertile ground for the spread of AIDS.

But public awareness around AIDS is needed today; not tomorrow.

The challenge of today, to youth and adults alike, is to make lifestyle choices which help to combat this epidemic.

World AIDS Day also brings to the fore the message of tolerance and support. As individuals and as a nation, we need to treat relatives, friends and other compatriots who are infected, with compassion. This applies more so to orphans and infected children.

The campaign against AIDS is the task of all of us - young and old, government and community organisations, religious and traditional institutions, cultural and sporting bodies. AIDS knows no custom. It knows no colour. It knows no boundaries. We have to work together wherever we are to preserve our nation, our continent and humanity as a whole.

As Government, we will continue to take active part in AIDS-awareness initiatives. We will continue to allocate as much resources as Government can afford to combat this epidemic. However, success in this campaign will depend on the input of all sectors of society.

Now is the time to work together to combat AIDS.

Message by President Nelson Mandela on World AIDS Day 1994
GOODWILL MESSAGE

I, Kgoshi Mampuru Mampuru III of Pedi Mamone Traditional Council believe that sport and physical education can play an effective role in the fight against HIV / Aids.

Involvement in sport may help to slow down the disease in our young people who are HIV positive.

The Creation of safe and informal spaces to discuss HIV/ Aids through sport and games allows young people to learn about steps they can take to protect themselves from the disease and to avoid risky behavior.

I therefore urge the youth of South Africa to participate in sport in order to stay healthy all the time and to abstain from any sex activities.

I also wish to make a plea to my fellow traditional leaders nationwide to encourage the young people residing within their villages to take part in sport and abstain from any sex activities.

*Kgoshi (King) Mampuru Mampuru III of Bapedi Ba Mamone, Limpopo Province, Republic of South Africa.*

Message from the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC)

'Once again sport gets involved in the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS. As a sports movement we are obliged to be part of the fight against this scourge because we are all aware that sportsmen and
women are equally affected by this. It is a battle that needs to be fought on all fronts and if sport can be used as a tool to raise awareness and promote more responsibility then we must use it at every opportunity.'

President of SASCOC Mr Gideon Sam’s message of support

South Africa

Message from the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC)

As the CEO of the macro sports body in South Africa, I continue to emphasise the effective role sport and physical education play in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Sport has been identified as a key tool in the fight against HIV/AIDS among youth and young adults. Sport can convey the HIV/AIDS message ideally because not only is sport a favourite leisure, but it is also considered to be a good way of promoting respect for diversity, tolerance, non-discrimination and solidarity.

We encourage the youth of South Africa to participate in sport and emulate our sports heroes who drive the prevention and care messages in our communities.

CEO Tubby Reddy

2013 World AIDS Day Eve:
CDII’s Mapula Tlhagale, CDII’s Louw Allan, Trinidad & Tobago High Commissioner, His Excellency Harry Partap, Jamaican High Commissions’ Minister-Counsellor, John Clarke, Gauteng Legislature’s NCOP Whip, RefilweMogale, CDII’s Adv. Don Leffler and Claudine Claassen, Vice President of Gauteng North Netball Association and Team Manager of the South African National Fast Five Netball Team.
Messages of Goodwill addressed to the Youth of South Africa and Region 5 of Tshwane were presented in 2013 by the High Commissioner of Trinidad & Tobago, His Excellency Mr. Harry Partap, and by the Minister-Counsellor for the Jamaican High Commission, Mr. John Clarke. The Gauteng Legislatures NCOP Whip, Ms. Refilwe Mogale, presented a special message to the youth and spent time describing the role of the Gauteng Legislature.

Earlier this year CDII met with the Jamaican Sports Minister, High Commissioner and Minister-Counsellor. CDII introduced the Jamaican delegation to the Tshwane MMC for Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation, to Mamelodi Sundowns Soccer Team, Managers and Officials, to Blue Bulls Rugby Union Managers and Officials and to Gauteng North Netball Vice-President, Claudine Claassen.
MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH ON HIV

THERE ARE A FEW WORDS OF WISDOM WE WANT TO SHARE WITH EVERY YOUTH ON THIS DAY, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN INFECTED. REALIZE THAT HIV IS MORE PREVALENT THAN MOST OF US CAN REALIZE. THERE ARE STATISTICS PUBLISHED IN MANY PUBLICATIONS WHICH ARE AN ESTIMATION BASED ON A FEW TESTINGS BY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WORLDWIDE. THIS INFORMATION SHOWS THAT THERE IS A PROBABILITY THAT THERE IS A MUCH HIGHER NUMBER OF PEOPLE AROUND US, LIVING WITH US, PLAYING WITH US, WORKING WITH US, THAT HAVE NOT TAKEN A DECISION TO TEST, THAT LIVE WITH THE DISEASE.

WITH THIS IN MIND IT IS WISE TO CONSIDER THAT EVERYONE YOU ENGAGE INTO SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH MIGHT HAVE HIV WITHOUT KNOWING IT. THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH REASON TO START BEING CAREFUL ABOUT UNPROTECTED SEXUAL ENCOUNTERS. WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO WITH THIS INFORMATION, KNOW THAT THERE IS MUCH MORE RISK THAN SOME OF THE PUBLICATIONS WOULD REPORT ON POSITIVE FIGURES ABOUT THE DISEASE.

PLEASE BE AS EDUCATED AS YOU CAN ABOUT THE DISEASE. BE TESTED AND IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE POSITIVE, READ MORE ABOUT LIVING WITH HIV BEING POSITIVE ABOUT IT. CONNECT WITH A TRUSTED SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ALL SUBJECTS ABOUT HIV. ASK QUESTIONS AND GET ANSWERS THAT WILL LIKELY BE BACKED BY ACCURATE INFORMATION.

TO AVOID ALL THESE, STAY HEALTHY, PLAY A SPORT AND LIVE A POSITIVE LIFE. RUGBY IS THERE WAITING FOR YOUTH (MALE AND FEMALE) TO TAKE IT AS A SPORT THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTHY LIVING. WE HAVE TRAINED AND DEPLOYED COACHES AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS AND CLUBS TO DEVELOP THE SPORT IN COMMUNITIES. TAKE THIS ADVANTAGE AND BE ACTIVE.

REMEMBER YOU ARE POSITIVE UNTIL TESTED NEGATIVE.

“WE WISH YOU ALL A POSITIVE HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING.”
To the Youth of South Africa & Lesotho.

You have the opportunity to lead and guide the future. As we remember all those who have suffered or are suffering from AIDS and HIV, we urge you to live and love responsibly, to show understanding and acceptance and to follow a healthy lifestyle.

Let's think positive and be happy always.

Regards, Mehedi Hassan Kazi.

CATZ EYE (Director), Designer Wear, Park Station, Johannesburg.

International Affairs Secretary of South Africa, Peach Way Human Rights Society.

Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Dear Youth of South Africa and Lesotho,

As International World AIDS Awareness Day approaches, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers! Despite all the struggles and challenges this terrible disease presents, please know that you are loved!

Sincerely,

Aaron Kirtley  Arlington, VA, USA

Hello

I am sending my prayers and best wishes to you from Andover, Connecticut in the United States of America. Together we can eradicate AIDS.

All the best - God Speed!

Sonny Blinkinsop, Connecticut in the United States of America
United States of America

This disease affects the global community and we share the challenge you face. We think of you and pray every day for the strength you show in your daily confrontation of the resulting challenges from its devastation.

Jim Myers, Chairman, Seldon Technologies, Inc., Windsor, Vermont, USA

United States of America

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho on World AIDS Day 2014

Blessings be upon you! You are loved and thought of. May God protect you and keep you.

Amy Loader, Virginia Beach, VA. USA

United States of America

As the International World AIDS Awareness Day takes place, please know that prayers are coming your way from all over the world, not only on this day, but every day. You are brave, you are special, and most importantly, you are loved. Imagine that I am putting my arms around each of you; I wish I were in South Africa to do just that.

God bless you all,

Cheryl DeLacretaz, Austin, Texas USA

United States of America

We have not met you, but we are honored and privileged to know you and pray for you. You are made in the image of God. Your life is precious to Him. So choose life! HIV/AIDS is treatable and it is preventable. You can choose to be tested, and you can choose to be treated, because your life has worth and meaning. Your life is worth pursuing an education. Your life is worth pursuing community. Your life is worth pursuing love as though you have a long future and great hope, and are made for more than the present moment. We are thankful for you!

Nathan Barczi, Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Australia

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho on World AIDS Day 2014
We remember and acknowledge your courage and tenacity in the face of this deadly disease. May we in our everyday lives go the extra mile in solidarity for those who overcome daily adversity.

*Patricia Armstrong, Educator and Entrepreneur, Aidelaide, Australia*

France

How one can never. Say never, and that one’s biggest wealth and investment is not how much money one has in the bank, but one’s health!

*Laura MacKenzie, Brittany, France*

France

For years now in South Africa we have been talking about AIDS. We study it at school for a few years. We have this Worlds Aids Awareness. We have Different Aids foundations and NGO’s all working to eradicate Aids.

But what is it about this AIDS thing that the youth - and not necessarily the youth of South Africa and elsewhere - refuse to actually understand. Do you think it’s not true? Do you think ‘Well it won’t happen to me’

On a day like today you get all these sweet messages urging you to be careful and shame poor things should it happen to you but enough is enough now…..

The only people responsible for AIDS is each and every one of you. Stop looking at others who tell you they slept with someone different every night and it was fun. Stop looking at others who tell you they didn’t use a condom and it was okay! Stop looking at those that have wives at home and they have girlfriends who are falling pregnant. They are ALL sending the wrong message, each and every one of them. AIDS is serious, it wastes a whole lot of resources that can be spent on other things and sometimes I think the messages are distorted because a whole lot of business’s and departments are kept alive because of AIDS. Stop thinking it’s okay because ‘well there is medication out there’. The people who have AIDS shouldn’t be telling you it’s okay to have AIDS because ‘well look at me, my medication keeps me alive’, they should be telling you all the horrible side effects that come with taking AIDS medication and what happens to their bodies and how sick they DO still get.

Wake Up people and be responsible. Wake up and do the right thing to stop AIDS now. Wake up and have responsible sex all the time and not just sometimes.

Wake Up you men out there who bully girls into having sex with you with no protection. It's your AIDS Life sentence as well as theirs.

We should be aware and not be hurtful to those who already have AIDS but we should do everything in our power to stop it’s spread and that means that each and every individual person needs to be responsible NOW; not next week, not next month but NOW

*Lisa Bradshaw, Photographer and Director of Challenge-Activ, France*

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho:

Be encouraged. You are a unique people in a unique time. South Africa is staged for greatness, and you are the future of the country. Know that the scourge of HIV/AIDS will not end the bright future that lies ahead of you; we must all come together to fight the disease and its effects. We pray for you and bless you as you look forward with courage to the role you will play in a strong, vibrant South Africa.

Regards, Cory Costanzo

Pretoria, South Africa / Arlington, VA, USA
Managing Director, Ransom Foundation South Africa
Missions Director, The Willows Church, Pretoria
Board Member, Ransom Foundation USA

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho on World AIDS Day 2014

World AIDS day to me is recognizing those people out there facing the challenge of living with HIV/AIDS and to give recognition to those going out there to create awareness and removing the stigmas attach to such a disease.

To our youth out there I ask you to embrace this time and to educate yourselves with knowledge about HIV/Aids. To the world out there, we as adults should educate our children and set an example to our youth. Our youth should be guided and given the opportunity to be to be the best they can be regardless of what their background or health status may be. Believe in yourself, don’t let a disease limit your potential. Let’s work together getting to Zero new infections, Zero discrimination and Zero Aids related deaths. To make this change in the world, we should start with ourselves. Knowledge is power, know your status.

To Organizations and Companies etc out there, thank you for recognizing this day and for your hard work in creating awareness and helping those in need. CDII, may your event on the 29 November 2014 in Cullinan be even better and more successful than last year! Thanks for what you are doing! Let's all support this cause by getting tested, knowing your status and acting responsible.

David Hugo Viljoen, Ambassador: We MiND Foundation, Eastern Cape (www.wemindfoundation.com)
TO THE YOUTH OF CAPE TOWN AND LESOTHO

I support World Aids Day.....May the challenges u face on a daily basis help to make u a stronger person.

Never give up, Never lose hope, and Never under-estimate the Power of Prayer.

May God ease the suffering of all the people around the globe.

Best Wishes, Aziza Hendricks, CAPE TOWN

Message of Goodwill for the youth of Southern Africa

"It is vital that Communities are mobilized in order to share ideas and create formations that enable them to secure their participation in the well-being and socio-economic engagements about their own future.

In acknowledgement of the immense challenges facing the youth today, Future Leaders first commend Community Development International Initiative (CDII) for its outreach initiative. "We stand ready to work with CDII through strategic partnership on programmes such as Life Skills, Leadership development, Career guidance and most importantly Moral Regeneration.

Our preoccupation with Community Development today therefore entails the need to harness young people's ingenuity, youthful energy, courage, impatience and appetite for progressive social change.

As such, as CDII seek to improve the well-being of the communities it serves, we suppose the ideal is to make the very communities become change agents by developing their latent talents and harnessing their competitiveness to engage in an increasingly globalized fight against the HIV/AIDS.

The challenges with HIV/AIDS which largely affect youth, we encourage communities to heed CDII’s call for active participation. These days social cohesion has become a buzzword and sport has brought this concept to the centre stage. Indeed through sport, a lot has been achieved and the prospects to achieve more are obvious. The late Tata Madiba said “Sports can be a diversion. Sports can be a hobby. And, Sports can change the world.”

Likewise we support CDI and all its strategic partners in this initiative. Keep up the good work and wish it many more years of progressive engagement with communities in a fight to restore its wellbeing. HIV/AIDS know no colour, gender, status. It’s for real but hope is not lost for as long as we have progressive structures like CDI.

I am also heartened and encouraged that CDII approach seeks to cultivate a culture of active citizenship amongst our communities in order for them to secure their own future."
Thank You

Victor Sibeko, Board Chairperson, Future Leaders

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South Africa

To the youth of South Africa and Lesotho

As a teacher I am in awe of your strength and wisdom. Do not take it for granted. You overcome tremendous obstacles every day. You can be proud of yourselves for being a generation that is cleaning up after those who came before you. You are burdened with a legacy of poverty, discrimination and disease but you have the opportunity and strength to overcome this.

You can be the generation that can heal this nation. Love life and be proud,

Waldo Oosthuizen, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape

South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho on World AIDS Day 2014

I would like to send my very good wishes to all those involved in the Aids Day I am so very proud to hear what you all are doing for our youth we need more dedicated people like you. Well done and my thoughts will be with you all on the 29th of November.

Kind Regards
Jackie Lockwood, Kloof & Hillcrest, KwaZulu Natal for Wakefields Estate Agents

South Africa

We support your cause and wish you a peaceful and successful Event.

Magalies Women For Peace www.magalies.info
Hi to all fighting the good fight,

Thanks for this awareness campaign and for the sincere messages of goodwill received from all over the world. As a sports focused ministry we have experienced how the use of sport and games has brought joy, purpose and hope to the marginalized youth of South Africa, especially those in poorer communities. Sport however is just a tool in the hand of the Lord Jesus and we have found that it is only in personal salvation that lasting transformation happens in the lives of individuals. That change then brings transformation to families and communities. As individuals we must overcome our fears of having contact with people or communities who are living with aids and change our attitudes and hearts towards those suffering as a result. We have to love more, share more, give more, go more but most of all pray more for the walls of sin, fear and separation to come down. Psalm 72 v 4 – “He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.”

Andre Kotze, Operation Mobilisation Sportslink South Africa  http://omsouthafrica.org/sportslink

Operation Mobilisation works in more than 110 countries, motivating and equipping people to share God’s love with people all over the world.

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho

May you have the courage to face the present with joy and confidence, as this is the only space and time we have to influence our lives and those around us.

Radiate sunshine from your heart, singing from your lips and dance with freedom

Let us be proud of you

Erica Kempken (A passionate South African)

Die 3G gemeenskapsinisiatief bevorder gemeenskapsbewustheid ten opsigte van ’n GESONDE, GELUKKIGE GESINSGEMEENSKAP.

Gesondheid is ongelukkig nie altyd ’n gegewe nie. Hoewel ons daarna streef om meer gesond te leef, is daar baie faktore waaroor mens nie totale beheer het nie. ’n Gesonde gemeenskap word egter nie gedefinieer deur die afwesigheid van siektetoesande nie, maar oor hoe ’n gemeenskap sulke realiteite hanteer en mekaar deur moeilike tye ondersteun, respekteer en betrek. Dit beteken dat ’n gesonde gemeenskap nie toelaat dat enige iemand se selfwaarde benadeel word deur die onvoorsiene werklikheid van siekte nie.
Die 3G inisiatief wil hierdie waarde in ons gemeenskap onderstreep en mekaar aanmoedig om 'n gesonde gesindheid teenoor mekaar te openbaar. 'n Gesonde gesindheid word gekweek deur inligting en liefde.

Die 3G daag die gemeenskap van Despatch uit om op die Wêreld-VIGS-dag moeite te doen om meer ingelig te word oor hierdie, of enige ander siektetoestand, en jou gesindheid te toets deur na iemand uit te reik en te betrek by die gemeenskap deur hulle te nooi na 'n gemeenskapsamekoms. (Bv. skolesport, een of ander funksie, 'n erediens, ens.)

Jesus het op 'n keer gesê toe hy verwyt word omdat hy saam met mense verkeer wat deur die gemeenskap uitgesluit word:  

"Dié wat gesond is, het nie 'n dokter nodig nie, maar dié wat siek is. Gaan leer wat dit beteken: 'Ek verwag barmhartigheid en nie offers nie.' Ek het nie gekom om mense te roep wat op die regte pad is nie, maar sondaars." Matt.9:11-13

Mag ons leer wat barmhartigheid beteken en Jesus se voorbeeld volg.

Mag elke persoon en familie wat in hierdie tyd swaar kry as gevolg van siekte, besef en beleef dat hulle gekoester word in ons gemeenskap.

Namens die 3G bestuur

Frikkie Marais (Dominee), Despatch, Port Elizabeth

South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho

I support spreading awareness for people living with Aids/HIV

A - Awareness
I - I Care
D - Don't lose Hope
S - Show support

Please support people living with aids. It all starts with you.
Get tested and know your status. It could happen to anyone. Pray for a cure and never ever lose hope!

From Millicent Rheeder, Eastern Cape.
South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho

Ek Samantha Rheeder dink dat mense met Aids moet en kan gehelp word want dit kan met enige iemand gebeur.

Ek dink almal moet meer uitvind van Aids en hoe om dit te voorkom en saam kan ons dit stop!

Samantha Rheeder, Despatch, Port Elizabeth

South Africa

Ons koester mos maar altyd vrees vir die onbekende...So was dit met VIGS....Ek het die onderwerp verny, so ook mense met vigs. Ek het die volstruis houding in geneem. Wat ek nie sien of hoor nie bestaan nie. Moenie met my praat oor vigs nie, ek het nie kennis daarvan nie so ek willie saam praat nie.....Tot die dag wat ek die skokkende nuus gehoor het. My "Char" het vigs..Wat nou gemaak. Ek kannie glo so iets gebeur met ons nie. Wat van my kinders, familie, vriende? Dit het egter nie gelyk of dit haar pla nie, syt kom werk soos altyd. Ek was so ongemaklik met haar in die huis.....Tot ek eendag onthou van n artikel wat ek gelees het "Elkeen van ons is gebore met n taak. Iets wat die Here spesiall vir my in gedagte gehad het. Iets wat net ek , met my gawes en my omstandighede vir Hom kan doen. As ek die taak ontvang, sal die Here my toerus." Ek het die gevoel gehad dat hier iets wat die Here vir my wil se......

Sy het nog vir twee jaar vir my gewerk tot sy een winter long ontsteking opgedoen het en daarna was dit nie meer lank nie.... Haar dood was moeilik om te verwerk. Die feit dat sy VIGS gehad het, het ons nie minder lief vir haar geneem nie, intendeel die kinders het graag drukkies gegee, of haar bederf met mooi en lekker goedjies. Ons het haar normaal te behandel in ons huis, het ons vriende en ander mense se siening en opinie oor vigs leiers ook verander.

Ons omgee gebede en versorging het gesorg dat sy menswaardig lewe tot die end. God is bedagsaam en goed en Hy wil he dat ons, Sy teenwoordigers ook bedagsaam en goed teenoor ander sal wees. As ons ons gewillig tot God se beskikking stel, sal Hy ons toerus met Sy Heilige Gees, met krag en wysheid. God sal ons bemagtig om die siektes se las ligter te maak en so die wet van God te vervul.

Rita Olckers namens NG Kerk Retief
South Africa

To the Youth of SA and Lesotho for International World Aids Awareness Day

We wish you all luck, good health and goodwill for the future. Please look after yourself, love yourself and never expose yourself to HIV/aids.

Kind regards

Elize van Zyl, Christian Social Services Despatch Eastern Cape 041 9335126

South Africa

We really are dying everyday because of HIV and Aids. Personally I send a message of Goodwill to People who are living with this endemic and mostly Orphans who have been left behind by their parents behind. We would like to have corporate involved more to guide and support us on how we can assist.

Aaron Makaba, Thoto Village, Limpopo Province

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May you all become the adults of tomorrow that would learn from the mistakes of the adults of today. May you all run this country to what Jesus would expect of you.

Sandra Nell, Uitenhage, Port Elizabeth

World AIDS Day 2013: CDII’s Mapula Tlhagale and Louw Allan (far left and far right) present the Refilwe Orphan Care Centre with food parcels received from Pick ’n Pay Hyper, Kolonade, and other sponsors.
CDII records its special thanks to the Gauteng Department of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation for its support of CDII’s Programme to encourage AIDS Awareness amongst the Youth through performances by Arts Revelation and by encouraging Schools to spread the message of ‘Living Positively’ through the performing arts.

The Treasure of African Heritage

Preserving our Culture for future Generations

Living Positively
SECOND ANNUAL WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY
CULLINAN: 2013
MESSAGES OF GOODWILL

Jamaica
South Africa

Message from The South African High Commission on World AIDS DAY

Her Excellency Mathu Joyini, South African High Commissioner in Jamaica

The South African High Commission in Kingston, Jamaica sends its greetings to the youth of South Africa on this World AIDS Day.

This Year marks the 25th anniversary of World AIDS Day. First observed in 1988, the World AIDS Day was initiated by health ministers from around the world who called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater awareness of HIV/AIDS on an international scale.

This year’s global theme for World AIDS Day as selected by the World AIDS Campaign and backed by the United Nations is “Getting to Zero” meaning zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths.

As the world works tirelessly to find a vaccine to one of the most devastating viruses from the 20th into 21st centuries, we salute two fellow South Africans, Wits scientists Maria Papathanasopoulos and Dr Penny Moore who have made major inroads into the quest to find a vaccine to prevent HIV infection. We also salute those amongst us who tirelessly advocate on behalf of people living with and affected by AIDS.

We hope that more research work from South Africa and beyond will finally deliver the results that humanity has been yearning for since the disease was first detected some three decades ago.

Let us all unite in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

In the meantime let’s all stick to the ABC approach i.e. Abstinence, be faithful, use a condom!

Mathu Joyini
High Commissioner

MESSAGE FROM HON. NATALIE NEITA HEADLEY, MP
MINISTER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPORT (JAMAICA)

IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY
In the last quarter of a century, there has perhaps been no other global disease with greater, more dramatic and saddening impact with loss of lives than the ravages of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The African continent, particularly sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean have been hit the hardest.

Through the combined impact of increased awareness, implementation of an aggressive programme of promoting condom use and sticking to one partner and a drug treatment programme funded by the government with the assistance of multi-national agencies, among other initiatives, the rate of infection of the disease in Jamaica has stabilized somewhat, but there is still a long way to go. We are not yet out of the woods in terms of the risks related to contracting the disease. Perhaps, most significant is the fact that today in Jamaica, contracted HIV/AIDS is not an automatic death sentence, and one’s economic status no longer necessarily determine whether you will live or die as a result of contracting the disease.

The final plank of de-stigmatising HIV/AIDS, like the battle with other chronic diseases such as cancer has been the hardest to accomplish, but with the willingness of those infected to come forward and share their stories, significant strides toward this end have been made. This has put a human face to the disease, making it less frightening to the general population. Life is possible with HIV/AIDS! In this battle, the Government of Jamaica has also passed important pieces of legislation including that to prevent the indiscriminate firing of persons simply because they have the virus, thus ensuring those infected are not subject to victimisation in the work place.

We offer our best wishes as together we fight a common enemy and look forward to a day, hopefully in the near future, when HIV/AIDS will be a thing of the past. Until that day comes, however, let us continue to treat each other with love, understanding and mutual respect, in the full expectation that we can remain valuable and inspirational citizens of the world even with this infection. To our brothers and sisters in Africa, I convey our solidarity for a common cause, namely that of fighting the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

Hon. Natalie Neita Headley, MP  
Minister with Responsibility for Sport, OPM  
November 26, 2013

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF NETBALL JAMAICA: MARVA BERNARD

MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH OF SOUTH AFRICA TO CREATE AWARENESS ABOUT THE VALUE OF SPORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

The feeling is shared by many of us involved in world sports that the international community ought to be concentrating more attention on what sports can do for us in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

As we know, HIV/AIDS is the world’s sixth leading cause of death with more than 33 million people affected worldwide.

There is no cure for the disease but research has shown definitively that involvement in sports may help to slow down the disease in individuals who are HIV positive.

But not only does sports help HIV affected people to cope physically, it helps them socially by strengthening their self-confidence and sports programmes can be and are being used as vehicles to create awareness by providing a popular site for preventative education.
The continent of Africa perhaps leads the way in showing how sports programmes can address health concerns, particularly focusing on HIV/AIDS. Most centre their activities on sharing information using sports and games to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention and measures to minimize the risk of contracting the virus.

One of the most famous examples is Zambia’s Go Sisters project.

The Go Sisters project has provided sports opportunities to girls and young women as well as factual information pertaining to sexual reproductive health.

The health elements of the Go Sisters message go hand-in-hand with the promotion of young women as peer leaders and coaches for other girls and young women.

Another of these sports projects is in Kenya where the Masai Warriors used cricket to promote healthier lifestyles and spread awareness about HIV/AIDS amongst the youth.

Cleverly, in their message the Masai cricket coaches tell their young players that avoiding casual unprotected sex is like a batsman refusing to play the ball in the air so that he will not be caught; that being faithful to one partner is like preventing yourself from being run out as a batsman; and the use of a condom is like the batsman protecting wicket. That programme includes both young men and young women.

In Germany, many of thousands of HIV infected people are involved in sports partly because it helps them cope with the disease more effectively. They run marathons and box and some are even top athletes.

The message is clear, we need to spread the word wide and far both in the developing and developed world that the playing of sports is a potent weapon to be used in the continuing fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

THANK YOU. November 22, 2013

South Africa

MESSAGE FOR WORLD AIDS DAY

IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO START BY OVERLOOKING THE HARD WORK OF THE CDII TEAM FOR THE HOPE THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO THE COMMUNITIES OF TSHWANE. ON BEHALF OF GAUTENG NORTH NETBALL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A MUCH DESERVED APPRECIATION TO DON, LOUW, MAPULA AND RUDI FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN DEVELOPING NETBALL IN TSHWANE.

TO ALL THE SPORTS PEOPLE WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING ON WORLD AIDS DAY, I AM SURE THAT EVERYONE WILL AGREE WHEN I USE THE SAYING “A WINNER IS NOT THE PERSON WHO WALKS AWAY WITH THE TROPHY”, BUT IT IS THE PERSON WHO TAKES PART IN A POSITIVE LIFESTYLE, BY HAVING A HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND AND NEVER GIVING UP. REMEMBER, THAT A HEALTHY BODY CAN STIMULATE YOUR MIND AND A HEALTHY MIND CAN STIMULATE YOUR BODY IN SO MANY WAYS.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION DOES NOT ONLY TEACH YOU ABOUT WINNING AND LOSING BUT IT ALSO TEACHES YOU ABOUT MANY LIFE LESSONS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO HAVE A SENSE OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE IN LIFE.

IF I LOOK BACK A FEW YEARS AND REMINISCE THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT SPORT PLAYED IN MY LIFE WHEN I FOUND MYSELF ON A VERY CHALLENGING JOURNEY, FIGHTING A LIFE THREATENING DISEASE. ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS TO FIND RENEWED STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE.
THROUGH GOD’S GUIDANCE AND KEEPING MY MIND AND BODY OCCUPIED WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT I EAT, DRINK AND SLEEP EVERYDAY, AND THAT IS NETBALL.

I WOULD LIKE TO END BY SAYING, MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE, WHILE YOU STILL HAVE AN ABLED BODY AND NEVER LET ANYTHING EVER STAND IN THE WAY OF YOUR DREAMS. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITIES WHILE THEY STILL SPARKLE BEFORE YOU. AS WE USHER IN THE NEW YEAR, LET US COLLECTIVELY COMMIT OURSELVES TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER GOOD AND FAIR SPORTSMANSHIP.

MAY YOU ALL ENJOY A PEACEFUL AND RELAXED FESTIVE SEASON WHERE YOU CAN RENEW YOUR BATTERIES FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE COMING YEAR

FROM CLAUDINE CLAASSEN
GAUTENG NORTH NETBALL VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT

South Africa

Special Message from South African Olympic Gold Medalist, Chad Le Clos, on International Nelson Mandela Day 2013 for the Youth of the City of Tshwane and particularly those from Cullinan and Regions 5 and 7

Although one of the world's top hurdlers throughout his brief career Gert Potgieter is also remembered as an athlete whose attempts to win an Olympic title were thwarted by ill luck.

Potgieter emerged as a major talent in 1956 and reached the Olympic final whilst still a junior. In contention for the medals coming down the final straight he mistimed his leap at the final hurdle, lost momentum and slipped back to sixth. In the next four years he continued his improvement and, in addition to winning 440 y hurdles and relay gold medals at the 1958 British Empire Games, set three world records at 440 y hurdles.

A potential meeting between Potgieter and a trio of high class Americans led by Glenn Davis shaped up to be one of the highlights of the 1960 Olympic track and field programme but it was never to take place. A few weeks before the Games began Potgieter was involved in a serious car crash whilst in Germany. He lost the use of an eye in the accident and the vision in the other was also damaged. On the day of the 400 m hurdles final he was still recuperating in a Heidelberg hospital. He recovered well enough to compete in the decathlon and won the 1966 South African title in the event but even if he could have resumed his career at the highest level South Africa had by then been barred from the Olympic Games.

Although from the Afrikaner heartland of Pietermaritzburg Potgieter became involved in attempts to desegregate sport in his country and in 1988 helped to found the South African Olympic Academy, a fully non-racial body. In 1995 he founded an organization called Altus Sport, devoted to "spreading knowledge in the true spirit of sport" throughout Africa.

Potgieter was voted South Africa's Athlete of the 20th Century and married German Olympic long jumper Renate Junker.

Personal Best: 400H - 49.0y (1960).

“Strive for ever-higher moral achievements of body, mind and soul”

On behalf of Altus Sport we wish you every success on an absolute necessary and noble project.

Best regards.

Gert

Director, Altus Sport

http://www.altussport.co.za
Dr. Andrew Johnson, General Manager, Eskom Leadership Institute, Eskom, Johannesburg, South Africa

A Message to the Youth on World AIDS Day

My role involves building effective leaders for our organisation so that they can effectively execute the strategy of our organisation. The sustainability of such a leadership journey for any organisation is heavily dependent on building the pipeline of the future, you, the youth of South Africa. Discover and see your own purpose in project South Africa, change the way you think which will open up new possibilities of how you do things. I would venture to say that the way we think about AIDS, e.g., ‘It is something that happens to others, hence I am immune to my unsafe behaviour’, will influence what I do next, e.g., exposing myself or others to unsafe behaviour. Change these self-deceptive thoughts (perhaps to ‘I am worthy and have a purpose to fulfil’ and there will be real chance to change your behaviour (‘I will look after myself, physically, mentally and spiritually’). One thing I have learned as a change catalyst in organisations, is that at most, I can only create conditions conducive for change to occur, I can’t change anyone … a person can only change when he/she makes such a decision. The power is in your hands! Step up, future leaders of South Africa.

Best regards

Dr. Andrew J Johnson

General Manager: Eskom Leadership Institute

Office of the Chief Executive

Megawatt Park  C1U46

World AIDS Day 2013: Tshwane’s popular Cultural Heritage Song and Dance Ensemble, Arts Revelation, enthralled the audience with their energetic performance.
Tim Modise
POWER FM Presenter

"The life we have been given is for a short duration but filled with endless opportunities and experiences. It is a gift that we need to appreciate and nurture. In our youth we are full of energy and a wide range of choices to make. There are those choices with great and wonderful outcomes, and there are those with painful and demoralizing outcomes. The difference lies in the attitude and approach. The more positive, disciplined and long term your view, the better the chances of a great life and a great future. If you are negative, poorly disciplined and keen on instant gratification, the greater the chances of regret and a wasted life. This is your life, respect it through wise choices and it will reward you in the long run. You know the difference. Be smart and beat AIDS."

Tim Modise, POWER FM Presenter

Special Thanks to our Supporters

Gauteng North Netball

BLOU BULLE RUGBY-UNIE
BLUE BULLS RUGBY UNION
Hello Everyone, I am Usain. 

As we mark World AIDS Day this year, I would like to add my voice to congratulate the health professionals all over the world who have worked tirelessly to treat the people with this deadly virus. Medicine has progressed so much and there are treatments now that can help to save lives. I urge those affected to get the help they desire.

I would like to encourage people to get tested early so that your lives can be lengthened with the right treatment. I also urge you to be aware of the literature that is available as the updated information is always important.

So on this World AIDS day, I ask all of us around the world to pledge to join the fight against AIDS.
The South African High Commission in Kingston, Jamaica sends its greetings to the youth of South Africa on this World AIDS Day. We cannot forget all those who are working tirelessly in raising awareness about HIV and AIDS and the support they give to those who are affected and those living with HIV and AIDS. To the people of South Africa, especially the youth we would like to say “don’t assume, be sure and test for HIV” it is the right thing to do.

Let us all unite in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Mathu Joyini, High Commissioner

Dr. Colin Gyles, Associate Professor, Dean, Faculty of Science and Sport, University of Technology, Jamaica

World AIDS Day Message

As an international supporter of the mission of CDI International, I am pleased to use this opportunity of World AIDS Day 2012 to express solidarity with the people of South Africa. HIV/AIDS challenges the human capacity to survive, robbing families and society of their most productive members and threatening the life-chances of the next generation. However, the human spirit is resilient and more than equal to the challenge especially, when bolstered by confidence in our individual and collective capacity to survive.

At the heart of our survival strategy must be an investment in our young people. The energy, motivation and confidence of our young people must be strengthened to bring out their creativity today and shape them to be the leaders of tomorrow. As HIV/AIDS seeks to weaken the immune system I will encourage all to remember the four pillars of good health: good nutrition, adequate rest, exercise and a cheerful spirit. Along these lines, I recall the saying, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away”. I will translate that as an imperative to eat at least one fruit (of any kind) every day. Further, drink lots of water - the largest component of our body make-up - enjoy music and participate in at least one sport.

Best wishes to all for life, health and happiness!

Colin A. Gyles, PhD

His Excellency, Daren Ganga, Sport Ambassador, Trinidad & Tobago and Past captain of the West Indies Cricket Team

As an individual who has built my professional career around sport, I can easily recognize the numerous benefits of engaging in sports, and I continue to encourage all of those I meet and speak to on a daily basis, to pursue a sport, regardless of their age.

We are all aware that regular exercise positively impacts on a person’s health and contributes to the well-being and proper functioning of the various systems in your body. Physical activity also helps in mitigating the negative effects of various stressors and is extremely important for the development of motor skills in young children.
I have learnt from personal experience, that participation in sports teaches important life lessons such as teamwork, dedication, discipline and focus. Sport, therefore, can be seen as education for life. As an international cricketer, I learned many lessons through playing this great game of cricket – what it means to be a leader, how to accept defeat gracefully and to maintain a positive attitude after a loss, to celebrate triumphs with class and composure and to respect the game, your opponents and the officials. As an athlete, discipline is critical; you must prepare and train with honesty knowing that what you sow, you shall reap in terms of your performance. I have also developed a sense of responsibility for my own actions, and learned to not cast blame on others for things within my control; this includes the choices I make in terms of my lifestyle, my behaviours, the company I keep and the way I treat my body.

Ultimately, someone who is passionate about their sport, understands that it takes dedication, discipline and focus to succeed, and generally, that person will not have an interest in, or the time for, activities which would jeopardise their health, well-being and future.

While I know that sports are important and provide many opportunities for physical and financial gain, I also strongly believe that education is equally as important in order to position yourself for success and to earn respect in life after the game.

United States of America

Louis, D’Amore, President of IIPT (International Institute for Peace through Tourism)

Congratulations to CDI International and the Gauteng North Netball Association for the organization of this important World Aids Day Awareness event for the youth of South Africa. Just as South Africa has been an inspiration to the world as a model of truth and reconciliation – so too, the youth of South Africa have an opportunity to be a world model of health, wellness and sport as a pathway to conquering aids. In the words of Pierre Teilhard De Jardin: “The future belongs to those who give the next generation reasons to hope.”

Louis D’Amore
IIPT Founder and President, United States of America

Jamaica

Jason Henzell, Chairman, Breds The Treasure Beach Foundation

To the Youth of South Africa

Life is precious. One life can change the course of the world and a way of thinking. Two of the greatest inspirations that come readily come to mind are Nelson Mandela and Bob Marley. These are both men who came from humble beginnings and had a massive impact on the world and how we live our lives today. On world aids day, let us imagine how we would like to influence the world, and become that change we want to see.

Jason Henzell, Chairman, Breds The Treasure Beach Foundation
Addressed to CDII for World AIDS Awareness Day 2012
India

FROM MUMBAI IN INDIA

Let Sports aid Aids for a healthy, fitter and brighter human race. Let’s work together for an AIDS free Universal Human Nation and channel our energies positively through sports.

Jay Shah, The Sports Gurukul, India.

Australia

To the Youth of South Africa

Today, being World AIDS Awareness Day, gives all of us an opportunity to create awareness about AIDS and HIV. From Australia we send a message of goodwill to people in South Africa and all countries who face challenges in their daily lives arising from this chronic treatable illness.

Sarah Armstrong, Adelaide, Australia

New Zealand

To the Youth of South Africa

Be Aware !!! Be Safe !! We send our thoughts and prayers to all those who are – or have been – affected by AIDS. We support all efforts being made across the world to deal with this illness.

Colleen, Rob and Lyle Skipsey, Auckland, New Zealand

France

To the Youth of South Africa

Having lived in South Africa for many years, I understand the impact which AIDS has had on all South Africans. I pay respect to all those who work tirelessly to improve the lives of those who suffer from AIDS, their families and their friends.
Don’t do what you know puts your life in danger…choose life

Don’t let yourselves be led by those who do things that you know are not right…choose life

Work hard at school

Play hard on the sports field

Surround yourself by those who also choose life

Be proud of yourself because YOU have chosen LIFE

Lisa Bradshaw, Challenge Activ, France

South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa

The greatness which lies sleeping inside each and everyone of you has the potential to wake up,

It is when we apply ourselves selflessly to each endeavor, be it our Educational Curriculum, Sports, Social Interaction, etc.

Active Citizens of this beautiful country.

It is the decisions followed by our actions which eventually determines who we become,

Each and everyday you are given an opportunity to create a legacy for yourself,

To leave behind an amazing “SPOOR” which generations to come would want to follow.

Embrace the now, your youth and the power of your mind to make sure that

You manifest the greatness you were born to become…

I urge you, I challenge you that…

DREAM BIG – BELIEVE – WORK HARD …and the World will be your OYSTER!

Billy Selekan

South African Motivational Speaker and Author

Billy runs his own Motivational Training, Leadership/Management Development, Strategy Formulation and Implementation business, with an International footprint in London, where he has carved a partnership with MaPS UK (Motivation and Personal Success) headed by Albert Smith and EYS (Education and Youth Services) with more than 40 Learning Centres around the UK, headed by Richard Atkinson, Yvonne Atkinson and Neil Beaty.
To the Youth of South Africa

Love Safely – Be Aware!

The CDI INTERNATIONAL Team

South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa

"Within each of us, nature has provided all the pieces necessary to achieve exceptional health and wellness, then left it up to us to put them all together." Diane McLaren

Our greatest gift is the freedom of choice. Choose wisely...choose health.

Regards, Cathy Foden, Director, Eazi Study Publishers

South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa

If your dreams don’t scare you they’re not big enough!!

Regards,

Sean Foden, Rugby and Cricket Coach, The Academy of Sport DNA

South Africa

To the Youth of South Africa and Lesotho

" South Africa is a land where we have made history many times. To all those with HIV or AIDS – you give us hope that change is possible. Don’t give up, but make every moment worth living and make a difference to your families, communities and ultimately our country and the world. It all starts with you. Every thought has the energy to transform your body, your reality and your future – use the power of the thoughts wisely. "

From Erica Kempken, Randburg, Energy Guides
MILESTONES

Community Development Initiatives International (CDII) has achieved the following over the past 18 months:

1. Obtained the endorsement of the City of Tshwane for the development of the Cullinan Treasure Village & Vocational Training Centre Project, a Tourism Destination, Enterprise, Entrepreneurship and Infrastructure Development Project for Region 5
2. Obtained the endorsement of the City of Tshwane for the development of a Youth Indoor and Outdoor Sports Park & Educational Centre
3. Facilitated the First and Second International Annual AIDS/HIV Awareness Day for Regions 5, 6 and 7
4. Facilitated the First International Nelson Mandela Day for Region 5
5. Introduced Sport Development Programmes for the Youth of Region 5 in collaboration with the Blue Bulls Rugby Union, Gauteng North Netball Association and Football Academies from Regions 5, 6 and 7
6. Supported the Refilwe Orphanage Care Centre in Refilwe
7. Involved international Embassies in its Events in Region 5, thereby drawing international attention to Region 5
8. Received international Messages of Goodwill for Region 5 from international celebrities such as Usain Bolt, Darren Ganga and Chad Le Clos
9. Introduced the Minister of Sport from Jamaica to the Sport Elite of the City of Tshwane whilst promoting Region 5 for future International Sport Exchange Programmes
10. Facilitated introductions and visits by the Blue Bulls Rugby Union, Gauteng North Netball Association and Mamelodi Sundowns Football Club to Region 5 and the youth of the communities of Region 5
11. Facilitated meetings in Region 5 with local and international people of influence, including the High Commissioners of Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, the MMC of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation from the City of Tshwane
12. Introduced Region 5 communities to the talent of performing artists such as Arts Revelation and others
13. Involved all Schools in Region 5 in each of its Events
14. Partnered with the ILO (International Labour Organization), the City of Tshwane and Region 5 stakeholders to host a special sport development event
15. Liaised with local businesses from Region 5 to support community development projects
16. Established relationships with local stakeholders including Zonderwater Management Area (Correctional Services), Zonderwater College, the Refilwe Municipality Offices and local businesses to draw attention to Region 5 community development projects
17. Established the We MiND Foundation to draw attention to the needs of Region 5 and other communities through Awareness, Education and Support. View website at www.wemindfoundation.com
18. The establishment of the Cullinan Skills Academy in collaboration with Tshwane North TVET College
19. Facilitating the first Professional Cookery Learnership for 40 unemployed learners from Tshwane including learners from Cullinan
20. Facilitating a Co-operation & Collaboration Agreement with the Thoto Village (Limpopo Province) Community Stakeholder Committee for local economic development, including community tourism, projects
21. Hosting Embassy and Consulate representatives to celebrate Heritage Day and Tourism Day at the Pretoria State Theatre for a special performance by Arts Revelation
22. Participating in TV and radio broadcasts on community development matters
23. Being nominated by the Rhodes Gym (Grahamstown) as a main beneficiary of its annual Rhodes Cyclathon, the proceeds of which subsidised the costs of a person from the Eastern Cape to travel to Cape Town to meet with Groote Schuur’s Head of Neurology, Prof. Heckman and also contributed to the purchase of walking-aids for disabled persons in the Eastern Cape
24. Receiving an award from the Despatch (Port Elizabeth) Community for its community development and participation projects
25. Receiving an award from the Cullinan Chamber of Commerce for its community development and participation projects
26. Collaborating with Eazi Study to promote the Eazi Study Teacher Development Programme for needy schools and teachers
27. Entering into a Collaboration and Co-operation Agreement with the Ransom Foundation