

EXCELSIOR EMPOWERMENT CENTRE



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HISTORY:

The Excelsior Empowerment Centre is a section 21 company registered.

It originate from the Empowerment Centre for Integration which was initiated by the Christian Evangelical Assembly, a registered Non Profit Organization, The empowerment centre are actively involved in Elsies River, Belhar, Bellville, Goodwood, Parow and surrounding areas.

Our main focus is to address the plight of **the disadvantaged communities and Refugees in South Africa.**

We cater for people from all works of life and in so doing we saw the need for a common language for better communicate with one another. We then, with members of the Church volunteering, started Basic English, Afrikaans and French classes.

OBJECTIVES:

- To sustain development and to empower people.
- To improve the preventative, curative health-care in the communities by promoting positive living, through education.
- Through a holistic approach we seek to develop our communities socially, economically, emotionally and spiritually.
- To enhance communication by language education
- To involve business people through networking.
- To encourage integrated participation by breaking the line of racial, economical and social differences.

PRESENT:

- **We successfully Initiated** an African Soccer Tournament with the theme” Soccer Against Child abuse” together with Alliance for Refugees in SA and The UNHCR (United High Commissioner of Refugees).

The tournament was held from the 1st of June to the 1st of July 2007, we assembled at Ikanva Sport Grounds (Ajax Cape Town Headquarters) sixteen African football giants residing in Cape Town: :Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo Brazzaville, DR. Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

The Tournament was supported by The Department of The Premier and The Department of Sport and Cultural Affairs in the Western Cape and sponsored by Waltons Stationery, Park inn Hotel, Islamic Relief, Africa Unite and Street Wires.

Material things like blankets, linen, clothes, shoes and learning materials donated From well wishers had been donated to children before the award presentation.

- **HIV/AIDS** workshop in partnership with **Fikilela**
- Workshop with the **UNHCR** regarding permits for refugee, employment and education, as well as
- In partnership with **Africa Unite** we arranged an outing for the elderly from different racial backgrounds with the youngsters in order to address the generational gab.
- In partnership with **Cape Town refugee Centre**, we arranged a special meeting held @ Ruyterwacht Civic on 01 May 2007 between Locals and Refugees women.
- Getting companies, especially those who employ refugees, involved in the Empowerment Centre in the various projects.
- **Supporting Wits University** (Forced Migration Studies Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand called MIGRANT RIGHTS MONITORING PROJECT) by collecting data on refugees in the Western Cape

FUTURE:

- Continuation of French , Afrikaans and Xhosa classes,
- Computer classes,
- ABET education,
- HIV awareness campaigns,
- Diversity campaigns,
- Arts and Culture and Sport,
- Dressmaking /pattern making classes
- Job creation

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