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Letter from the editor

This month I have really been inspired by the amount of love and care that has been shown.

The love shown by the staff members at Projects Abroad with their heartwarming idea for an Easter egg hunt at the Where Rainbows Meet Care Project. The kind of love that inspires many to start their own initiatives, no matter how small it may seem!

This month has also brought a lot of understanding and learning.

Some beautiful words from parents about their son; how he has changed, and grown up from his volunteering experience with Projects Abroad, and the Care Management Plan which was the highlight of this month with its abundant ideas for the future of the Vrygrond Township.

I hope that some of the stories will inspire you to learn, love and understand.



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Our Australian Friend | Amazing memories at the Building Project

Tashi Stewart volunteered to do a month building and month school sports with Projects Abroad South Africa. While being here, he decided to stay on at the Building Project for his entire volunteering period in Cape Town. Throughout his time at the Building Project, he wrote a memorable letter. Here are some great words from Tashi:

'G'day mate. I've had a ripper of a time here in South Africa. I'm going to miss everyone (especially Ivy). I enjoyed mixing cement, filling lots of sandbags and playing with the children. Before I leave, I will make sure to sign Amandine's flag. I deeply miss Dimitri and no one else. I am looking forward to having another encounter with my dear friend Robert (aka Robin). I also miss Larissa. We had good times at the Building Project together. In three weeks, I will be 18! And that will be cool. Deen is stella, he is a top bloke. I love him. Catch ya later! Cheers, Tashi.'



A Bonnytoun experience | An excellent social justice trip

When I first went to Bonnytoun, I was a little nervous about what I was about to experience at the centre. Bonnytoun is a place of safety as well as a juvenile detention facility for boys between the ages of 14 to 17-years-old, whom have been charged with committing a crime and placed in the Bonnytoun Centre whilst they await trial and finalization of their court case.

The volunteers do a social justice trip in which they visit Bonnytoun and other juvenile detention facilities once a week. During this time the volunteers do presentations on relevant discussions to educate the children about topics such as drug and alcohol abuse, gangsterism, violence, and the court process.

The success from this project is when the boys understand and learn about the pressing matters discussed at the presentations. This is one of our longest running projects and volunteers are always keen to get involved and assist with the planning and execution of discussions. I personally feel that it is an excellent and worthwhile initiative.



Make your mark | 2014 South African elections

When the general elections were held in South Africa on 27 April 1994, it was the first elections where all races were allowed to part take. The election was conducted by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), and marked the end of apartheid.

This time every four years I find to be very exciting and interesting when our country has to vote. It is the one chance for each individual to make a difference in South Africa. There is a lot of history in South Africa which has influenced all South Africans to vote to make a difference.

This year I found it very exciting to be a part of the elections and I got the opportunity to make a difference.



The Building Project | Great progress!

We'd like to say thank you to all the volunteers that have put hard work and dedication into the Building Project; for all the hard work from the volunteers and the building manager Deen. The Building Project is an idol and template for all community centres around. Here are some pictures of the amazing progress she ocean, mountains and Cape Town as a whole.



Happy Mother's Day!

To all the great amazing mothers who have sacrificed, helped and nurtured their children by giving them all that they could possibly give, I would to wish a Happy Mother's Day!

I urge everyone to do something special this year for Mother's Day. Take your mom out for breakfast or even make her breakfast in bed, write a card for her or buy her a gift. I have always been sceptical about Mother's Day because if you really love your mother a lot and feel that you should treat every day as Mother's Day, but now I have realised that on Mother's Day you should show even more appreciation.

Show the love!

Happy Mother's Day



Rainbow Run Donations

The Projects Abroad main office has made another great initiative in which all staff members can take part in. All the staff members were requested to donate any toys, toiletries, old PC's, clothes and any other basic essentials, which would then be distributed to one of our Care Projects. One of our Care Projects, Where Rainbow's Meet, have received one of these donations, which brought many smiles and happiness to the community of Vrygrond. We hope this initiative grows even bigger to help more communities.



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