

# welcome

\* BRIGHT SITE

\* COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WING  
OF DEPT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE OF  
UNISA.

\* PLACED ABOUT TWENTY  
STUDENTS IN THE CHATSWORTH –  
WELBEDACHT EAST AREA

# REASON

- \* REASON: FINAL YEAR STUDENTS WHO NEEDED TO COMPLETE THEIR PRACTICALS AND HAND IN A PORTFOLIO-
- \* A FORM OF SERVICE LEARNING

# MY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**FROM UNISA SIDE I WAS A  
STAFF MEMBER OF UNISA  
IN ACADEMIC LITERACY  
AS SUCH MY ROLE  
FUNCTION TOOK ME  
ACROSS ALL  
DEPARTMENTS**

**\* FROM THE COMMUNITY  
SIDE I WAS A TRUSTEE  
AND VOLUNTEER AT  
SARVA DHARMA  
ASHRAM**

# ???Sarva Dharma Ashram???



# What have we learnt?

- \* **AMONGST MANY OTHER THINGS I AM LISTING A FEW.**
- \* **“LIVE AS IF YOU WERE GOING TO DIE TOMORROW AND LEARN AS IF YOU WERE GOING TO LIVE FOREVER”  
Mahatma Gandhi**

# What have we learnt?

- \* **1. Community organizations must serve a far wider purpose than it was designed for. Community organizations must exist to serve in the broadest sense.**
- \* The ashram provided venue for meetings, took on two students for in service, shared some refreshments etc
- \* It always kept an open door policy.

# What have we learnt?

- \*2. Community organizations must be user friendly- there was ease of communication and arrangements- no red tape.**

# DISCOVER THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

- \* **NO CIVIC CENTRE OR LIBRARY IN WELBEDACHT EAST**
- \* **NO SOCCER GROUND**
- \* **AFTER INTERVENTION FROM BRIGHT SITE THEY HAVE A COMMUNITY OUTDOOR GYM.**



# What have we learnt?


- \*3. SERVICE LEARNING IS A WIN-WIN SITUATION.
- \*3.1 CHANGE EFFECT: Service learning brings about change in people and the organization.

# What have we learnt?

- \* Introduces new character or characters to the participating partner- opportunity to learn, teach, exchange ideas, innovate together resulting a better person/s and organization/s.


# What have we learnt?

- \* 3.2 CAPACITY ENHANCER:**
- \* Service learning is a way to maximize use of social investments.**
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- \* Many organizations are huge community investments running into millions of rands- not used to full capacity in terms of hours.**
  - \* On an average not used 2/3 of time.**
  - \* Consider our public libraries---generally operate 45/168 hours per week**

# What have we learnt?

**\*3.3 Variety is the spice of life- when we interact with different people that alone is enriching in many ways,**



\* we also get exposed to different views, different ideas , different ways- offers us an opportunity to introspect and make necessary adjustments.

# What have we learnt?

## \*3.4.2 THE RIPPLE EFFECT –

- \* THE SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DETERMINED THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDED **A CAREER FAIR**. THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BRIGHT SITE THEN ARRANGED CAREER FAIRS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

# What have we learnt?

## \*3.4.2 ANOTHER RIPPLE EFFECT

- \* The social science student at Gandhi Settlement in Phoenix coordinated the **Mandela Day Event** and from that event came out a community **needs survey** that we are using for further planning on site.



# What have we learnt?

- \* **3.6 LONG TERM IMPACT**
- \* **“IF I CHANGE ONE MAN’S LIFE I WOULD NOT HAVE LIVED IN VAIN” Poem**
- \* **“EACH ONE TEACH ONE “ NELSON MANDELA**
- \* **Some impacts take a long time to mature and hence ends in social changes for the better.**
- \* **BETTER SOCIETY. SOCIAL FABRIC CHANGES.**

# What have we learnt?

- \* **THERE ARE MANY MORE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF SERVICE LEARNING THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED.**
- \* **(Role models, motivators, goal setting etc)**



**\* All learning must end in positive  
behaviour change.....**

**\* ” If you want to discover yourself, lose  
yourself in the service of others”  
Mahatma Gandhi**

# END RESULT OF SERVICE LEARNING !

- \* **“We are making millionaires,.....”**
- \* HOW ??????????
- \* NOT REALLY !
- \* BUT DEFINITELY
- \* **WE ARE MAKING MILLION HEIRS”** Manoj Vasu

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- \* BRIGHT SITE WAS MAKING:*
- \* THE COMMUNITY A BRIGHTER SITE*
- \* AND WAS ALSO SHOWING US THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE.*
- \* THE END Thank you*