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HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE

MONTHLY REPORT

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Women's Month – This August PAHRO has been focussing on Women as this month is all about the beauty, strength & courage of women. We have had various workshops teaching the importance of being a women and respecting the women in our lives. Many of the people at the facilities we regularly visit have told us beautiful and heartbreaking stories about themselves as women or the women in their lives.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT UPDATES

Bonnytown – This month PAHRO received a Certificate of Appreciation from Bonnytown by the Minister of Social Development, Mr. A Fritz for their loyal and valuable services rendered. The boys were taught how to play football which taught them the importance of working together as a team. We also drew a timeline about important events in the 21st Century. The boys also gave us feedback on past workshops and requested to learn more about the different world wars.

St Anne's – A lot of women have been successful in getting jobs and have been impressed by the morning computer skills classes and the life skills classes in the afternoon that the volunteers have been teaching them. The ladies also requested to learn the basics in foreign language as interacting with volunteers from different countries has been an interesting learning experience for them and raised their interest in foreign languages.

Young in Prison - Huis Vredulus – Since it is women's month, the ladies talked about the type of women they would like to become. They also talked about the various types of abuse and what being abused has taught them about themselves. They also talked about the career fields which they would like to pursue and the skills they need to pursue the career. The women at



Vredelus have begun to build a relationship based on trust with the volunteers as they started sharing their secrets and personal experiences with the volunteers. Many of the women have had trust issues, but were comfortable enough to build a relationship with the volunteers. We also had a beauty spa day whereby we did the ladies hair, put on make up and gave them mini manicures.

Ottery Education and Youth Centre – This month volunteers have been doing creative writing and drawing with the boys, which enabled them to be able to use their imagination and initiative. Competitions were also held in order to teach the boys if you work hard at something or do something to the best of your ability that you will always be rewarded even though the reward itself might be materialistic or a new learning experience.

Vrygrond Soup Kitchen – on Friday afternoon of the 31/08/2012 Shuan and numerous volunteers organised for a soup kitchen in Vrygrond. Many volunteers were eager to participate in feeding the hungry and enjoyed every minute of seeing a smile brought to someone's face knowing that they have had food for the day.

Shuan and Keith organised a night Township Tour for the volunteers and many of the volunteers were eager and excited to go with. The volunteers were taken around the informal settlement and were able to get a glimpse of the poverty living situation in 1 of the shanty towns in Cape Town. After the tour the volunteers enjoyed a nice braai and some drinks with the locals. We have gotten excellent verbal feedback from the volunteers regarding the tour.



LEGAL SERVICES UPDATES

This winter period the Legal Clinics have not generated much clientele as most of the days when we were at the 4 Clinics (Kraaifontein, Lavender Hill, Mannenburg & Vrygrond) it was wet and windy. Some days we would be at the clinic and only 1 person would show up or none at all. The clinics have not been very beneficial to us, reduction in clientele meant we had less work for the many volunteers in our office.

However we have had many walk-in clients of which most have been seeking Refugee assistance. Maria has also represented numerous clients in court and has a few court cases to attend for the coming month of September. Volunteers have also been doing a lot of Legal Research and Client consultations. A few volunteers were even able to attend court with Maria and get the real experience of what it is like to be a lawyer.

