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Alumni day

On March 16th, our past learners from Three2Six returned to Sacred Heart College for our Alumni Day.

They were helped with their homework by our volunteers and then benefited from training on how to use Audacity, an audio editing software. We believe it will be an added value for their future.

Before leaving the campus, they got rid of some energy by playing on the field with our Three2Six volunteers.

Every month, the Three2Six volunteers and the Marist Young Adults get together for this occasion to maintain the relationship with our past learners after they have left the project and follow up on their progress in state schools.

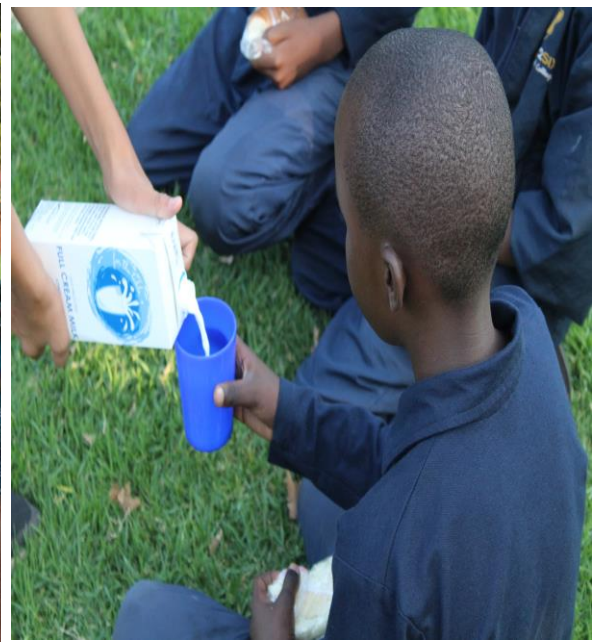
See you all next month!



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American International School of Johannesburg's visit



On 27 March, the Three2Six project had the pleasure of welcoming a group from the American International School of Johannesburg (AISJ).

Their Grade 8 students introduced our learners to American football (obviously non-contact!) They also helped with the distribution of the children's meals.

Our learners enjoyed sharing those moments with them. Thanks a lot to AISJ for joining us and we hope that you will visit us again soon!



Brother Fachi's Visit

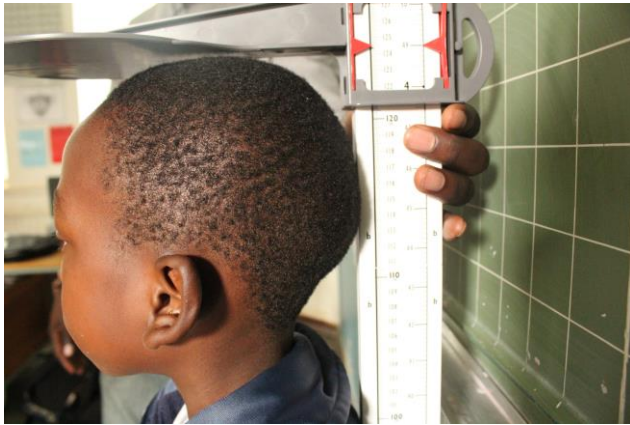


On March 26, Marist Brother Valdicer Fachi, from the Rome-based Marist Institute, visited our project at the Sacred Heart College campus. He is one of the coordinators responsible for sending Marist Volunteers to projects around the world.

The Three2Six project has been very fortunate to receive volunteers from them!

Brother Fachi joined the children for their lessons and had fun interacting with them in the classrooms.

BMI measurements at Observatory Girls'



Before Observatory Girls' Primary School closed for its mid-term break, our children had their Body Mass Index (BMI) measurements taken and answered a questionnaire on their eating habits. The same was performed at our Sacred Heart College and Holy Family College.

Those measurements are carried out once a term on all our campuses. It helps the project keep track of the children's physical development to monitor their well-being. It also ensures that the food provided to them is nutritious and adapted to their needs so they are able to learn and actively participate in the classrooms.

Food parcel distribution

Twice a month on Thursdays, our children receive two vegetable parcels each at the Sacred Heart College campus. They take them to their homes to supplement their meals. This project's initiative is aimed at improving the family units' food security.

Our children always look forward to the distribution and there is always much excitement when they receive their parcels.



Background information: the program started in 2013, as a food parcel program with food collected from supermarkets. A year later, the day school parents of Sacred Heart College joined to organize it. That is when the food parcels changed to vegetable parcels.

We are deeply thankful for this wonderful initiative from the day school parents.

Fundraising Update

We would like to extend our gratitude to all our partners, funders and donors who have assisted us in the past and who have now finished their year cycles with us. We look forward to partnering with you again soon.

Breadsticks Foundation
Kindermissionswerk
Anglo American Chairman's Fund
Giuseppe & Rita Raimondo Trust

We would also like to thank the following partners who have continued their partnerships or made pledges to assist the project in delivering its objectives for this year with the difficulties that the project was faced with in this first quarter. It is through the support of these partners that the project was indeed able to open its doors at the beginning of 2019.

Misereor
Misean Cara
Mary Oppenheimer and Daughters - Jessica Slack Foundation
Terre Des Hommes
HCI Foundation
German Marist Solidarity

We are also grateful to the partners that heeded to our plea and responded positively to the appeal sent after our first 2019 newsletter. The following partners have provided additional funds to aid the project on its shortfall:

Misereor - After a visit from one of their South African consultant, Misereor and its KZE Department decided to help the project with extra funds towards the project's shortfall. We would like to express our gratitude to our long-standing funder for this additional support.

Harris Mathews Charitable Trust - Through the assistance of the Sacred Heart College's American Fundraising team - Arthur and Margaret Minson - the Three2six Project was able to receive a generous donation from this American based trust. We would like to thank them for their generosity.

HCI Foundation - After meeting with the HCI Foundation's CEO to discuss the financial situation of the project, the Cape Town based organisation offered additional funds to Three2Six. We thank this partner for being one of the long-standing partners and champions of our project.

Private Dutch Funder - We have also received a generous donation from one of our funders who has been funding the project for 10 years. This donor has decided to provide the project with additional funds for two years. Thank you for this generous contribution.

Through all the support, the project has managed to raise 75 % of the 3.8 million shortfall for the entire project to continue providing for refugee and migrant children. The long-term goal is to raise more funds to ensure that the project is able to open doors for children again in 2020, with the understanding that every little bit helps us to go a long way. It is a long way indeed.

Fundraising update

The project is still actively fundraising from other previous partners to ensure the sustainability of the project and the ability to provide for more children in 2020.

For our friends and supporters in America, we are pleased to now have a 501c3 - Sacred Heart Marist Observatory - to enable individuals and companies to make donations to the project and obtain a tax certificate. Our 501c3 team can be contacted on 484-602-7365 (cell phone number) and 212-410-1185 (office number). Its mailing address is:

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

We would highly appreciate suggestions of corporate giving that you may know of. Kindly contact me in this regard at partnerships@three2six.co.za.

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

We are always available and happy to answer any questions you may have and we are looking forward to updating you with the 2018 Annual Report and Financials of the project as soon as they have been finalised.

Sincerely,

Nthabiseng Seane
Fundraiser officer

Three2Six staff update



Every Wednesday afternoon, the Three2Six children from the Sacred Heart College campus go to our library to choose a book for the week.

For the last seven years, Kathie O'Malley was very involved in the running of our library, guiding the children to choose the most appropriate books. She has now left the project to live overseas with her family. We are so grateful for the time dedicated to our project and all the passion she demonstrated, and we wish her all the best.

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