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Dear Sirs

25 May 2025

RE: RUGBY RASCALS INTRODUCTION

We have established a non-profit rugby academy with the main focus of introducing a unique rugby program for children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old within the disadvantaged communities in Tshwane. This program will be our pilot project and thereafter we envisage it to be launched, across the country thus create and confirming sustainability.

It is a well-known fact that by playing, is how our children learn especially between the ages of 3 and 8. They are moving around by jumping, running, kicking as well as catching and throwing a ball. In many ways they are learning without even realizing it.

All the above activities develop gross and fine motor skills which are the forerunners for cognitive and perceptual skills, which in turn forms the basis of all formal learning in the classroom.

If anything "goes wrong" in a child's sensory, motor or perceptual development due to factors such as traumatic events such as a traumatic brain injury, poor nutrition, growth stunting, TB or HIV/AIDS developmental delays occur, which can be seen as "gaps" within the building blocks of a child's skills.

According to Dr Tshepo Motshepe (The patron of The Early Childcare Foundation) "the first 1000 days of a child's life sees their roadmap enrolled before them. Where their life journey will take them depends largely on these vital early development days"

If addressed before the age of 8, the effects of these delays can be minimized. However, if left unchecked many of these children are then labelled as "lazy," naughty and "fat" in later years, where this need never have been their reality. Team UNICEF stated the following "Play in all its forms is the right of every child" Activities that employ and teach safe and inclusive play which includes sport are tools to improve children's lives. Children throughout the world are naturally drawn to sport and play and even the poorest and most marginalized children can have fun and enjoy their childhood"

Although one of the main objectives of this program is for children to have fun and socialize with the other children, we also want to develop their grass root rugby skills.

The emphasis is not on full contact rugby but rather on "touch rugby" or "tag rugby" which in turn increases skills levels and fitness without the impact of contact on their joints and musculoskeletal systems.



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It is a well-known fact, that rugby is exploding not just in South Africa but also worldwide. Our national Springbok 15 s man team are currently ranked no 1 in the world as well as our national men's 7s team. The Blitzboks won the HSBC SERIES in Spain against Australia. This would be their 4th gold of the 2022 Series. The Blitzboks have equalled the second longest win streak of all time with 34 –straight victories.

The Rugby Rascals program is unique for the reason that it will function as a social development and upliftment project for the underprivileged children.

Furthermore, in addition to we will provide a feeding scheme as part of the program. This is where the well-known brand of FUTURELIFE comes in. It is a well-known fact that a child requires proper nutrition in order to have the energy to participate in any kind of sport.

Furthermore, we are working together with EDUTAK ; an early childhood development centre in Silverton who is situated in Pretoria. They are providing accredited training courses for Early Childhood Practitioners in rural and informal settlements to enable them to establish their own centres that will in turn address the needs of the children that are enrolled in these schools and centres. We will therefore implement our program at these schools. The particulars of EDUTAK are as follows. Contact details: The Director s Mrs Esther Phasha

Tel no 082 782 7454

Mr Ringani Vincent

Tel no 068 011 1541

Address: Cnr Kokkewiet& Tiptol Sreet, Silverton, Pretoria, 0184

We will be focusing initially on the following Early Childhood Development Centres and NPO S:

1. SUIKERBEKKIES PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL(CUMM – CRECHE)
Address 610 Arumilly/ Kanna Street
Eersterust, Pretoria 0022
Email: suikerbekkies@gmail.com
Cell no 084 794 9846/074 049 1855
Principal Mrs Desiree Noah
130 learners between ages of 2 -6
2. LITTLE BUTTERFLY DAY CARE
Address 102 Andrew Gordan Road
Eersterust
Pretoria



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Tel no 012 806 4061
Cel no 072 561 3501
Email littlebutterflydaycare49@gmail.com
Principal Sandra Cyster
30 earners between ages 3 -6

3. COMFY NEST DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Address 483 Galaxy Street
Eersterust
Pretoria
Cell 076 810 6162
7 learners ages 3 -6

4. LITTLE BUNNIES DAYCARE

Address 340 Karel Abel Avenue
Eersterust
Pretoria
Principal Richeda Blanket
Cell no 066 373 6258
Email littlebunniesdc@outlook.com
3 learners ages 3 years' old

5. AREWOS HAPPY KIDS DAY CARE CENTRE

301 George Hood Street
Eersterust
Tel no 083 460 4397
Principal Patsy Brainers
43 learners between ages of 1 -5

6. Shalom Day Care

10 learners 3 years' old

7. Little BJS Pre School

14 learners 3 year old

Furthermore, we have identified and consulted with two further schools. They are as follows:

1. The Viva Foundation. "The Village Concept" the Viva Foundation has service hubs and other schools in the informal settlements and priority poverty areas. The foundation aims to provide young and old with opportunities for education, employment business and recreation. The CEO is Meleney Berry Kriel-Tel no 079 635 2964/ 079 954 4426.



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2. The Funanani NPO which includes ECD Centres in Mamelodi and Sosanguve as well as the Funanani Christian School. Funanani's programs focus primarily on the child first and then the family of the child, thus affecting communities. They believe by embracing the children, communities are changed. A further characteristic is their focus is also on orphaned and vulnerable children within the communities.

All these schools have shown an overwhelming interest in our program. The letters of interest are attached.

Furthermore, we are in contact with various Sporting Brands who will be assisting us with sporting equipment and apparel. We are therefore readily available to work hand in hand with any interested company.

We are proud of the achievements of the directors of Rugby Rascals which are as follows

1. Pieter Grobler (Attorney) Director and Project Manager
2. Caylyn Greyling (Director Operations) a former University of Pretoria woman's sevens player Member of the University of Pretoria woman's sevens rugby team.
3. Kemisetso Baloyi (Director Coaching /Brand Ambassador) Member of the Springbok woman's sevens rugby team.
4. Jacoline Rudman (Director Occupational Therapy) who has an absolute passion for working with children.

We will be utilizing a stand in or temporary coach by the name of Nolwazi Hlabangane a springbok woman's sevens player

A further very important aspect of this program is not only the social development and upliftment aspect but the very important role of woman in sport and more specifically woman's coaching in the sport of rugby



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As noted in The South African Children's Manifesto of May 2019---"We, the children of South Africa call on society to adopt, engage, implement and monitor this Manifesto.

The Manifesto asks that Section 28 of the Constitution of South Africa are taken seriously whereby it sets out the rights of children such as the right to basic nutrition, shelter, basic healthcare, social services, protection from maltreatment, neglect, abuse and degradation"

These children call on us to prioritize Child Protection, Child development, child survival and child participation.

It would be a privilege if we could perhaps coordinate our program with you in respect of our mutual capabilities and possibly obtain your support in the implementation of our program. This will assist us with our applications for funding or possible sponsorship.

We look forward to hearing from you

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