

# The future is only as good as we build it.

## Gabrielle's Creche - making a difference

Stefanutti Stocks Geotechnical (Pty) Ltd In the few months since opening in April 2009, Gabrielle's Creche has made a big impact on the lives of 70 children and their five teachers in the Vlakfontein area. The new facilities were made possible by a joint initiative which saw the Geotechnical division contributing a substantial amount to the almost R500 000 project. The building has enabled the separation of children according to their age groups and abilities. Each week has a special theme, and each day is split into a variety of activities. The five teachers are benefiting from an experienced external trainer and children with learning disabilities or challenges are benefiting from the input of a social worker.



Shaun Nell, managing director of Stefanutti Stocks Geotechnical at the official opening of the creche.



Some of the children who will benefit from this new facility.

## A bright and airy Stefanutti Stocks edutainer classroom

As a group initiative Stefanutti Stocks is sponsoring an Edutainer (a shipping container that is converted into a classroom) to the Noah Orphans Reamogetswe Ark in Muldersdrift. Noah's is in dire need of assistance and after receipt of an Edutainer, can be registered with the Department of Health.



The kids are looking forward to their bright and airy edutainer classroom for the next school year.

The school has one qualified teacher serving 49 children in very basic facilities. The Stefanutti Stocks Edutainer will accommodate 20 children who have been orphaned by AIDS. This group initiative sees the individual companies within the group contributing to the overall edutainer cost of R200 000, with Nedbank contributing R30 000. For more information on Edutainers and The Bright Kid Foundation please visit [www.brightkid.co.za](http://www.brightkid.co.za).



Nedbank hands over a R30 000 cheque for the Edutainer initiative. From left to right: Johan Fourie (Nedbank), Rob King (Stefanutti Stocks), Paula Smith (Stefanutti Stocks), Willie Meyburgh (Stefanutti Stocks) and Wellwood Nortier (Nedbank).

## Unica School Hostel - a unique place for unique people

Skelton & Plummer Investment Holdings Company (Pty) Ltd (S&P) from the Mechanical, Electrical and Power business unit has donated an amount of R250 000 towards the renovations of Unica School Hostel in Pretoria.

Unica School is one of only six schools in South Africa that caters for the needs of learners with autism. The school offers individualised educational, therapeutic and development support programs adapted to the learners needs. Of the 105 learners, 40 reside in the Unica hostel, where over the years, due to a lack of funding, the facilities have deteriorated to almost uninhabitable conditions.

The S&P contribution has been put towards the restoration, upgrading and brightening of these facilities, as well as the purchase of new furniture and equipment. "We are very humbled by the dedication and enthusiasm at Unica," says Aubrey Michel from S&P. "Our contribution is just a means to an end, not an end itself. What really counts here is the motivated and dedicated staff who make a difference daily in the lives of these learners."



Members of the Unica School Hostel staff outside the main entrance.

## Caring for the community

During the first week in October, Stefanutti Stocks Roads & Earthworks launched an Adult Based Education Training (ABET) community outreach. The ABET program is for selected previously disadvantaged learners and community members, involved on the projects that are being undertaken by the business unit. "The objective is to equip these participants with construction, building maintenance skills, numeracy, literacy and other related business skills to increase their employability, even once we have left the area," says Zulfa Allie on behalf of Stefanutti Stocks Earthworks (Pty) Ltd.

The business has also pledged their support to a home in Kempton Park catering for handicapped children, and individuals who are physically and mentally challenged. This relationship will continue indefinitely, with the home receiving food and toiletries on a monthly basis. The home is called CASA CARITAS, which translates to house of compassion.

## Top award for Field Band Foundation

At the 12th Annual Business Day BASA Awards, held at the end of August 2009, The Field Band Foundation and its sponsors received the top award, the Chairman's Premier Award, for youth development through music and dance outside formal education.

The Field Band Foundation provides the Stefanutti Stocks Building business unit with an efficient vehicle to positively affect the lives of many young South Africans in rural and urban townships. We assist the Foundation financially, with an annual contribution of R250 000. We also donate employee time to assist with management.

### The programmes and activities to which our sponsorship contributes include:

- Youth social development through music and dance;
- HIV AIDS and life skills programmes;
- Education and life skills training;
- Scholarship and exchange programmes; and
- Employment.

## Laying foundations in local education

Source: Nadine Gieseler

Over the past years, Stefanutti Stocks Civils KZN (Pty) Ltd has completed a number of successful contracts in the Durban South area of Wentworth. We became aware of the plight of Collingwood Primary school, an educational institution in dire need of assistance. First established in July 1971, the school caters for 1 200 learners from previously disadvantaged backgrounds. Two specific areas of need were identified - the shortage of books in their library and the fact that their tuck-shop had recently been destroyed by a storm. To this end, the company made a substantial contribution of new books to the library as well as a brand new tuck-shop. Stefanutti Stocks Civils KZN views this project as a social and economic investment into a community that has benefitted the company over the years, and looks forward to their relationship with Collingwood Primary School growing from strength to strength.



John Jackson, managing director of Stefanutti Stocks Civils KZN (Pty) Ltd with Colin Chand, headmaster of Collingwood Primary. In the background some of the enquiring minds that will benefit from the donation of books to the school library.

Stefanutti Stocks Building KZN donated R10 000 to the Open Air School, a school for the physically disabled in Glenwood, Durban. This initiative was led by commercial director, Nick Pousson, who used his participation in the Comrades Marathon as a platform to raise funds for the school. Over and above the donation from Stefanutti Stocks, various individuals from within the group contributed to this worthy cause. Nick has registered for the 2010 Comrades Marathon and we wish him luck for his training and preparation for this event, and look forward to further assisting the Open Air School.



The KZN exhibition stand.

## Youth in Construction Week

Source: Kevin Reid

The Buildings, Structures (including Civil & Coastal in Cape Town) and Roads & Earthworks business units were actively involved in Youth in Construction Week across South Africa.

The Civils and Building operations in KZN combined forces to host an exhibition stand at the Youth In Construction Week. The exhibition was well attended by a cross-section of learners from the greater Durban and Pietermaritzburg areas. The team placed an emphasis on the core capabilities of the Stefanutti Stocks Group, highlighting the need for a solid school education particularly with regard to subject choices enabling tertiary education in the sciences field (necessary for entry into construction). The importance of the Stefanutti Stocks core values was highlighted. Prospective candidates demonstrating these characteristics would gain valuable advantage in securing a position within the group.

## Our children are our future

Stefanutti Stocks Civils (Pty) Ltd has for the second year running been involved in a maths and science programme in Mamelodi. The initiative sees scholars from schools in Mamelodi attend extra classes, given by the students and other volunteers, at the Mamelodi University campus. Following a presentation on the impact of maths and science in construction, the children received stationary packs and snacks courtesy of Stefanutti Stocks. "We also presented the students who are teaching the kids in their spare time with R500 gift vouchers," says Eben Britz.