

Project **COLORS** International would like to say a huge Thank You for the funding received from Saga Charitable Trust.

We have been very busy and having so much fun coordinating projects around the community on Saga's behalf, making sure that every last penny goes to where it is needed the most. There is so much need out there, so we work hard to choose the most sustainable projects to help with guidance and funding. The funding **COLORS** received from Saga has kept our team of volunteers very busy painting, furnishing and organizing our new HIV and AIDS program in KleinKrantz, South Africa, where mosaic making workshops will be held and donations distributed. We are very excited about our upcoming workshops, commencing in the fall. This project will allow the



women and local groups to learn new skills, obtain medical advice and even earn money to support themselves and their families through selling the mosaic artwork they learn to make in this program.



We were doing so much painting and renovations that we recruited two more volunteers,

Dominik Schaetzle and Johannes Schmidt from Germany who also took on the project of transforming a new pre-school we found in Thembaletu. South Africa.

“The guys stressed on several occasions how much they wanted to work for us, for free, so we were happy to put them to work” tells long term volunteer Sylvie Furlong.

Also, with this new initial funding from Saga, **COLORS** also launched **‘The Tiny Tummy’s Project’**, a new feeding program with three of our Child Care Centers. This project provides a bowl of E-Pap (multi-vitamin, nutritional porridge) or serving of NUTTY BUTTY (a high protein mix of peanut butter with E-Pap) daily for each child. The children love these filling and nutritious mixtures that provide all of the essential nutrients they need to grow and boost their immune systems. These mixtures are similar to those used by MSF and UNICEF.



The Tiny Tummies project has proven to be an essential development within the impoverished townships, as many of the children can often go days without food, not receiving the vital nutrients they need to grow and learn properly. So

many children we work with also suffer from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, HIV, neglect and learning disabilities, which means they need care and nutrients even more.



At the end of April, we discovered 'Qhamani Baby Care'. It was in great need of some love and care. It was dark and cold, the walls were grubby, and the floor was very damaged and dirty. The children were without toys or furniture

and had to sit on the cold concrete floor. Within the week **COLORS** used Saga's funding to completely transform the Day care/ Crèche into a wonderful pre-school. Local women helped paint and put in the floor. It was a fantastic team effort! The children are now enjoying the toys that were donated by Philipa Scott, from the UK, now living here in South Africa. Now it is amazing. When you walk in to the centre it is bright and fun, the kids are playing and everyone is so much happier. Several mothers have been saying..."ohhhh, our children will play nicely now and be so happy here".

What a difference!!!

Roadside Crèche, a preschool **COLORS** support only had wet, moldy mats and a dirt floor for the children to sit on, so we purchased tables and chairs for them to sit at when eating and doing activities. We have also been able to provide them with a new floor. Not only has this improved the hygiene within in the Crèche but the children's concentration has also improved.



"It truly felt like a miracle to be able to complete all these projects we wanted to tackle for so long." Patricia from Lesotho, owner of Roadside Crèche

Thank you Saga Charitable Trust!

"You have helped to do so many wonderful things in these communities"