



ESS COVID 19 REIEF FUND REPORT

14 JULY 2020

THIRD DISTRIBUTION IN JULY

The recipients of the first and second distributions, names of learners who benefitted from the school's pantry as well as new names of learners in need of food parcels were reconciled and a new list of 200 recipients were compiled. The service provider Devland provided 220 parcels at a discount price and therefore the list was updated to 220 learners. It is our aim to increase the numbers of recipients and it had proved to be a good time to implement the decision as two consecutive storms raged the Cape during the third distribution of the food parcels, thus exacerbating the situation and increase the need for food.

The content of the parcels remained the same. Although the dry items were purchased at a discount price, the price of the fresh produce such as potatoes, carrots and onions increased drastically. The fluctuation of food prices at the moment is something to seriously consider when the budget is compiled for the next round.

Again, the delivery of the food parcels was dealt with very effectively and timeously. The service provider Devland proves to be a reliable partner in this project. This time round they provided bigger bags which included all the dry items and it made it easier for the recipients to carry the parcels, especially in storm conditions. We are very satisfied with how the Relief Fund has developed and that initial challenges we experienced in round one could be ironed out.

CHALLENGES

It still remains an aim of the committee to reach more of the grades 8, 9 and 10 learners at the moment. Currently, only grade 12 and 11 learners attend school, which makes it easier for grade 11 and 12 learners to come forward and identify themselves. Hopefully the arrival

of grade 10 learners on the 20th of July will be a means to identify learners in this grade group and subsequently increase the grade 10 recipients.

Another challenge facing us at the moment is inactive cell phone numbers of parents. After investigating class register chat groups, it appears that some of the parents have left the formal way of communication. Financial constraints experienced by the parents can be a contributing factor why cell numbers are inactive, lack of income causes lack of data and so forth. The committee could manage to reach these parents by means of other learners/parents and will continue to do so. However, sending out blanket sms notices causes another set of unique problems on the other hand and this form of communication should be avoided by all means. Fortunately, the items are non-perishable and perishable items are refrigerated and frozen. It is therefore manageable to distribute the parcels within three to five days.

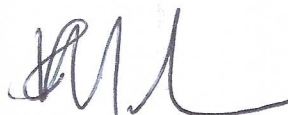
CONCLUSION

Expanding the total from 180 recipients in June to 220 recipients in July proved very rewarding and the right direction for this project. It is clear that the same learners should be receiving parcels as their financial circumstances have not, remotely, changed or improved. The severe winter conditions also prompted the rapid succession of the distribution dates. It is a project that keeps on giving and the committee feels blessed and privileged to be guarding it. The project is a means of uniting our school community during these testing times and establishing solid relationships with our parents. We wish that our partner school could be here to witness the gratitude of our parents and learners, but ultimately share in our joy.

Thank you again, Carl Orff Gymnasium.



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