

SIBANYE-STILLWATER CHANGING THE ECD ARENA



These graduates completed their NQF level-5 in ECD.



Graduates and facilitators that have been with the programme from the very start in 2012.

Rustenburg – During a glitzy graduation ceremony on Thursday 26 September at the Sibanye Stillwater game farm, 14 teachers were awarded with certificates. They completed their national qualifications framework (NQF) level-5 in early childhood development (ECD). These dynamic educators were cherry-picked to participate and complete the programme, driven by Sibanye-Stillwater in partnership with Brainwave Careers. Sibanye-Stillwater invested in the ECD training programme to equip principals and teachers with the necessary skills to be able to run their own ECD centres. "Teachers play an important role in the lives of learners. We want to equip them with the knowledge and tools needed to have a positive impact on the youth. Education never stops and that is the example these graduates are setting," said Sibanye Stillwater Rustenburg Platinum Operations unit manager Morgan Motswana. Programme director Beauty Makgae was one of the first educators who were recruited when the programme commenced in 2012. "You can give yourself a pat on the back for what you have achieved. All

of us were selected to make an impact in the lives of the people in your communities. Don't let life put out your light. We were all meant to shine!" Tears of joy were flowing as the facilitators spoke about the journey they took with the graduates. "It was a privilege to walk this road with you. Through all the obstacles life threw at you, you still managed to keep going and you will now reap the fruits of your hard work," said Brainwave ECD manager Mariette Basson. Educational psychologist Lanette Hatting gave an inspiring speech reminding the women that they should value themselves. She noted that they are leaders in their communities and have the responsibility to go out and change lives for the better. Graduate representative Agnes Kotsi concluded the ceremony by taking a trip down memory lane. "During the past seven years, we overcame many obstacles. Sibanye Stillwater took us in and gave us the opportunity to change the lives of the children we educate."



Busisiwe Mazibuko (left) and her proud father Victor Mazibuko.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE POLICE?

The South African Police Services (SAPS) is recruiting young men and women aged 18 to 30. If you fall within this age group, are a South African citizen, are in possession of a senior certificate, national senior certificate or national certificate and do not have a criminal record, this is your chance to be part of this year's basic police learning development programme (BLDP) intake. People who have served in a government department and were subsequently dismissed due to misconduct are discouraged from applying. Police spokesperson colonel Athlenda Mathe said all applicants should be prepared to be subjected to fitness, psychometric and integrity testing as well as medical evaluations during the recruitment and enlistment process. "Vetting and fingerprint verifications will also be conducted. Successful police trainees will be subjected to continuous security and fitness screening which include continuous verification of criminal profiles as well as medical and physical fitness," Athlenda said. "Remuneration for the induction and basic training phases will be a stipend of R4,500. Successful applicants must also be prepared to undergo training at any SAPS academy in South Africa and be placed at any police station after completing their training," she added.

Application forms are available at all police stations. For more information, visit www.saps.gov.za or contact SAPS in Mahikeng on 018 299 7320 or 018 299 7732.



Cupcake Angels BAKE SALE



From left: Jacky Coetzee, Nikki Mienie, Ankia Weidemann and Bronwyn Mienie about to take a bite!

Rustenburg – Cupcakes of Hope are demonstrating love and compassion to many children living with cancer by raising funds for their treatment costs and spending time with them on special occasions like their birthdays. On Saturday 28 September, volunteers from this non-profit company (NPC) sold cupcakes to shoppers at 88 shopping malls across South Africa as part of their efforts to raise R15,000 for families in need of medical assistance. Nikki Mienie, Ankia Weidemann, Jacky Coetzee, Bronwyn Mienie and Johmar Stassen spent most of their day at the Waterfall Mall in Rustenburg selling cupcakes. At just R10, the cupcakes were irresistible for many shoppers, who were only too happy to support this worthy cause. Nikki said the selling of cupcakes has been positively transforming the lives of children living with cancer for the past 11 years. "We bake the cupcakes ourselves and encourage those who would like to change the lives of these children to buy them at a giveaway price," she explained. "Last year, Cupcake Angels raised almost R2 million countrywide. We are grateful to everyone for baking, donating and buying cupcakes." She told *Platinum Weekly* that a girl who recently underwent treatment for leukaemia, through the assistance from Cupcakes of Hope, is now in remission. If you would like to get involved in Cupcakes of Hope fundraising initiatives, get in touch with Nikkie on 082 909 9987 or nikkie.mienie@smith-nephew.com or visit www.cupcakesofhope.org.

MY AFRICAN WONDERLAND

Rustenburg – A three-day arts festival held at the Rustenburg Recreational Centre was well attended by art lovers and tourists from neighboring countries such as Lesotho. Various local musicians gave impressive performances during the 'My African Wonderland Arts Festival', an initiative of the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) in partnership with

Tshwantshiso Trading and Projects from Friday 27 September to Sunday 29 September. "This is the second time that I have attended this festival. I had a great time last year, so I decided to make the trip again. I enjoy the music and making new friends," said Bafokeng Tshilo, who traveled from Lesotho to attend the festival.

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