



GCU where dreams become's a reality

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From Mario's Desk

What a month! I honestly do not know where to start.

People always give me credit for GCU success. I cannot take the credit because we are a team and there is no I in the word team. This includes all of you who have faithfully supported us over the years. Irrespective how big or small you support have been, it makes a huge difference.

No words can explain our gratitude towards you. What's all the fuzz about you may ask? I would like to remind you of our mission statement.

'To see youth at risk becomes positive contributors to society and the economy'

All I can say, it is happening! Our coaches are doing an awesome job; they are maturing day by day. They leading from the front, most importantly they making GCU their own. GCU is and will always be about touching the untouchable and reaching the unreachable.

GCU strive to portray the following values:

respect and integrity
responsibility and endurance
decisiveness and perseverance
creativity and enthusiasm
trust and team spirit

In the picture below are coaches, a volunteer and players helping the little ones with the tutoring. Look at the picture and think about our mission statement.



Positive contributors to economy...

GCU assist the National Regulator of Compulsory Specifications (www.nrsc.org.za) to separate process of goods which was going for destruction. The arrangement was that GCU supply labor that has to separate the product from the packaging. In return we got the cardboard boxes and plastic which we disposed for our labor which paid for the boy's daily work.

We approached several of GCU boys who are unemployed to do the work. They were very excited as they really looked forward to the huge amount of money they were going to receive. In the end they did receive some money but not what they anticipated. They had to share R800 between 8 guys for three and a half days of work; you can well imagine the disappointment.

To my surprise only two out of 8 were really disappointed and the others were very grateful to have been able to work. I took this opportunity to share with them the bigger picture in how they have contributed to the economy in a positive way. NRCS was very impressed and has agreed to pay them something extra for their hard work.

GCU with NRCS staff



Making the nation proud....



Volunteers at GCU

We welcome four volunteers from Football for World Unity. Three from Germany and one from Switzerland. They came to share their sports knowledge with our coaches.

Please have a look at our website under volunteers for more info on them.

They took our coaches out on a teambuilding hike to Table Mountain. They were very surprised that only one of the coaches has ever been to Table Mountain. The coaches have never witness such beauty and want to take their teams on a hike.

To think fifteen minutes from our community is a different world. We are really determined in creating opportunities for our kids to see the beauty; the Mother City has to offer. We cannot stand by and see our next generation grow up in a negative environment.



Rope Skipping

Our girls again made us proud they competed in the Western Province rope skipping competition. They brought home 21 medals awesome achievement!

Hats off for their coach at Gordon's Gymnastic Club for guiding them to the medals. Nationals here we come!



Soccer

Our on the field of play have improve a lot due to the training the coaches received from the volunteers. It is unbelievable they way we growing, we getting calls on a daily basis of parents wanting there kids to join GCU.

Michael and Udo leading the way



Coaches in action



Thank you

In the latest gang violence a girl of 5yrs where killed by a stray bullet. At times it bring tears to one's eyes just to see them save and happy.

We could not have achieved our goals without your support. You are making a Huge difference on a daily basis.

If you want to assist in anyway please make contact with us. Please feel free to come and visit us whenever you have time.

Any comments drop us an email on mario@gcu.org.za