

African Bank Limited press release

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ADDING COLOUR TO HOPE SCHOOL

The Hope School for children with disabilities in Westcliffe received a much needed facelift this month when a team of helpers from African Bank got together to improve the learning and living environment of the children.

Bavani Reddy from African Bank Human Capital team says that following a career day at the school, the team were motivated to do something more. “We just felt that the learning and living environment were mostly dull and colourless and could really do with a facelift.”

The project was a truly collaborative one, with African Bank painting the dorms for the 60 young girls and providing new bedding and curtaining, while Gift of the Givers donated 130 blankets, Digital Planet sponsored 50 memory sticks for the students and Willchris Projects provided new light fittings.

“Seeing the expression on the young girl’s faces on the Monday was priceless,” says Reddy.

Commenting on the day, Hope School Principal Michele Alexander says, “Hope School’s Partnership with African Bank has firstly addressed a pivotal need for our differently abled learners. The items provided, namely the gowns and the revamping of two dormitories, has restored their dignity and right to privacy. It also demonstrates that they are valued and worth investing in. In addition, the donation of prizes for our top achievers in grade R to grade 12, has given recognition to our learners’ tenacity and outstanding work ethic in spite of their disabilities. By doing this, African Bank has validated our true heroes as they uphold our motto, ‘resurgam’ (to rise again) on a daily basis.

The fun day endorsed our drive to acknowledge all learners’ individual strides towards excellence. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire African Bank Team and

Volunteers, for persisting through uncharted waters to deliver a service of excellence and we hope this is the beginning of a long term, mutually beneficial relationship.”

To finish off the project a festival fair was held for all the staff and children, with meals courtesy of donations from Debonairs and African Bank staffers and their friends and family.

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