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Johannesburg Stock Exchange's video of the project

On Thursday, the 1st of August, the videography team of our funder Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) came to Sacred Heart College to shoot a featured video with our project for their annual report.

As part of this, they interviewed our management team and some of our current learners to collect both perspectives of the project and hear the stories on the ground. On a different day, they filmed sequences at our two other campuses, Holy Family College and Observatory Girls' Primary School, focusing on our classes and sports activities for the children.

This initiative aims at sharing the work done at Three2Six and at showing the impact it is making in people's lives and communities. We are very grateful to JSE for selecting the project to be one of their Corporate Social Investment (CSI) recipients and for choosing us as one of their beneficiaries to feature in their annual report video.

The video will soon be shared publicly, on JSE's social media platforms and on the project's platforms.

Stay tuned!

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Mindworks at Sacred Heart College



This year, one of our host schools - Sacred Heart College - celebrated the 30th anniversary of Mindworks. Every second year before the school term break, the College suspends its normal curriculum to host four days of activities that help enrich the curriculum. This year's activities included arts, outings, science, gardening and knitting, and involved the primary school children as well as some parents and guests.

As part of this year's Mindworks, on Tuesday the 6th of August, several parents provided primary school pupils with a skilful lesson on how to repair bicycles. The project's bicycles that had been donated by Standard Bank were chosen for this activity as they had been damaged from use.

We hope this year's session was a wonderful one! Thanks a lot to Sacred Heart College for including us in this special Mindworks experience. Your generosity means a lot to the entire Three2Six Project.

Three2six alumni day



On Saturday the 10th of August, our project together with the group of Marist Young Adults Johannesburg organized another exciting Three2Six Alumni Day, at Sacred Heart College, for its past learners. We carried out different activities which mostly reflected on Women's month, on how human perception influences our judgement based on what we see and how our insights or impressions may mislead us.

We also had the opportunity to help our Alumni with their school homework and at the end of the event we shared a delicious lunch with them! We appreciated the support from everyone who was involved in this event. Thank to our alumni and volunteers for their efforts!

Our next alumni day will be on Saturday 14 August at Sacred Heart College. We encourage others who would like to take part in this event to get in touch with the Marist Young Adults Johannesburg through their Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/MaristYoungAdultsJohannesurg/>

First aid training



From Monday, 12 August to Wednesday, 14 August, the Three2Six teachers and campus coordinators as well as our new volunteer attended a First Aid training to upgrade their First Aid certificates. This was critical as they work with our children on a daily basis.

They attended the training for Level 1 and 2. This session was run by Darren Smith from First Aid Priority in collaboration with Peta Anne Munnik, the Sacred Heart College nurse.

This three-day training encompassed lessons as well as a lot of practical exercises. Among other activities, we learnt about emergency scene assessment, how to treat and dress different types of wounds and how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on both children and adults. These certificates will be upgraded again in 3 years.

Thank you to Peta Anne for organising this training!

Athletics day at Holy Family College



On August 8th, at our Holy Family College campus, the Three2Six children took part in the Interhouse Athletics day of the school along with the day school students. Together, the learners enjoyed running races and relays and some games were organised for the younger ones. The best runners received medals and the first to finish won a trophy.

The day school students were divided into teams and the best team together with the Three2Six children won a trophy for them to celebrate companionship.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this event shared with the day school students and were thrilled to win medals - well done to everyone!

This was a great way to finish the term and to say goodbye to each other until the next term. We hope you enjoy your holiday!

Thank you to the Holy Family College's principal and to all the teachers who were involved in this fun day!



Fundraising update

We remain grateful to all our partners who have visited us in the first and second quarter of the year:

- ✚ HCI Foundation
- ✚ Terre des hommes
- ✚ Johannesburg Stock Exchange

This year, we have been generously supported by the following partners:

- ✚ A private Dutch funder
- ✚ Misereor
- ✚ Misesan Cara
- ✚ Terre Des Hommes
- ✚ HCI Foundation
- ✚ German Marist Solidarity
- ✚ Harris Mathew Charitable Trust

We are also grateful to all the private persons for supported us and our activities through generous gifts!

The project is still actively fundraising to ensure its sustainability and that it has the ability to open doors for more children in 2020.

If you are a corporate company based in South Africa, we have interesting news for you on how you can benefit from partnering with us:

On the 31st of May 2019, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) published 4 new gazettes amending the BBBEE legislation. One of the most important changes published was around Skills Development

Prior to these gazettes, organisations needed to spend 6% of their annual wages and salary bill on upskilling black people in order to get 8 points on the Generic BBBEE scorecard. The amendments have split this now with:

*1.3,5% of wages and salary bill to be spent on upskilling black people for 6 points
2.2,5% of wages and salary bill to be spent on "Bursaries for Black Students at Higher Education Institutions" for 4 points.*

There was a 6-month implementation period for this new legislation, meaning any business with a year end after 30 November 2019 would have to include this new calculation as part of their BBBEE audit verification. The DTI have since further clarified that Grades 9 to 12 are considered to be higher education studies, meaning bursaries for students studying in those grades would count towards the bursaries calculation.

If you would like to support some of our children to enter into mainstream schooling or support those who have already transitioned, please do get in touch with us.

501C3 - Section 501(c)(3) is the portion of the US Internal Revenue Code that allows for federal tax exemption of non-profit organizations, specifically those that are considered public charities, private foundations or private operating foundations.

If you are based in America and would like to make a contribution to the project, please contact our American fundraising team on 484-602-7365 (cell phone number) and 212- 410-1185 (office number) or contact partnerships@three2six.co.za.

A reminder that the mailing address of our 501c3:

**Sacred Heart Marist Observatory % Margaret Minson PO Box 1294
New York, NY 10028-9998.**

Thank you for all you do for our kids. You are a part of their lives too.

Sincerely,

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Three2Six staff update



On Thursday August 6th, we organised a farewell ceremony for our long-term volunteer Joao Heim. This event was held at our Holy Family College campus where Joao spent a lot of time with our Grade 3 pupils working on edu-communication class project. Joao joined us from Brazil in August 2018.

He was in charge of the communication of the project: he managed our social media pages, monthly newsletters and covered all our events. In addition to this, he provided his support during our summer holiday program and for our monthly alumni days. We truly appreciate the time he dedicated to our project and we wish him all the very best with his studies in Portugal! We will miss you.



It is with much excitement that the project recently welcomed Jakob Mauser, our new German volunteer Kindermisionswerk – Die Sternsinger! Jakob arrived in South Africa on Thursday 8 August and will be volunteering in the project for a period of 12 months.

As a project assistant on our Sacred Heart College campus, he will be helping the project with administrative duties and will offer support to our campus coordinator and teachers with our learners.

Herzlich willkommen im Team Jakob!