

ABAGOLD

Development Trust

A call to action for Hermanus

The objectives of the Abagold Development Trust (ADT) is to develop and support the communities in Hermanus where the majority of our employees at Abagold live and raise their children.

Our Purpose

is supporting and educating the children of these communities and it is something we have been committed to for 8 years since the establishment of the Abagold Development Trust. We believe that many of the children we will effect will grow up to be our future community leaders.

The foundation of a successful society starts with healthy child development. This development is particularly crucial in the early years of a child's life.

For optimal childhood development, more than just a healthy environment is required. A child needs supportive experiences, nourishment, active stimulation and a safe world in which to flourish. This document provides a short summary of what we have contributed to so far this year, to continue to create an environment in which children and young adults can flourish. We take this opportunity to present our audacious plan for 2018, where significant attention, funds and focus will be dedicated.

With this insight and information, we hope to inspire and motivate you, as people and organisations in Hermanus to contribute to the success of this journey by making a donation to the Abagold Development Trust to allow us to achieve our audacious goals in Early Childhood Development in Hermanus.

TOP 10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENTS FOR 2017

1. Qhayiya High School

In 2012 Abagold became actively involved at Qhayiya High School, the local school in Zwelihle. Lou-Anne Lubbe, our Human Resources Director, was instrumental in driving the application and approval process to build a new school to accommodate the influx of new learners. Lou-Anne continues to work closely with the principal of Qhayiya High School, sharing her invaluable expertise in business, and mentoring the principal in good governance of the school.

2. School of Excellence

Abagold Development Trust introduced the School of Excellence programme at Qhayiya, two years ago.

This programme focuses on:

- i) **Quality of results**
- ii) **Morale of educators**
- iii) **Morale of learners**
- iv) **Service delivery.**

Abagold will continue funding this program as we can see the results that have been achieved. The table below shows an upward trend in the pass rate, since Abagold became involved, in 2012. Abagold will also continue to fund the summer school programme, which supports Grade 12 learners with extra classes in Mathematics, Physical Science, Physics and Chemistry and Life Sciences in the lead up to their matric exams. Our goal is to assist and support Qhayiya High in reaching a 100% pass rate!

YEAR	LEARNERS	PASS RATE	BACHELOR PASSES
2010	65	32%	
2011	68	66%	
2012	98	67%	
2013	71	76,1%	27
2014	116	75%	28
2015	129	80,6%	33
2016	131	88,5%	34

3. Clive Prins Youth Substance Intervention Program

Abagold initiated the Clive Prins Youth Substance Intervention Programme (CPYSIP) after and Abagold Employee, Clive Prins, lost his life when he was stabbed, at a soccer game, by a person allegedly under the influence of drugs. Clive was an upstanding and influential leader in his community and Abagold wanted to ensure that he did not lose his life in vain. The Abagold development trust has been the largest funder of the program to date, which is run by the Sustainable Futures Trust and has now qualified for government funding to continue the great work that was started. The trust currently funds a social worker and leveraged a generous donation from Trecor to equip a shipping container which is now located at the local school. This location used for safe counselling purposes regarding any addiction related issues.

4. Sparkle Kids- Dr Sindiwe Magona Workshops

Sparkle Kids organised Dr Sindiwe Magona, recently named one of South Africa's Future Shapers, to facilitate Life Skills workshops over weekends for Grade six learners from Zwelihle Primary. An initial group of fifty learners made up the sparkle with Dr Sindiwe Magona over the weekend workshops held for five months in the first half of 2017. A second group commenced in July 2017. Dr Magona is a former primary school teacher and civil servant, she is a prolific author who has written nine books. She served in the United Nations (UN), for 20 years. She now spends her weekends in Hermanus working with and motivating the youth in Grade 6 to equip them with essential life skills and to instil a love for lifelong learning and personal development.

5. Mount Pleasant Primary School Aftercare

The Abagold development trust contributes to the 'Just Care' after school care programme. The trust has employed a dedicated social work intern, teaching sex education at the school's aftercare programme. Thomas Lebetsa, an Abagold employee, dedicates his personal time to coach soccer and rugby every day at the school. We also introduced a karate instructor for karate-lessons for the after-school care programme.

6. Izibusiso Children's Home

A home to orphans; for the past seven years, the trust has been helping the home with; electricity, primary health care and providing labour and materials to maintain this special care home for abandoned and orphaned children.

7. Job Creation for People Living with Disability

Abagold Development trust donates abalone shells to an initiative for people living with disabilities. These shells are used to make high end quality art products to be sold for profit. The income earned help the disabled people to gain some measure of independence.



8. Women Action Group

The beneficiaries of this organisation are children between the ages of 9-14 who are both infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and who live in Hawston, Mount Pleasant & Zwelihle. The ADT funds life skills training for this vulnerable group. It is essential that they can have the appropriate coping mechanisms and positive self-belief to live their lives responsibly and positively.

9. Abagold Bursars

The Abagold Development Trust funds six Bursary students at university, all of whom are from Hermanus. These students work for Abagold during their holidays to gain work experience.

10. Mandela Day

To honour the legacy of Madiba, we celebrated this day by visiting 6 Early Childhood Development Centres in Zwelihle and Mount Pleasant. Our employees gave their time to play with the kids at various ECDs while others cooked and cleaned. Some offered their construction skills by building at two of the centres, while others used their plumbing skills, to install a new geyser and three new junior toilets.

OUR AUDACIOUS PLAN FOR 2018 AND BEYOND

Abagold Early Childhood Development program and Centre

Our vision is to make a substantial impact on the foundation of early childhood education and development in Hermanus. It has been proven that children who receive assistance in their early formative years have a better chance of achieving success at school and in life. As adults, they have higher employment and earnings potential, better health, and lower levels of welfare dependence. Crime rates are also reduced compared to those who don't have these early opportunities.

The Abagold Development Trust will not only establish an ECD for employees children and that of other surrounding businesses but we will also actively support the upliftment of selected ECD's in Zwelihle and Mount Pleasant.

We are creating the foundation for a successful future for our children; this is good for our community and ultimately will be good for our country.

Help us to make this a reality here in Hermanus, help us to build a solid foundation for lifelong development right here, in Hermanus, our picturesque village in South Africa.

To achieve this audacious goal, we need your financial support to help make this a reality. Contribute in a positive way to help build healthy minds and a healthy community. Abagold has already donated R1m, in 2017, to establishment of ECD in Hermanus. The Trust has also raised an additional R300,000 in the past twelve months, and Abagold will again contribute significantly to donations in 2018. It is our goal to raise a further R2.2m to ensure that the full scope of this project can be achieved and that the vision can be achieved not only for the Abagold ECD center but also for ECD's in Zwelihle & Mount Pleasant too.

If you are willing to donate please see our bank details below.

Please email proof of payment to Philip copying Lou-Anne and they will ensure that you get your Donations Tax Certificate.

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Please help us make a difference in the lives of others.

Help us develop the Youth of Hermanus and SA for a Better Future for all of us!

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