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Educational Foundation

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Board of Directors Next Meeting

Date: September 28, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: DC Southwest Public
Library

Dear Foundation Members, Donors, and Yates Tour Travelers:

Thank you for continuing to support the mission of the Foundation. Your contributions are crucial in helping us enrich the educational experience of the children in four public primary schools in Clernaville, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa: Christianenburg, Clermont, Clernaville, and Udomo.

In addition to providing dictionaries and readers to the students at all four schools, this year we have focused special attention on Christianenburg and Clermont. Christianenburg was able to create the physical space for a science center, something that was on their wish list for a couple of years. The Foundation, thanks to a special designated donation of \$ 20,000, was able to support the center by providing workstations, iron guards for gates and windows, wall fans, scientific equipment, and chemicals. In celebration of our tenth year of incorporation, the Foundation Board of Directors decided to upgrade the library at Clermont to make the facility a fully functioning library. This included purchase of a Libwin System that allows the librarian to computerize processing of the holdings. This project is not complete. We will assist in fully stocking the library when sufficient funding is available.

The Board has experienced a number of changes since our last newsletter. At the October 2012 annual board meeting, O. Delmar Weathers was elected president and Sylvia Anderson was elected vice president. Mrs. Weathers has been on the Board for many years and has served as financial secretary and membership chair. Mrs. Anderson was past secretary. During the year, we welcomed six new Board members: Barbara Bentley, Gene Gary-Williams, Kenneth Kimbrough, Nadine Sullivan, Geraldine Whitley, and Aliya Wong. The Board recognizes Angelina Arnold for her many, exemplary contributions while serving for nearly eight years as Board liaison with the schools in South Africa.

Again, thank you for all you have done. Your continued membership and generous financial support are needed today if we are to help prepare the students for tomorrow. We have improved our ability to communicate with you and others by joining *Facebook* and opening a *twitter* account. Be sure to visit these sites and our website, www.bbyatesedufoundation.org.

Go Well,

The Foundation Board of Directors

* *Go Well* is an expression of encouragement and endearment by South Africans. It is the wish of the Foundation that all go well as they go through life.

THE FOUNDATION GROWS ITS SUPPORT TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS

During the last year, the Dr. Bettye Bouye-Yates Educational Foundation has continued its support for primary schools in the Kwazulu Natal Province of South Africa. In addition to the on-going gifts of books and dictionaries, the Foundation's liaison person who works directly with the schools was able to identify resources in South Africa that augment our work. Finally, the Yates Foundation has supported two major projects at two of the schools: 1. Provided physical upgrades and materials for a science center, and 2. Assisted in the improved functioning of a library.

At the beginning of last year the Foundation supported four primary schools: Christianenburg, Clermont, Clernaville, and UDomo. The Foundation had difficulty communicating with Clernaville staff in 2012, and there was no distribution of books and other learning materials. Communications have resumed. Learning materials donated this year will be reported in the next issue of the newsletter.

The distributions of learning materials to the other three schools were:

1. **Christianenburg:** Longman's South African Dictionaries, (125 copies); Romeo and Jabulile, (122); New Day-by-Day 6th Grade English Reader, (55).
2. **Clermont:** Dictionaries, (68); New Day-by-Day 6th Grade English Reader, (68); New Day-by-Day 5th Grade English Reader, (75).
3. **UDomo:** Longman SA School Dictionaries, (138); New Day-by-Day 6th Grade English Reader, (127).

CLERMONT: The school now has a fully functioning library because of assistance from the Foundation and newly identified resources in South Africa. Each child has a book to read during reading lessons. Previously, as many as five learners would share a book. The increased variety of library activities has led to students being recognized for outstanding performances in dialogue, drama, etc. The Foundation has the goal to fully stock the library in 2014. Other donations to the school include: a desktop computer, printer, rug, and several fans.

The following is from a letter written by a teacher at Clermont:

"Reading has improved tremendously which is a bonus to other learning areas. Our learners have voluntarily taken part in competitions run by our local community library where they excel in whatever that they are doing. This has made teachers' role in class easier and more enjoyable.S"

UDOMO:

The population of the learners exceeds the space available for a full program of activities. There is no space for a library. Most of the school's books are in boxes. The school would welcome a temporary structure to use as library space.

A FOUNTAIN OF HOPE

on April 2012
A fountain of hope

Dr Yates Educational Foundation
 you are a fountain of hope
 you gave us books to read
 Now we know how to read
 you gave us dictionaries
 you are a fountain of hope



I had no hope that our
 Library will ever be beautiful
 like this and full of the
 wonder of the world of books,
 But because of you our
 limited knowledge has grown
 into a big, endless adventure
 of discovering new knowledge
 everyday.
 you are a fountain of hope

Dr Yates Educational Foundation
 you really know how to take
 care of the poor and the helpless
 you really have a good heart
 God bless you all
 you are a fountain of hope

By Phile Kangile - 12 years old. Grade 7

Claremont Primary School Student

NEWS FROM CHRISTIANENBURG SCHOOL

Thanks to the continual contributions from supporters of the Foundation over the past decade, our work to help learners in South Africa has grown from Christianenburg School to several other schools in the neighborhood. However, support for the students and faculty at Christianenburg remains central to the mission of The Yates Foundation.

There are two newsworthy matters relative to the school that took place during the past year. First, Mrs. Nomusa Shandu, the school principal, retired on January 31, 2013. She had been principal of the school for 26 years. Anyone who traveled to South Africa with Dr. Bouey-Yates will remember Mrs. Shandu and the wonderful advances made by her and the faculty under difficult circumstances.

Secondly, a gentleman, who learned about the work of the foundation at Christianenburg through a trip to South Africa in the early 2000's, donated \$20,000.00 for use at the school. A portion of that generous contribution was used to complete physical aspects of the science center building and provide materials for the students' use. Additional gifts included a laserjet printer, projector, projector screen, and a white board.

Total school enrollment is 1,202. Another class of Grade R learners (kindergarten) has been added to the school with a total enrollment of 117 students at that grade level.

Progress continues to be made throughout the school, at all grade levels:

1. A new curriculum has been implemented for Grades 4, 5, and 6. A new curriculum for Grade 7 is planned for next year.
2. Students are learning Indo-African dancing taught by a non-profit organization, Siwela Sonke Dance Theater, in Durban. Seventeen students performed in a show produced by the company.
3. Local history museums and other organizations are sponsoring a competition for students in several schools, including this school, as a way of teaching students about their history. Grade 5 and 6 students will have to visit 5 heritage sites in the Durban area and write essays about their experiences. The winning school will receive a cash award.
4. A community group, Humane Youth in Action, performed at a special fund raising function held on Valentine's Day. The program consisted of dances, sketches, songs, and magic acts. Students contributed a small fee to attend the performance. The nominal cost went toward funding school projects.

FAREWELL FROM MRS. NOMUSA SHANDU Principal, Christianenburg School

The following are excerpts from the farewell speech made by Mrs. Shandu on March 12, 2013



Today, I feel very much honoured and humbled that you have traveled all the way to South Africa and one of the things to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions that we have both made with a view to ensuring that the standard of education provided in this school is constantly uplifted.

When our relationship commenced in 1996 (some 17 years ago) it was a blessing for me because I did everything manually, from lack of administration assistance and teaching aids, driving all the way to circuit office to fulfill administration deadlines, etc., etc. Since our introduction, many things changed. I was exposed and introduced to a new world of technology which made my running of the administration much simpler.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the foundation . . . for adopting our school.

I hope that the relationship that we have built together does not end after my departure. I am confident that the new leadership of this school will continue to support the initiatives you make.

No words can explain how much the foundation means to me personally and I trust that we will continue to love and support one another.

Finally . . . no amount of words can ever be good enough to thank you for your commitment, selfless dedication, and helping hand towards our school. What a better place the world would be if all human kind had the spirit of humanity (which we call UBUNTU) that you share.

DR. BETTYE BOUEY-YATES HONORED

At the annual meeting of the African Diaspora World Tourism Awards and Travel Expo April, 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates was an honoree.

The Award entitled **Outstanding Tour Operator Award** is presented in honor of Fred-dye and Jake Henderson, the first Black tour operators in the US to begin taking groups to Africa.

Dr. Yates, founder of the Yates Tours and cofounder of the Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation, was honored for her outstanding work in sponsoring tours, over the past seventeen years, to South Africa. With these travels, Dr. Yates has introduced more than a thousand tourists to the culture, politics, educational issues, and other cogent realities of South Africa. The Educational Foundation has involved many of these travelers in promoting and supporting four elementary schools in South Africa, as follow-up to the tours.

This award is a well-deserved and special salute to Dr. Yates for her continuing contributions in promoting the awareness of and involvement with South Africa and its peoples.

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Harvey World Travel Provides Fundraising Opportunities for The Foundation

Harvey World Travel / Yates Tours, the South African travel company that has transported more than 1000 of us on a spectacular South African Adventure, continues to work closely with the Foundation to provide for students at four primary schools in Clernaville, KwaZulu Natal. Recently, the company made its tours of Turkey, Ghana, and China fundraisers for the Foundation. A portion of the cost of the tour for each traveler was donated to the Foundation. This donation is tax deductible for each of the twenty-one travelers who went on the first trip to Turkey this year. Highlights of that tour included three nights in a cave hotel, breathtaking natural beauties, and unique historical and archaeological sites. Join us on future fund raising tours They are educational and you will have lots of fun.

The initial tour of Ghana is in September 2013, and that tour will be repeated in September 2014. The next Turkey tour will be in May 2014 and the China tour is scheduled for June 2014. We encourage you and your friends and relatives to join us on these exciting cultural tours. For additional information please contact Shirley Richie: (202) 269 4787 or info@yatestours.com www.yatestours.com.

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