



matla a bana

a voice against child abuse



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Top from left : Cornelius Bosch, Pro-Arte School, Giorgio Trobec, Koop Steyger and Edith Venter, Portchie and Melanie van Huyssteen, proud owner of the Portchie Benni
Opp: Rusti with his Mandela graffiti

we party with



Pablo Picasso (in spirit) added the spice to the annual MAB fundraising event, sponsored by Chana SA. The project started off in July when artist, Portchie, undertook his biggest paint challenge - painting a life-size car. After paying several visits to shopping centres in Gauteng, the Portchie Bennie was finally auctioned at the "Picasso's Paint Party", hosted at Montecasino.

The evening was a "force-de-art", showcasing spectacular body painting, Spanish dancing, live illustrations by graffiti and cartoon artists and a performance by students from the Pro-Arte School (who had many of the audience in tears). The first auction of the evening was for an art lesson with any one of our four top SA artists – Karin Hougaard, Bosch, Harry Erasmus and Gorgio Trobec. After dinner the students and masters took to the stage and created priceless pieces of art. This was framed as one master piece and auctioned later in the evening.

It was however the auction of the Portchie Benni and the scale model Bennies, decorated by the "who-is-who" of SA celebrity scene, which was the highlight of the evening. Auctioneer Koop Steyger, with the assistance of compere Gavin Sharples, made sure that the scale model Bennis, went for record prizes. Guests had a tough time choosing between the Blue Bull car (complete with horns) by

Steve Hofmeyer, Nataniel's flower power car, South African rugby ball car (by a naturally born artist, Jake White) and Mr Bone's (Leon Schusters) car full of bones!

The scale model of Cornelius Bosch sold for the highest price (R30,000), whilst Edith Venter's model, decorated with hundreds of Swarovski crystals got R20,000. After serious bidding, Matla A Bana supporters, Johan and Melanie Van Huyssteen became the proud owners of the Portchie Bennie. The party made headlines – thanks to Kyknet's Glitterati and Rapport's Gavin Prins (who was extremely well behaved!).



We would like to thank main sponsors - Chana SA, Montecasino, Alice Art, Vodacom, the long list of smaller sponsors, all the artists and celebrities for donating their talents, all the companies and individuals who bought tables and took part in the auction – we could not have done it without you!



children's rights captured in art

Matla A Bana has celebrated a year with projects full of colour and beautiful creations. One such project is the Children's Rights Birthday Calendar, launched in December. The idea to create a calendar depicting the Children's Rights was born about three years ago. With the help of Alice Pitzer (Alice Art Gallery), twelve of SA's top artists were approached to donate their talents. They set to the task immediately and a few months later MAB received twelve exquisite pieces of art. Black Khaki Advertising add the final design touches and the MAB Children's Rights Birthday Calendar hit the "stands" just in time for the Christmas shopping! During the launch at Clearwater Mall, artists, Giorgio Trobec, Annette Poulton and Munro, not only

demonstrated their painting talents, but also made sure that each calendar was personally autographed. The journey of the calendar has been a long and patient one. One which saw many highlights (Artist Munro finally got married to the love of his life!) and some sad moments (Father Claerhout sadly passed away shortly after completing his contribution and At Botha lost his dearest wife), but it was a worthy one.



Today many people can enjoy this collection, whilst we continue to lobby for the rights of our children!



MAB AGM - Managing the press



Martie Prinsloo, Lizel van Eeden, Leonore Louw, Andile Songo, Joseph Phukile and Monique Strydom

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how you can support us!

You can help our project :

1. Get your church to adopt a FCS Unit or court.
2. Make a donation to us (cash or debit order).
3. Buy a Children's Rights Key Ring holders - only R 20 each.
4. Buy a Children's Rights Birthday Calendar at R120 each.

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snippets

MAB assisted the Gauteng SAPS Women's Network in hosting a **WOW morning** for the ladies during Women's Month. Thank you to Ciao Baby, Clearwater Mall, Leap Training and Captain Optoff.



Nando's "Peri-Peri Cruise" (94.7 & KFM) Those of you who listens to fun radio stations will have noticed that MAB is one of the beneficiaries of the "Nando's Peri-Peri" Cruise. Thanks to Nandos for believing in us and our radio stations for promoting us! Keep watching this space for more news!

MAB has been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of **Mr Price** in Gauteng and the Western Cape.

HCI Foundation will be sponsoring various of the MAB training courses for the police for the next year. Thank you HCI!

MAB can now issue BEE certificates for donations, helping smaller companies to obtain up to 25% of their BEE status. Thank you to **BEE Solutions** for sponsoring this service.

Guest speaker, Mr Tim Du Plessis, caused a few grey hairs when the

demands of his new position forced him to cancel his appearance at the MAB AGM in November. But his replacement, journalist Sonja Carstens, captivated the audience with her presentation on the media (What journalists want and how the public should react) resulting in a lively Q&A session! The rest of the morning brought the normal formalities, including the confirmation of sound financial management by Absa Trust (the administrator of MAB). Lizel and Monique gave feedback on the projects completed. An impact study done by MAB showed that, during the period January 2007 – July 2008, the projects of

MAB had a direct impact on more than 3000 child abuse victims. Once again most of the projects were made possible by the sponsorship of goods and services (more than R 1,2 million during this period). One of the greatest challenges is still funding for the administrative costs. The highlight of the day was the introduction of our new board of trustees and the handing over of the MAB Certificates of Appreciation to a group of our top donors. We would like to thank Absa Trust, our board of trustees, Randburg Dutch Reformed Church and our donors for believing in us and supporting us.

Special thank you to our sponsors : Tuks Rag, Allied Mobile, Anglo American's Chairmans Fund, FNB Property Commercial Finance, Colliers International, Gerhardt Jooste.

ART with a HEART

MAB was chosen by the art community of the Hartbeespoort Dam as the beneficiary of the "Art with the heart" project hosted in October. The aim of this exciting project was to profile the galleries at the dam as businesses with a heart for many children who never see beauty. Many visitors who wanted their Art with a Heart passports stamped walked off with a MAB Children's Rights Key ring holder and a

percentage of the sales were donated to MAB!

We would like to thank the following galleries Adlou Art Gallery, Alice Art Gallery, Dam Wall Art Gallery, Blue Ivy Art Gallery, Absolute Art, New Village Art and Island Art Gallery for their commitment.



To create awareness during the "16 Days of Activism of no Violence Against Women and Children", MAB launched the "Light Up A Childs Life" campaign at Clearwater Mall. Glamour girl, Edith Venter hosted the evening and she was joined on the stage by celebrities Annie Malan, designer Gerrit Pienaar, TV presenter Nadine Blom, singers Catherine Jones, Monica, Leandie Lombard and Watershed's Craig Hinder, who all lit up a candle for an abused child. Our artists entertained the audience with some great singing, whilst they in return enjoyed some fabulous dining at the participating restaurants. The highlight of the evening was the handing over of a cheque for R15,000 by Clearwater Mall to MAB. This money was collected from the fines paid by illegal parking in the shopping centre and will now help a very worthy cause! We would like to thank all the artists and celebrities, Clearwater Mall and Lion Match, Spur, Meat Co, Ciao Baby, Café Fino, House of Coffee's and Maestro.



You can now support this project by eating at the participating Clearwater Mall restaurants in the next months and putting your donation in the match box on your table and depositing it in our MAB Light up a Childs life box.

Thank you to our printing sponsor:



Remember Child Protection Week - end May 2009



MAB INCENTIVE AWARDS “Taking a taxi” Top cop success story

Whether it is a pending exam or a lack of transportation, one of Gauteng's top cops does not let any excuse stand between her and arresting criminals. Sergeant Mazibuko, a member of the Hillbrow SAPS Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences units, was on study leave when she was called by a victim who saw her rapist in a park. Sergeant Mazibuko, who was until then faced with a lack of official transport, dropped her studies, got into a taxi, arrested the perpetrator and took him to the station (in the taxi) – all at her own expense! Apparently this was not the first time she has used public transport to solve cases! It is this dedication, together with volunteering at NGO's in her free time that has earned her the Matla A Bana Incentive Award for the FCS Performer in Gauteng (Jan - Jun 2008) hosted in August 2008.

During the awards ceremony, guest speaker John Robby, 702 presenter and police critic, acknowledged the police men and women who goes the extra mile. A surprised Yusuf Abramjee (Primedia) was the first civilian to receive an award in recognition of the Crimeline initiative.

We would like to salute the following MAB FCS Gauteng winners:

- Best Performer (1):** Serg Mazibuko (Hillbrow)
- Best Performer (2):** Insp Morolong (Vanderbijlpark)
- Best Performer (3):** Const Vilakazi (Katlehong)
- Best Station Commissioner:** Comm Reddy (Honeydew Police Station)
- Best FCS Section:** Roodepoort Police Station
- Best FCS Commander:** Capt Pretorius (Roodepoort)
- Outstanding Achievement Awards:**
Insp Du Toit (Krugersdorp) for solving the severe sexual abuse (including child pornography) of a young girl by her parents.

Insp Phetla for solving a house robbery case (with aggravating rape and assault), arresting the perpetrator and securing five life in prison sentences.

Service Excellence Award: Dep. Prov. Comm. Henriette Bester for her outstanding leadership

Special Recognition Award:
Mr Yusuf Abramjee for his Crimeline Initiative that has resulted in the arrests of many criminals.



Lizel van Eeden, Monique Strydom, Dep Prov Comm Henriette Bester, John Robby, Yusuf Abramjee



Lizel van Eeden, Serg Mazibuko, Insp Morolong, Const Vilakazi, Monique Strydom, John Robby

news flash

The Hillbrow FCS received a state vehicle from the office of the SAPS Gauteng Provincial Commissioner in response to the success of Serg Mazibuko.

Team Building FCS Commanders Gauteng

In August Matla a Bana treated 60 FCS commanders to a team building and relationship development session, which included a game drive and a lunch. **Sponsored:** Heia Safari and ABSA



Child Friendly Reporting Facilities

Nuwe Lewe Church upgraded the victim empowerment room at Brakpan Police station.

Projects to implement or upgrade facilities in Vereeniging, Honeydew, Moroka and Krugersdorp are currently underway and should be completed in the next month or two.

Forensic Social Workers

MAB donated six notebooks to the forensic social workers in Gauteng. **Sponsorship:** Sanlam

training

Feminine Leadership Training



MAB assisted in securing this training for female middle management of SAPS and also served on the assessment panel of this course. **Sponsors :** Lynette Viljoen (Leap Training)

Reach Africa Soft Skills Training



Reach Africa has been instrumental in the successes of the MAB training soft skills program in Gauteng. These soft skills are crucial for equipping the detectives working with women and children with the much needed understanding, leadership qualities and sensitization. Two courses (of 4 modules each) were hosted during the last 6 months of 2008, equipping 60 police officers. **Sponsors:** Leanore – Reach Africa

MEC Training

Matla a Bana joined the Teddy Bear Clinic and Reach Africa in hosting Soft Skills Training for the Office of the MEC of Safety and Security. This week course consists of training in skills such as Conflict management, legal aspects and the investigation of child abuse cases. **Sponsors:** Woord en Lewe Church (Sunward Park) and Clearwater Mall

CSC Training

In January this year MAB launched a pilot programme, training 21 staff members of the Client Service Centre at Honeydew Police Station in the “Advance Management of Sexual Abuse”. This two-day course was specifically developed by MAB to train the front office staff of the police in dealing with children and abuse victims when they report crimes to police stations. **Sponsors:** Leap Training, Rosebank Union Church

Main Training Sponsor: HCI Foundation

MAB INCENTIVE AWARDS MAB launches WC FCS Incentives



Capt Gordon, Monique Strydom, Insp. Jacobs (back), Comm. Ntobela, Insp. Paul Moss, Const. Sidinana, Faieza Adams, Const. van Rooyen

The Western Cape saw the launch of the first MAB WC FCS Incentive Awards in December, hosted at the Mount Nelson. The group of finalists and VIP Guest, Commissioner Ntobela was motivated by the inspirational words of well-known magician and motivational speaker Wolfgang Riebe, who shared with them the wisdom of 6 year olds!

Top performer, Constable Sidinana (Nyanga FCS) received an average of 65 cases in the 6 month period (May to October 2008) and has an arrest rate of 90% all within a month. In addition to this he has secured more than 150 years of imprisonment for various rape cases. His outstanding detective skills were demonstrated in a rape case where the victim had very little information, but did remember that she bit the perpetrator's tongue. Constable Sidinana visited every hospital, clinic and doctor until he found a patient with the medical history consistent with the case. The perpetrator was positively identified and could be arrested. Constable Sidinana received a fabulous breakaway for him and a partner kindly sponsored by the Mount Nelson Hotel.



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Adoption Project

KRUGERSDORP FCS unit was treated to a fab "braai" by their adoptive church Christian Heritage Church. Despite sever health challenges Pastor Pat still hosts prayer session once a week at the unit.

LINDEN BIBLE STUDY group hosted a special breakfast for Tembisa FCS in Novembers to inspire these detectives for the 16 days of Activism campaign ahead and the Festive Season. Each member received a gift parcel for their families.

ROODEPOORT COURT was treated to a small party and gifts by the Mosaiek Congregation.

RANDBURG DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH donated gift packs to the Hillbrow, JHB Central and Sophiatown FCS members and their families during December in appreciation for their dedication.

Winners:

- Best Performer (1): Const Sidinana (Nyanga)
- Best Performer (2): Const Van Rooyen (George)
- Best Performer (3): Insp Jacobs (Oudtshoorn)
- Best FCS Unit (Rural): Worcester FCS
- Best FCS Unit (Metropole): Delft FCS
- Best FCS Commander Capt Van Der Westhuizen (Delft FCS)

Service Excellence Award:

Insp Paul Moss (Nyanga FCS) made the effort to learn to speak Xhosa so that he could understand his clients better. In addition to this he has excelled as a mentor, public speaker promoting child protection and excellent detective with good conviction rates.

Special Recognition Award:

Ms Faieza Adams is a 21 year old resident of Mitchell's Plain who has dedicated the last year to serve the Nyanga FCS unit as a volunteer.

Thank you to our sponsors: City Lodge Pinelands Hotel, Mount Nelson Hotel, Ster Kinekor Tygervalley

FCS Support



Annemarie Vorster (Sanlam) with Delft FCS Comm, Thea vd Westhuizen and the social workers.

During recent visits to the FCS Units in the Western Cape, MAB handed over 13 laptops and 13 desktop computers to the FCS Units for use by the Forensic Social Workers. This was made possible thanks to the sponsorship of Sanlam.

national news



Ingrid Botha, Monique Strydom, Lizel van Eeden, Alet du Plessis

MAB Team building

We would like to welcome our new MAB "family members":

Board of trustees: Alice Pitzer, Esme Ehlers, Pastor Ndaba Mazabane
Staff: Ingrid Botha - Manager Fundraising and Marketing

training

The last two modules of the Reach Africa Mentorship Training for FCS Commanders were completed late last year.

Soft Skills training session was hosted for 150 FCS members in January 2009, this included Stress Management and the new Legislation.

Medical Practitioners Paarl Hospital

A training session on "Management of a rape victim during medical examination" was hosted in November.

Sponsor; Edith Kriel (Child Trauma Centre)

Main Training Sponsor: HCI Foundation

Adoption Project

The home cell group of Burger van der Merwe has hosted various projects in support of the Nyanga FCS unit. Building alterations was undertaken to ensure a private office for the commander, members and their families were treated to a family day and in September the group sponsored 100 tickets to Angus Buchan to members. This group has also hosted a talk on Financial management and has implementing a feed scheme at the unit for victims of abuse.

Paarl Hospital – Paarl Suid NG has agreed to adopt Paarl Hospital. The group is busy upgrading the medical examination room to a victim friendly facility. MAB has been invited to serve on the committee looking at the child victim.

VIVA Cutting Edge Conference



South Africans Deborah and Monique visiting a charity project.

Thanks to the Strydom Trust, Monique attended the VIVA Conference in Chicago last year. The theme of the conference was Journeys of Hope with Children. Many good contacts were made and MAB was profiled on the international charity stage.

Once a year the MAB staff goes on a "destress" team building session. This year took the team high up into the cliffs of the Magaliesburg on a canopy tour (causing a lot of stress for some staff members!). All had a great time and came back fully recharged! Thank you to Workhouse Communications for the sponsorship of this trip.

