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EXCITING NEWS...

On 1 July 2015 Vodacom announced its 5th intake of the Change the World Volunteers.



Vodacom announced its 5th intake of the *Change the World Volunteers* who have given up their daily jobs for a year to help make a difference in the lives of ordinary South Africans. Through this initiative Vodacom aims to mobilise skilled South African individuals to work for a non-profit organisation (NPO) of their choice for a year and get paid a salary.

The initiative underscores the importance of partnerships between the private sector and NPOs in the pursuit of the common goal of building a better life for all.

This year, Vodacom has selected 21 volunteers after receiving an overwhelming 7, 500 applications for the programme.

Vodacom Group Chief Officer for Corporate Affairs, Maya Mankanjee says: "While non-profit organisations rely heavily on cash donations and corporate funding to fulfil their mandates, we know that the introduction of skills development through the Vodacom Change the World programme can make a lasting difference in assisting NPOs to achieve their goals in society."

Through this programme, Vodacom seeks to contribute towards skills development and helps create a culture of volunteering, through the transfer of human capital. By relieving NPOs of the need to pay for the services of skilled volunteers with a passion to work for a good cause, the programme provides much needed expertise to the NPO. This 5th group of 21 participants will be fulfilling the specific objectives at their host organisations for a period of 12 months.



MORE

You will be reading more on this Vodacom Change the World Programme in future Newsletters. We will also do regular posts on Facebook and Twitter. Join our social media platforms if you would like to follow Cindy in the next year with her work of love together with Vodacom, Spoudazo and Beudene!



THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to thank Vodacom for the privilege to be amongst this year's successful applicants. Spoudazo, Cindy and Beudene Daycare for Disabled are overwhelmed with gratitude and joy for the wonderful opportunity to be part of the Vodacom Change the World Programme.

Congratulations Cindy! We pray that your love for these children above everything else will definitely change the world of disabilities and leave a lasting impression in the lives of the children at Beudene.

CINDY, BEUDENE,
SPOUDAZO AND VODACOM

Written by Maya Makanjee
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SPOUDAZO'S JOURNEY



Spoudazo heard of the Vodacom Change the World Programme and encouraged Cindy van Zyl, an educational therapist, who was working part time with children diagnosed with Autism at Beudene Daycare, to enter this competition. Her application to work as volunteer at Beudene Daycare using Spoudazo Enterprises as the platform for this opportunity, was submitted during March 2015.

Spoudazo's desire is to serve the poor and the vulnerable in the areas of Welfare, Humanitarian assistance, Health Care, Land and Housing, Education and Development services, by building the bridge between business and community. Ultimately to use Spoudazo as the platform for this important integration.

The Vodacom Change the World Programme is the ideal opportunity to just that. It provides the opportunity to incorporate the business sector in providing Education and Development services to the children with Autism at Beudene Daycare for Disabled.

ONE OF THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS IS...

Cindy van Zyl was one of the lucky 21 candidates who were chosen to participate in this programme. Over 7500 entries were received. Cindy will be working at Spoudazo Enterprises Trust and applying her expertise, time and skills at Beudene Daycare for Disabled, one of Spoudazo's SED projects! There are many children with autism and other disabilities that attend Beudene Daycare center.

Cindy has a Diploma in Children's Services and is currently completing her Bachelor's Degree of Education (Foundation Phase). She has also been specializing in one-on-one education for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder for 4 years. She has also been incorporating technology to help facilitate each child's learning experience with the use of internationally recognized techniques including BrainGym.

Cindy will be working with the children at Beudene Daycare on an individual basis to excel their self-help skills related to health and safety, assist with education in collaboration with their schools, parents and therapists. She will also be monitoring their progress through active record keeping on a daily basis.

One very important aspect of Cindy's work is to empower the parents of the children by doing home visits and assisting them in the development and cooperation of their children.



In 2012 my journey as volunteer at Beudene began. Never could I have imagined that my efforts would be so much appreciated. Beulah van Aswegen, founder of Beudene Daycare asked for a little more of my time educating the Autistic learners at her daycare. Unfortunately money was an issue and I could only invest three afternoons per week into this project. This was barely enough time to divide between the eight learners allocated to me.

Urgently in need of support, Elbie Louw, founder of Spoudazo and our link to the world of business and growth, introduced us to the Vodacom Change the World Programme. We let God lead and prayed: "Thy will be done". What happened next blew our minds - we were chosen for the programme!



The time and the generosity of Vodacom is now on our side. Thank you Elbie, Beulah and Vodacom for believing in the abilities of this, once average, woman. Most of all, thanks to God.

Written by: Cindy van Zyl

ABOUT SPOUDAZO

Spoudazo Enterprises Trust is a registered Public Benefit Organization in Bloemfontein, SA. (PBO number: 930037272). The exemption has been obtained from the SAID income tax exemption unit in Hatfield, Pretoria, SA, 0028. The purpose of the trust is to enhance the interests of the poor and vulnerable, to further their interests and well-being by means of providing them with Welfare, Humanitarian assistance, Health Care, Land and Housing, Education and Development services. Spoudazo Enterprises has a wide range of social development projects aimed at uplifting and empowering previously disadvantaged individuals, to offer. Visit our website for more information www.spoudazo.org

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Exciting changes soon to be seen at Spoudazo:

Spoudazo's new website is in progress and will soon be fully functional. Please remember to go and have a look at www.spoudazo.org or www.spoudazo.co.za. Website design, upkeep and public relations assistance by Z PR. Visit their site at www.zpr.co.za

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