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Hard work yields diffidence

Dear Supporter

"Nothing we do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do is never wasted." G Keillor

An exciting year lies ahead for the Timbavati Foundation and we are confident that our efforts in the community are yielding diffidence in the lives of many under-privileged children.

2011 School awards

Congratulations to Manyangana High school, the winners of the 2011 annual Busch school competition. On 12 December the top two schools were rewarded with a 3 day environmental education safari to the Kruger National Park.



Manyangana High school took the lead with Madizi High in the second place.

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The eight learners that attended the bush school together with their teacher were treated to a two night stay in the Pretoriuskop rest camp. Lazaro and Rapert accompanied the group assisting the Social ecology department with game drives and environmental education sessions for the group.



The schools finishing in the 3rd, 4th and 5th positions were taken on a day trip to Satara rest camp. The children enjoyed delicious meals provided by the SA Wildlife Collage and beautiful sightings of lion, elephant and rhino along the way.

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Donors by Category

To our loyal supporters, thank you for contributing your time, expertise and money. The Timbavati Foundation could not continue its work without you!

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SILVER CLUSTER LEAF – UP TO R1 000

Ms K Hanwith-Horden, Umbabat PNR, Value Africa

Project Progress

Netted Garden project at schools



Through the diligent work of our team, great progress has been made with the netted garden project. Four of the six gardens have been completed at Sokisi, Maakere, Mungena and Puledi High schools. These schools are already preparing the soil and planting their crops.



Sokisi Enviro-loo Building Project

All the building materials and approved building-plans have been acquired. A site meeting with the building contractor has been held for the commencement of the project's construction phase.

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Project Progress

Phelwana Clinic



Mrs Christene du Preez from Hlokomela received an amount of R30 000. The donation from the Foundation will be utilised for medicine, blood tests and medical services provided at the Phelwana Clinic.



Bursary Students

The two students that were selected for the Conservation bridging course are Vukosi Ndlovu and Marshine Makutu. We are happy to report that both these ladies have completed their Environmental Education training, Environmental Leadership training and have been assessed as competent. After completing their Field Ranger training they will be deployed at a reserve for two months practical experience.

Indigenous Nursery

In 2011 Mrs Susha Blatherwick presented a workshop on the germination of indigenous seed to the Bush school educators.

An indigenous nursery was established with the purpose of providing a practical learning experience for Bush school learners on indigenous plants and germination. Each learner is tasked with germinating indigenous seeds and planting them at home or school.

After last winter's black frost (a very rare occurrence in this area) the nursery lost many of the young seedlings but the new crop is under way.

On Arbour day we plan to plant as many indigenous trees at local school as possible. If you are passionate about our indigenous flora, we invite you to support the Bush school nursery. Since it will soon be harvest time, you could assist by either collection and identification of dried seeds for the seed bank or by donating seedlings.



Please join in the Foundation's efforts to ensure a greener future. For more info and the Banking details go to our new website, www.timbavati.co.za click on Foundation.

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