



Threads

Our Social Responsibility Projects

Zero Landfill

Recycling & Zero Landfill Project.

We went from:

- 1x 20 cubic meter skip per month in 2011
- @ a yearly cost of R45000
- to no skip, only 2 wheelie bins per week
- @ no cost to the company.

Over the past 5 years our recycling project has kept more than 296 cubic meters of polypropylene from entering the landfill and saved our customers more than R55000 in waste disposal fees.



Cavalleria School

ACA have used the income received from the sale of waste materials to sponsor sports equipment, learning aids, educational tours and visits to the Aquarium, Robben Island etc. for Cavalleria School in Wallacedene. A recycling centre has been set up at the school to teach the learners how to recycle and help clean up the neighborhood while generating much needed funds for the school. The sponsorship for the 8 years to date amounts to over R236000



Positive Beadwork

We give regularly of our CF Yarn left-overs to the Positive Beadwork Project. HIV/AIDS affected mothers are provided with training and the raw materials to



produce beadwork at home. Ideally the beadwork is produced to meet existing orders.

Every order gives the mothers an opportunity to generate income to support their families and regain a sense of dignity and pride.

Kidzpositive buys products as they are completed. The Beadwork Project currently has over 100 mothers making money through it. The Project is purely a job creation enterprise with up to 80% of the purchase price going directly to the mothers.

<http://www.kidzpositive.org/beads/>

Youth Sports Development

Proceeds of the recycling project have sponsored a number of youth sports development programmes with Shaddy Chiefs Football Club and Kraaifontein Primary School amongst the beneficiaries

Lesotho School Project

Letlotlo Primary school is a small school situated at Ha Nyenye , near Maputsoe in Lesotho. The school caters for the very poorest section of the community and a number of the pupils are orphans with both parents dead due to the HIV Aids epidemic. The majority of parents here do not have permanent employment and the school has to provide meals to all pupils. This project is run in conjunction with our major customer, Jonsson Clothing, and the proceeds from cleaning, sorting and recycling empty thread cones are paid over to the school.



The Principal, Staff and Pupils of Letlotlo Primary School in Ha Nyenye Maputsoe Lesotho who participated in the recycling project, an initiative of Jonssons and ACA Threads , pose with Bala Naidoo (Jonssons)



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Yarn Donations

Sewing thread and yarn is regularly donated to a variety of charities and organisations that use these products to produce garments, bags, beadwork articles and so on. End uses have been found for yarn and other textile waste products and these are given to our sewing thread customers that make items like punch bags and sports training equipment.

Spool Cleaning

Removing the labels and cleaning empty cones and spools to prepare them for re-use is ideal work for visually, physically and mentally handicapped people and this has become an important part of our recycling project. In many case these institutions are also customers of ACA.

The Association for the Physically Disabled in PE does a great job of cleaning and sorting empty cones collected from customers in the Eastern Cape, and the Worcester School for the Blind and the Dorothea School for the Handicapped in Stellenbosch all take part in the programme. As an example, the Dorothea School has earned over R38000 to date and we have provided permanent employment for 2 of their past pupils.

Dorothea School



Worcester School for the Blind



John Mathias - Dorothea School for disabled Golden Hart Award