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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Creating training opportunities for the unemployed**
- **Creating job opportunities for the unemployed**
- **Working towards a better Namibia.**



ENVIROCHANCE: SAVING TREES, CREATING JOBS

In partnership with Business Financial Solutions (BFS), the HRDC, the environmental charity GAWA and start-up funding received from the United Nations Development Fund, Men on the Side of the Road is pleased that we will be working to create at least 20 new self employment opportunities in 2010. Through this self sustainable project, will come the opportunity to create many more such micro-enterprises in the following years.

EnviroChance is a paper recycling scheme that involves collecting recyclable paper from companies and offices around Windhoek, taking it to a central location where MSR members will shred the paper using their own shredder, supplied by the project. Alternatively, a project member will go to the office with their shredder, and work on site if preferred. The shredded paper is sold onto companies to use as packaging material. Each person will be self employed and earn according to the amount of paper they recycle, and over the course of a year they will pay off the cost of their shredding machine, so that it becomes their property. All the participants will be supported by business training provided by BFS.

The project will support the entrepreneurs through finding suppliers of paper, and clients to purchase the paper once it has been processed. If you would like to participate as a paper supplier or a purchaser of shredded paper, while making your contribution to saving the environment, call MSR on 305892, or BFS on 388600.

BOARD MATTERS

The Financial statement for 2009/2010 has been completed and approved. A copy will shortly be made available on the website.

The Fundraising and Marketing & Collaboration subcommittees held their inaugural meetings where a number of good ideas were discussed..



Board member Albe Botha

Introducing more MSR workseekers

Joel Sakaria has shown himself to be a dedicated learner who is currently attending our literacy classes to improve his English. Joel is passionate about aircraft, and would love the opportunity to work in an aviation environment, in any capacity that would allow him to learn.

Friedrich Reinhold has gardening experience and likes working with plants

Paulus Mulukeni has pattern cutting experience, and has also worked at installing interlocks.

Teofilus Nakale has experience in a variety of fields, including cooking, carpentry, welding and animal rearing.

If you can offer any of these members work, and would like to interview them please call MSR on 305892.

We are keen to create opportunities for our members. Please contact us if you can help.

CITY DROP

MSR workseekers have worked with City Drop to deliver the well known Business Digest magazine for over a year now. We are delighted that they have chosen MSR workseekers to help them with their new venture: The Business Post.

Every two weeks, at least 13 of our members don their smart red and black uniforms, and

deliver the Business Post and the Business Digest to companies in and around Windhoek. A number of the original 'City Droppers' have gone on to find permanent employment after developing confidence and self esteem through working at City Drop.

THE NEW LOOK WEBSITE

Over the past few months, we have been revamping and updating our website. It now has a much cleaner modern feel to it, and we are delighted with the result. It will be updated regularly.

All the progress reports are available on it, along with news, links to our supporters websites, and our 'wish list', which is items we need in the organisation, as well as ideas for projects that need funding.

Our thanks go to CIH for allowing Belinda Beukes to spend some of her time taking care of all the technical aspects of the new site.

Please take a moment to look at the new site: www.msr.org.na. Your feedback is important.

Thank you



NEWS SNIPPETS

The Southern Times

Ten of our members have found regular weekly employment through becoming newspaper vendors for The Southern Times.

The KAYEC Trust

Two of our members are currently undergoing training in plumbing and pipefitting at KAYEC in Windhoek. If you can offer them internship when they complete their course, please contact MSR on 061 305892.

Volunteers needed

We are still desperately looking for some-one who can help us out at least one morning a week to work on maintaining the database, and checking references. It is not necessary to work at the office, and expenses will be paid. If you would like to learn more, please call Janet on 081 3217752, or the office on 305892. Thanks.

December closing

Please note that the MSR office will be closed from 1pm on Thursday 9th December 2009 and will re-open at 8am on Wednesday 6th January 2010. Happy holidays.