

## Young Achievers Report 2010

There are four groups awards and two individual nominations.

The group awards are for:

- Reddam Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard Senior Preparatory Senators (Grade 7)
- Reddam Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard The College Interact Committee
- Wynberg Boys Junior School Early Act Club
- Settlers High School Interact Society

The individual nominations are for:

- Jessica Dewhurst of Christian Brothers' College St John's Parklands
- Lara Schincariol of Curro Durbanville

There nominations follow.

### Motivation for Nomination of Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard Senior Preparatory Senators – Rotary Young Achievers 2010

We hereby nominate: **Alex Hill, Erin Wood, Nina Wood, Robbie Tsiliyiannis, Maxine Shaff, Raphaella Joannou, Jann Van Schoor and Hannah Breslin.**

One of the important facets of the Senators' (Grade 7 student leaders) daily tasks is to raise awareness for the less fortunate in the way of charity. The spirit of Ubuntu is spread and felt among our children here at Reddam House and through our 2010 Senators' initiative and drive, we have collected money and items for charity.

1. Every **Wednesday** the Senators are assigned to classes in the Senior Preparatory section of our school, where they are in charge of collecting, measuring, counting, distribution and the recording of the winning points of the **newspapers** and **sandwiches** which were donated by the pupils each week. The newspapers are sold for funds and the sandwiches are sent off to Peninsula Feeding Scheme. They also keep the rest of the school updated as to the points score derived from donations and the advertising of ongoing, relevant collections and donations.
2. Every Friday is **Fundraiser Day**.
  - a. Either each class has a turn to bring cake/sweets for a sale which is run by the Senators – collection of cakes, set-up and break sale, including counting of money.
  - b. In the Second Term on Fridays, cool drinks and sweets were bought from funds and sold at a profit.
3. So far this year the Senators organised **TWO civvies days**(R5 per child), in lieu of the **Haiti Disaster Fund (Doctors without Borders)** and **Save Cape Town Ballet Company**, which were extremely successful towards the raising of awareness of compassion for our fellow humans in distress and secondly for the preservation of our culture.
4. **Donations:**
  - a. At Easter time the children donated thousands of Easter Eggs which we collected each morning and given to the **Sea Point Lions' Club** for poor children in our community.
  - b. The children donated used toys, which were collected and stored for the **Christine Revel Orphanage**, who came to visit our school.
5. Robbie Tsiliyiannis, a Senator, very kindly donated a new MP3 Player and put it up for **raffle** amongst the Senior Prep children. Through his initiative he organised and facilitated the raffle over 5 days and raised R600, which he donated towards our ongoing charity fund.
6. **Chaeli Campaign**

This term Chaeli Mycroft and her mother came to visit us in our Assembly slot and told us about her campaign to raise money for wheelchairs for physically disabled children. The Senators powered this drive and we donated R2000 towards this fund.

One of our Grade 7 pupils, a Councillor, Jenna Michalson, is an ambassador for this campaign and will be more actively involved in fundraising towards this cause in the second part of the year. At present, she is being coached in her capacity as an ambassador. All surplus funds raised, are banked in a special Charity Account and we are looking forward to donating it to other charities in Term 3 and 4.

L. Sivitilli  
Grade 7

Graham Keats  
Head: Senior Preparatory

### **Nomination for Young Achievers Award: Group Nomination**

Thank you for inviting our school to nominate students for the award. Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard would like to nominate The College Interact Committee for the Young Achievers Award (Group Award). The committee, who initiated and coordinated numerous events on a sustained basis throughout the year from initial, planning to execution, consists of:

- Alex Scalabrino (President)
- Chelsey Moubray
- Jenny White (Manager of Environmental Branch)
- Jane Masson
- Alexios Vicatos (Environmental Branch)
- Benjamin Traub

All of the above are Grade 12 students.

This committee is dedicated to community service and they have organised numerous highly successful events this year. The committee held an incredible **stationery drive** for Delta Primary School in Steenberg. Over 400 stationery packets were put together and given to the foundation phase of this school. Some of this stationery was also donated to the S.A. Children's Home. In addition, the Interact Committee organised a very successful **Cansa Shavathon** at Reddam House Atlantic where R10 000 was raised for this worthy cause. Both these events were held in the first term.

The committee organised and held a successful **One-to-One Day for the Christine Revel Children's Home toddlers** in May this year. This event was held in our school hall. The toddlers were given a party and lunch. The committee collected toys and received sponsored items to ensure that the toddlers had a wonderful day. This is an annual event at Reddam House and this year the committee held the best One-to-One to date as the committee ensured that the whole school could contribute through toy and sweet collections.

The Interact Committee also has an Environmental branch. They recycle and participated in beach cleanup. Furthermore, the environmental aspect of the committee raised money through various events in order to participate in a shack-a-thon. On the 7 June the committee went to Mfuleni to participate in **Habitat for Humanity, building homes for the underprivileged**.

The committee has wonderful events still planned for the rest of the year, including collection drives for the SPCA and DARG, participation in the One-to-One held at Goodhope Centre and Christmas collections for the underprivileged.

I am very proud to nominate this dynamic group of students who take initiative and set an example for others to follow. They embody and reflect our school motto – "We shall give back."

Yours sincerely

Veronica Knight  
Teacher-in-charge of Interact

Graham Keats  
Principal

## **Nomination of Wynberg Boys Junior School Early Act Club**

I would like to nominate Wynberg Boys Junior School

We have an Early Act Club

Of which the executive members are:

Yusuf Mohammed

Josh Baker

Junaid Banderker

Abdud-Dayaan Badroodien

Club activities over the past year:

Sandwich collections – 2009 and 2010

Civvies day collection sponsored to Red Cross disaster management - 2009

SPCA money collected as well as pet care products – 2009

Xmas presents- Sarah Fox Home - 2009

Winter Warmer collection - 2010

Regards

Olwyn Woodman

Teacher coordinator

## **Settlers High School Interact Society**

### **Summary of third and fourth term 2009:**

Our chairperson, Megan October, launched the "Small change for a BIG change" drive where every class in the school was supplied with a huge glass jar (sponsored) to collect small change for Nazareth House in Cape Town. The school participated eagerly and filled their jars in only a few weeks. Some classes even fetched another 2 or 3 jars and filled that too. For the next few weeks we would be sorting the change and eventually Megan and her granny arranged for it to be fetched from the school, counted and taken to the bank.

In the mean time, on 3 August, the Interact society visited the Holy Cross Orphanage. We played with the children and delivered about 130 soft toys (collected by the music dept during the Clash of the Concerto event at the Waterfront), blankets (made of squares knitted by our school at a fundraising event) as well as ice-creams for all the children and staff (donated by Nestlé).

On 14 September we visited Nazareth House and delivered a cheque of R5 000,00 collected by our "Small change for a big change" project.

Towards the end of the year the whole school brought grocery items that Interact collected and made into 10 Christmas hampers for the school's maintenance staff. We ended off the year by waitressing at an end of year tea, held by the Carl du Toit Centre for hearing impaired children, to thank their sponsors.

### **Interact report for the first and second term 2010:**

Apart from going on several outings, Interact has successfully run the following projects:

1. We coloured in pictures from colour-in books, which we cut out, pasted on coloured paper and laminated to make long lasting A4 posters. These 60 posters were handed over to the Grade R teacher of Leiden Primary School in Delft to be used as decorations on the walls and as teaching aids.

2. We involved the whole school in collecting new and used stationary for Clanwilliam Secondary School. The majority of this school's 622 learners are children of farm workers and come from as far as Wupperthal, Citrusdal, Lambertsbaai, Elandsbaai and Sandberg. So many boxes full of files, folders, pens, pencils, calculators, rulers etc were collected that it had to be taken to Clanwilliam in 3

trips. This initiative was triggered when we were told that matrics from this particular school do not even own their own rulers.

3. On Friday 5 March, 2 buses full of enthusiastic Interactors left the school at 14h30 to help with the Extreme Make-over of the St George's Home for Girls. Our learners spent the entire afternoon gardening, painting, sorting toys/clothes and doing whatever had to be done.

4. On Friday 12 March 30 Interactors took part in Lunch Buddies Sandwich Jam held at The Settlers. A Good Hope FM dj, Guy McDonald, joined us in making sandwiches for the Lunch Buddies Programme, with live cross overs to Good Hope FM for interviews with the teacher in charge of Interact and the chairperson, Megan October. The photos and video material, as well as recorded interviews with the teacher and Megan, will be used for a promotional dvd of the Lunch buddies programme. Our school was selected for this Jam as we have been the best donating school in the Foodbank programme for the past 10 years, according to Grant McPherson of Foodbank.

5. We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Bellville for sponsoring 4 of our learners (at R1000 pp) to attend their RYLA camp in April. They thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot.

6. On 26 April, Interact hosted the charity performance of the school's annual stage production. Old Age homes, orphanages, hostels, the intellectually disabled, etc were invited and treated to tea and eats during interval. About 250 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

7. During our visit earlier this year to Alta du Toit Aftercare for Intellectually disabled adults, we were invited to attend a dance ("sokkie") at their premises. They have a dance every last Thursday of the month and we attended the dance on Thursday 29 April from 18h00 till 19h30. Our learners enjoyed dancing with them and learned that intellectually disabled people enjoy their dances just as much as we do. The people of Alta du Toit were thrilled to see us again and enjoyed dancing with us. We will definitely go again.

8. Mrs Leonore Van der Walt (then a journalist at The Tyger Burger) accompanied us a few years ago on one of our outings. Currently she is involved with the DA and needed to donate money to a charity of her choice. She remembered us and donated R2000.00 to our Interact Society to spend on a charity of our choice. We decided on Leiden Primary in Delft. We invited the deputy headmaster and Grade R teacher to come and address us with regards to their immediate needs. We were overwhelmed by their needs and found it difficult to decide on something specific with the little money to our disposal. We decided to enclose the grade R playground, but more money is needed for that. In the meantime we are collecting newspapers and magazines for the Grade R class as requested by the teacher.

9. We are running our "Small change for a big change" campaign again where we involve the whole school in collecting small change. Last year we raised R5000 (which was given to Nazareth House in Cape Town) and this year we are hoping to double the amount. We have decided as a society that we will use the money raised to help sponsor the wall around the grade R playground. We have already approached Builders' Warehouse to donate money, material of their time and expertise.

10. It was also brought to our attention that an orphan boy, the headboy of Hector Petersen Secondary School in Wallacedene, had lost all his belongings when his shack burnt down. We are collecting clothes, stationary, toiletries etc for him and will be delivering it to him when we visit him next term.

11. The knitted squares from our school's Big Knit, are being sewn together by the senior group of Vredelust Gemeente. These blankets will be distributed to needy institutions shortly.

12. An ongoing project of the Interact Society is the sandwich project every Friday. The school is expected to pack an extra sandwich for an underprivileged child at another school and hand it in every Friday. These sandwiches are collected by Foodbank and distributed at a needy school. The school participates very keenly in this project as many of the learners are already in the habit of bringing the extra sandwich every Friday. The teachers also encourage and remind their learners to participate in this worthy cause.

Interact's motto is to be the conscience of the school. I think we succeed in it as the school always reacts very generously to all our appeals.

Liezel Engelbrecht  
Teacher: Interact Society

### **Individual award nomination: Jessica Dewhurst of Christian Brothers' College St John's Parklands**

Jessica Dewhurst is currently a Grade 12 learner at Christian Brothers' College St John's Parklands. Her leadership through example has had a profound impact on staff, learners and the numerous committees she has dedicated herself to serving.

It is through the inspiration of the Edmund Rice Society (dedicated to the example of our founder, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice) and in turn, his life of service in the name of Jesus Christ, that has lead Jessica to grow in her love and passion for service to others. Her experience and involvement outlined below is only the beginning of her plans to continue by expanding her horizons in Africa and abroad after she matriculates. Jessica is a natural leader and born motivational speaker, having addressed many audiences with ease, from her peers to neighbouring school assemblies, organizations and leaders.

The following is a brief description of her involvement in outreach and leadership over the past six months:

#### **AWARDS\***

- Youth Unlimited Amelia Witbooi award of excellence – 27th June 2009
- ERC (Edmund Rice Camps) C & D Award – 10th December 2009
- Presidents Award (Gold Level) – 2009/2010
- Full CBC Colours Award for leadership – 2009/2010
- ERC Service/attendance 2007 to 2009

#### **EDMUND RICE SOCIETY (ERS)\***

- Membership since its first year -2002
- Junior leadership team (Grade 11) -2009
- Co-head of ERS -2010
- Involved in all projects including monthly outreach camps for the underprivileged, One-2-One for the disabled and beach clean-ups

#### **\*PREFECTSHIP\***

- Elected in 2009/2010
- Head of outreach
- Organizing support for the rebuilding of ERC jungle gyms for the underprivileged and repainting of dormitories – taking place during June/July holidays 2010

#### **EDMUND RICE CAMPS \*(outreach for underprivileged children from our townships)**

- Involved for two years
- Works in leader recruitment, training and fund-raising
- Roles on camps include camp leader, team leader and camp captain
- Arranging screening days for potential camp leaders
- Camp captain for December 2009 Australia/ South Africa Alive camp

Attending several training camps/days  
Correspondent between CBC and ERC until the end of 2010  
Recruitment and fund-raising talks at schools/colleges

OTHER\*

Arranged first aid training weekend for CBC students during June 2010 holidays  
Certified peer councilor at CBC and ERC  
Organizing "Highway Hope NPO" in partnership with ERS – in action by third term 2010  
Volunteer at SANCCOB over a period of two months  
Volunteer at TEARS fundraising events  
Represented CBC at the annual ASSISI rally in Bloemfontein in 2010 and presented talks for the ERC and ERN (Edmund Rice Network)

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**Individual nomination of Lara Schincariol**

Donation of R 21 000 to Christine Revell Children's Home

It is Lara Schincariol, I would like to say thank you for contacting me and asking me about my link with Christine Revell Children's Home, it is truly an honor. Below is my story:

It all started end of 2008 when I was elected to be a representative for Curro Durbanville's 'RCL', Representative Council of Learners. The RCL in our school organizes functions for fellow pupils to build school spirit throughout the year with socials and fun days, however we are also involved in charity work and donation drives, to give back to the community. This is how I learnt about the Christine Revell Children's Home in 2009. Around March 2009 we (RCL 2009) encouraged the school to donate old toys, clothing, tinned foods and cash donations to the Home, when we had collected everything, we set aside an afternoon and visited the Home. From the moment we all got there until the moment we left I think we all knew something had changed in us. Just spending those few hours at the home, with all the children, the smiling faces and all the energy.... Between playing soccer, hiding go seek and sticking shiny stars all over the place... It was a day in my life I won't forget. That day made me see how life can really be, how out of our perfect little bubbles, life isn't as easy as it seems to be. That day made me hungry to do more and to try help... Life for me went on, but I always thought about how can a student in school help...

2010, A new year, grade 12, I was elected as a representative again for the RCL and I was then appointed Vice Chair person and head of social committee. I am a very chatty person and love organizing events. At the end of grade 11 (2009) in our Economics class we were assigned to organize something called a 'Lapa Braai' for the following year. This is where we must create a restaurant for an evening, everything included, from the chairs to the food and people etc. The aim is to put to use the skills you have learnt in the class - budgeting, marketing, opportunity costs etc. The school only provided us with the premises and as for the rest we were on our own. We could choose to work alone or in groups, I worked alone. The rule from the school was, whatever the amount of

profit you make, 20% must go to the school as "rent", the rest of the profit was to be kept and each learner used their own money however they wanted. Now my own journey truly began.

The Lapa Braai never had to be a big event, it could be whatever you wanted it to be, it was your choice of food, décor etc. I chose Italian, as I am Italian. The function was held on the 26th February 2010. I started all my planning in January, from the get go I decided whatever profit I made, I will donate to charity, this is when the Christine Revell came to mind and now I had this idea of how I could really help the home. I contacted Alicia Rhoda and told her what I wanted to do, she gave me permission and now I had to start my planning. I had an image in my head and knew I won't get far unless I had a better idea of prices and how to put it all together.

I did some research and found that I wasn't going to get anywhere without sponsors or donations. That was my next move to find sponsors and donations to create the event, even every little discount helped. As I continued, I found a South African artist called Frans Groenewald who painted quirky pictures, some being Italian I spoke to him and asked if I could possibly have a few on consignment, raise the price and then whatever I made that evening if I could put it towards the profits. He was very moved and agreed. He painted me two originals, one was sold on the evening and the other auctioned off. My restaurant seated 50 people that evening, R250 pp. Each couple left with a gift basket containing a bottle of red wine, spaghetti, grappa, spices and Italian biscuits, valued at over R250, thanks to my sponsors. The restaurant had a bar and fully equipped bar and coffee area, the kitchen (Stove etc.- All rented) and a Deli. I created an Italian style deli for the evening selling all your typical Italian sausage, olive oils, biscuits and the list goes on. The evening was truly a great success, it started at 7pm and my guests stayed until 12 (Cut off time supposedly was 11). It was amazing and I left at 1am that morning and returned to school the following morning at 8am to clean up. After the clean up and a long sleep I counted the amounts and came to a profit of R25 000.00. I was shocked beyond, between the Deli, the artworks, the restaurant and the bar. 20% of the profit went to the school and the R20 000 and an extra R1000 donation, making it R21 000.00 went to the Christine Revell Children's Home. An internet transfer was done with the money and I sent a couple of boxes of Easter Eggs along to the children as it was near Easter time.

I feel so happy knowing that I might have helped the Home, even if it was just a little bit of help, I stuck to the promise that I made myself of really trying to do something, I know the home receives subsidies from the government and everything, but I know this doesn't cover all their expenses, especially growing children need more than most can have knowledge of.

Yes, that is a summed up version of my story... I feel as if I have grown, not only literally but figuratively, as a person who sees more, my eyes have been opened and it is a great feeling.

Lara

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