

Looking back on

Two Sanlam executives' involvement in Back-to-School projects at their alma maters has just come to an end. We look back on all that has been achieved at **Silverton High School** and **Assumpta Primary School**.

SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL, PRETORIA

Satisfying situation

Kobus Möller, Financial Director: Sanlam, matriculated from Silverton High School in 1976, and has relished the opportunity to give something back to 'the place that played such a major role in the important formative years of my life'. The school has changed a lot since he was there – now 70% of its learners come from previously disadvantaged families. This made helping the school all the more satisfying.



Kobus Möller

'I believe it is Sanlam's responsibility as a corporate citizen to contribute to the growth and development of the broader South African economy. This initiative will go a long way towards achieving that.'

KOBUS MÖLLER, FINANCIAL DIRECTOR: SANLAM



1 Learners from Silverton High School celebrate the completion of the revamped science laboratory at their school. 2 **Kamogelo Rantho** (left) and **Otense Mishweni** try out the newly refurbished physical science laboratory.

ASSUMPTA PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHARPEVILLE

Restoring dignity



Dr Manana Bakane-Tuoane

Dr Manana Bakane-Tuoane, a Sanlam board member, attended Assumpta Primary School in Sharpeville, Pretoria, when it was still run by nuns. Sharpeville was central to the

struggle against apartheid and Manana and her siblings were forced to move to a sister school in Lesotho when she was in Standard 5. This made it even more gratifying to be able to give something back and in the process even reconnect with two of her former teachers.

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the number of Grade 6s accommodated in a new classroom

Due to an urgent need for more classrooms, the school requested that Sanlam fast-track the programme by spending the allocation of R600 000 over two years. This meant the first year saw a whole host of improvements, most notably the construction and furnishing of a new classroom, which now accommodates 45 Grade 6 learners.

But this was not all: the ablution facilities were upgraded, staffroom furniture was purchased, and a playground was constructed – a very popular addition among learners!

'This investment ensures a better learning environment and will contribute to the improvement of the learners' career prospects. Investment in education is an investment in human dignity.'

DR MANANA BAKANE-TUOANE,
MEMBER OF THE SANLAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the second and final year of the programme the school was keen to continue to address the classroom shortage. Sanlam installed a container classroom for the Grade Rs, which is fully furnished with kiddies' furniture, reading materials and colourful decorations. The classroom was officially opened at an emotional ribbon-cutting ceremony at which learners all received goodie bags and lunchboxes.

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some great years

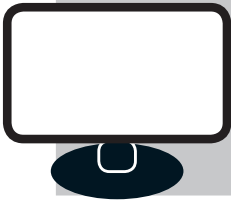
30 2011

the number of desktop computers bought for the school

In the first year of the project the school highlighted its dismal computer centre as being in major need of a revamp. Kobus was quick to agree, explaining that 'some level of computer literacy is no longer a luxury but an absolute necessity'.

Sanlam used the allocation of R200 000 to purchase 30 brand-new desktop computers with state-of-the-art software. Chairs, a new carpet and a

coat of paint for the lab, as well as a fancy new sign, completed the year's improvements.



35 2012

the number of data projectors bought for the school

The school was keen to forge ahead with technological advancements, and Sanlam was fully supportive of this goal. A total of 35 data projectors were installed in classrooms, 15 flat-screen PC monitors and desktop access points in the media room, and a colour printer in the computer lab.



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The school's physical science laboratory had fallen into a terrible state of disrepair, so Sanlam was asked to undertake a complete renovation of this facility. New plumbing was installed, the laboratory was repainted, and new desks and chairs were bought. Furthermore a state-of-the-art interactive whiteboard was installed.



Sanlam makes us look like a seven-star school!

TISEAN SCHEEPERS, GRADE 10



Wow, I'd like to say Sanlam has really helped us a lot. It's going to increase our marks at school. We're going to work faster, harder and smarter now.

KAMOGELO RANTHO, GRADE 10



Sanlam has helped to make school a friendlier environment and increased the chances of us reaching our full potential.

THUMELO NDHLOVU, GRADE 10



Sanlam contacted us completely out of the blue and their contribution has made an enormous difference. We can now accommodate twice as many learners in our computer labs, and the younger teachers have loved working with the data projectors. Hopefully the new physical science laboratory will attract new learners to this subject.

MR TJAART SCHOEMAN, PRINCIPAL OF SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks to Sanlam's contributions, conditions are now very conducive to proper teaching. We are very grateful for everything they have done, and we are hopeful that this is not the end of our partnership.

MR CLEMENT NKHUMISE, PRINCIPAL OF ASSUMPTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

We would like to thank Sanlam and that very special woman, Dr Manana Bakane-Tuoane, because she is the cause of all of these donations. God bless you, Dr Bakane, and God bless Sanlam.

KEARABETSOE MOGOTSI, GRADE 7

Thank you, Sanlam, for bringing warmth of security and shelter to our school.

KATLEHO THENYANE, GRADE R



From left are **Dr Manana Bakane-Tuoane**, member of the Sanlam board; **Mr Clement Nkhumise**, Principal; and **Francois Adriaan**, Head: Group Corporate Affairs, with learners outside the refurbished container that will be the Grade R classroom at Assumpta Primary.

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