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Department of Education

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Departement van Onderwys

Report to Talk Radio 702 on Leondale Bus Accident Project

Date: 21 July 2009

Venue: Primedia Place, 5 Gwen Lane, Corner of Gwen and Friedman in Sandown

Time: 10h00

1. Purpose

The purpose of the report is to account to Talk Radio 702 on the funds that they raised and to thank them for the humanitarian gesture they, together with their listeners showed to the victims of the above accident. This report constitutes part of the exercise to wind up the project as per the instruction given by the former MEC for Education (Mrs. Angelina Motshekga) that Gauteng Department of Education should finalize all the projects she initiated during her term in the office.

2. Background

On the 11th of February 2005, a Scholar Transport bus from Buhle Park (near Leondale) was involved in an accident which cost the life of one learner on Heidelberg Road. Three other learners (Ms Bonisile Ntombela, Mr. Sisanda Ndinyane and Mr. Lehlohonolo Lucky Sekgobela) had each lost both of their legs to the same accident. Prime Media (702 Radio Talk Show) raised funds to assist the victims. Gauteng Education Development Trust was appointed to manage the funds on behalf of Gauteng Department of Education.

Bonisile Ntombela and Sisanda Ndinyane were admitted at Johannesburg Hospital while Lehlohonolo Lucky Sekgobela was admitted at Natalspruit Hospital. All of them were eventually admitted at Netcare Rehabilitation Hospital from 15 March 2005 to 15 July 2005.

In May 2005 these learners were then admitted to Hope Special School and continued with the Netcare Programme as out-patients until they were finally discharged from this facility in July 2005.

3. Objectives of the Project

The objectives of the project were to ensure that the victims are taken care of in terms of their educational and medical needs. This included their rehabilitation, and ensuring that they continue with their studies until they pass Grade 12.

4. Achievements

The funds which were raised by Primedia could not be exhausted because the schools from which the victims came and the then Ekurhuleni West Mega District (now called Ekurhuleni South District) also raised some of the funds. There were also a number of donations in kind from different companies and the Provincial Government.

- Netcare Rehabilitation Hospital offered rehabilitation of the victims as well as prosthesis free of charge;
- Gauteng Department of Housing built houses which were adapted for the victims and their families;
- Gauteng Department of Health offered treatment of the victims free of charge immediately after the accident;
- Gauteng Department of Social Development offered Disability Grants and Social Relief for the victims;
- National Department of Home Affairs facilitated the application of Identity Documents for the victims;
- Ms Margaret Webber (the former Chief Director of the then Ekurhuleni West Mega District) bought beds for the victims in memory of her late mother;
- Vimba Security made transport available for both the families and victims to Netcare Rehabilitation Hospital;
- MTN donated PCs to the victims.

5. Financial Reports (See annexure A)

6. Activities

- Transporting the victims to and from Hope Special School to their places of residence on Fridays and Sundays when schools are in session and on Public/School Holidays.

- Facilitation of payment of fees (school, stationary, hostel, school wear and sports wear including participation in sports), Transport Service Provider and Medical Bills.
- Procurement of walking aids like elbow crutches and folding walking frames.
- Liaising with partners like sister departments and private companies.

7. Progress Report on the Learners

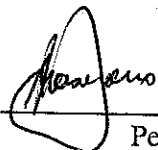
All the three learners were placed at Hope Special School in Parktown in 2005 after they were discharged from Netcare Rehabilitation Hospital. Towards the end of 2007 Academic Year Hope Special School recommended to the Department (GDE) and the parents that Mr. Sisanda Ndinyane and Miss Bonisile Ntombela, whose academic progress has never improved since 2005, should consider other options from 2008 Academic Year. After consultation with the parents, the recommendation was approved by the parents. Only one learner (Lehlohonolo Lucky Sekgobela) continued with his studies from 2008 and eventually obtained his Grade 12 Senior Certificate. The other two did not attend any school for the rest of that year despite the fact that they were informed that the Department will continue to assist them should they decide on alternative options. The Department and the Trust continued to use the funds to pay for the educational needs of the learner who remained at school until he finished his Matric.

Lehlohonolo Lucky Sekgobela is currently enrolled with Boston College (Germiston) where he is doing a Four-Year Programme in Media. He was joined by Ms Bonisile Ntombela who is currently enrolled for One-Year Computer Course. Both of them used the Road Accident Fund (RAF) to pay for their studies. The last one (Mr.Sisanda Ndinyane) has since left the school and is now married with one child.

Resolutions

- The balance – R210.972 will be divided among three victims and be deposited in their personal banking accounts because all of them are now above 18 years. GDE will make available the Financial Councilor to assist the victims so that the funds are managed effectively and efficiently.
- The GEDT will award a scholarship to the learner studying a Four-Year Programme in Media in future provided he produces positive academic results. Consideration will be made for the other learners if they intend to study further.

The above information was communicated and accepted by the parents and the victims at a meeting on the Sunday, 21 June 2009.



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Account Number/ Prd. Source	Date	Description/ Reference	Posting Seq.	Batch-Entry	Debits	Credits	Net Change	Balance
02 CB-CB	31/08/2005	← Dep Alberton - PR103 Leondale B/S 98	411	416-32		751.74		
02 CB-CB	31/08/2005	← Dep Alberton - PR103 leondale B/S 98	411	416-33		250.00		
03 CB-CB	14/09/2005	← DEP SUNWARD - Leondale Pr103 B/S 99	428	432-9		1,000.00	(6,307.65)	(11,859.20)
12 CB-CB	02/06/2006	← Cheque Deposit Pinelands Project 3 BS20060602	479	486-25	214,200.00		(1,000.00)	(12,859.20)
Net Change and Ending Balance for Fiscal Period 02:								
Net Change and Ending Balance for Fiscal Period 03:								
Net Change and Ending Balance for Fiscal Period 12:								
Totals: Leondale Bus Disaster Fund					3,001.55	230,060.75	(214,200.00)	(227,059.20)
Report Totals:					3,001.55	230,060.75	(227,059.20)	(227,059.20)

Account Number/ Prd.	Source	Date	Description/ Reference	Posting Seq.	Batch-Entry	Debits	Credits	Net Change	Balance
12	GL-JE	30/06/2005	Reversal of JNL GED095 GED096	420	423-1		3,001.55		
12	GL-JE	30/06/2005	Info posted to incorr period GED097	421	424-1		3,001.55		
Net Change and Ending Balance for Fiscal Period 12:								22,013.45	(203,822.83)
Totals: Leondale Bus Disaster Fund						42,553.10	246,375.93	(203,822.83)	(203,822.83)
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