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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

We wish to start by wishing all our friends, sponsors, donors and beneficiaries a peaceful and joyous festive season as the year finally draws to a close. The theme of this final newsletter of the year will be to give thanks for all we have managed to achieve in the past four years. Looking back over the past years, we have come far and plan to go even further in the years ahead. Our deepest gratitude to our staff and colleagues working tirelessly for and with the Deaf to make a difference; from our humble start in 2006 and becoming an autonomous organisation in 2011, till now, we truly appreciate all the assistance and generosity that has been so forthcoming.

DeafNET implemented the Scholarship Project, we have managed to touch the lives of three very deserving young ladies by giving them a chance to study further in the field of their choosing. Nelisiwe Dlamini from Swaziland is now employed in Swaziland by Pick 'n Pay as an assistant chef.

The Red Star programme has had the good fortune to train teachers from Mauritania; DRC; Benin; Mozambique; Madagascar; Cameroon; Tanzania; Zimbabwe and Botswana in the Red Star method. Reaching the Deaf through education is vitally important and we look forward to exciting developments in this programme in the next months, all will be revealed in the New Year!

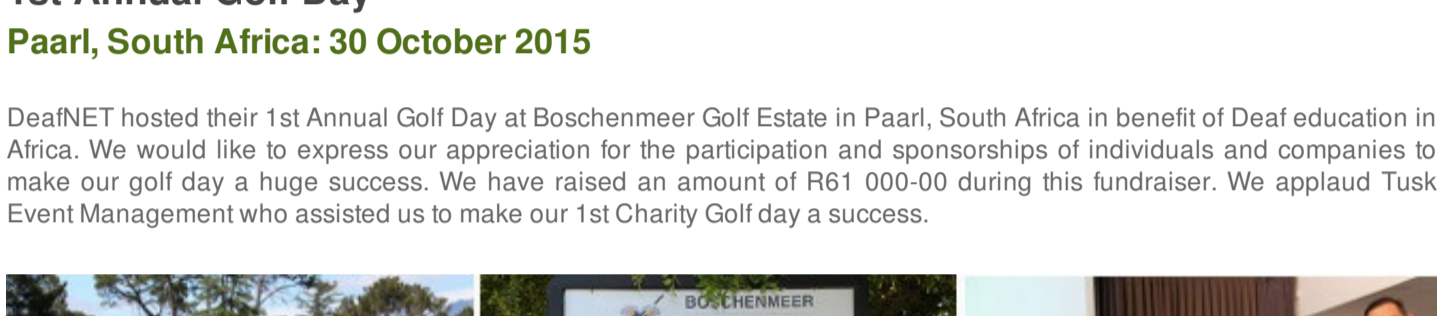
The HIV AIDS toolkit project continues and we hope to reach even more people with this toolkit throughout Africa in 2016.

Our Beekeeping project is progressing well in Uganda and 10 Deaf have been trained in beekeeping in November. DeafNET also share with DeafSA the "Solidarity in South African Sign Language" Campaign in order to have SA SL recognised as one of the official SA Languages.

This was also a year of travel with the World Federation of the Deaf Conference in Istanbul, Turkey and the 22nd International Congress on the Education of the Deaf (ICED 2015) in Athens, Greece in July; the 65th Celebrations of the National Institute for the Deaf in Madagascar in September.

We were fortunate to have a successful Comedy Show with our Ambassador Rob van Vuuren; a Ladies Breakfast and our first annual Golf Day and look forward to our first cycle race at the Cape Town Cycle Tour and our Ambassadors Banquet coming up in March 2016.

We wish everyone a blessed and peaceful festive season and look forward to an exciting 2016 that will be packed full of events and successes that will benefit the Deaf of Africa.



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**1st Annual Golf Day
Paarl, South Africa: 30 October 2015**

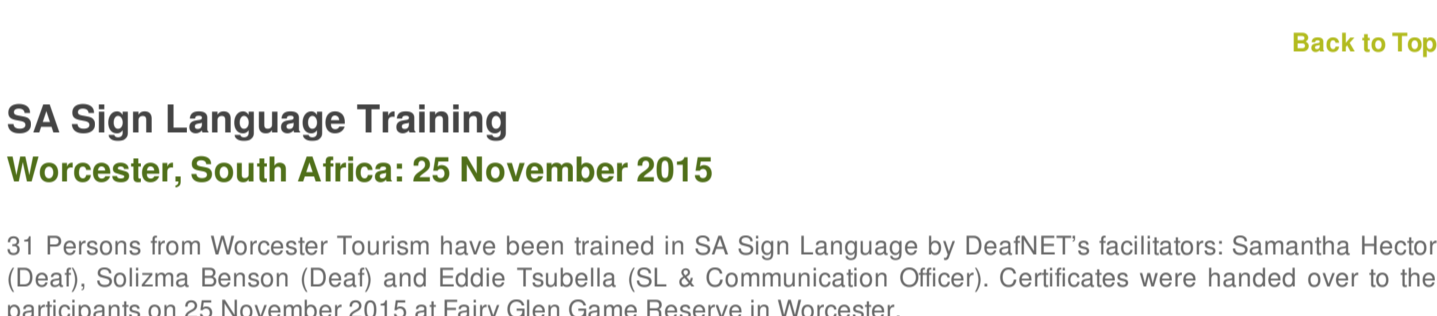
DeafNET hosted their 1st Annual Golf Day at Boschenmeer Golf Estate in Paarl, South Africa in benefit of Deaf education in Africa. We would like to express our appreciation for the participation and sponsorships of individuals and companies to make our golf day a huge success. We have raised an amount of R61 000-00 during this fundraiser. We applaud Tusk Event Management who assisted us to make our 1st Charity Golf day a success.



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**Zambia's 51st Independence Day Celebration
Pretoria, South Africa: 24 October 2015**

DeafNET CEO, Suzette Willemse (on right), with Ms Emmie Bweupe from Zambian High Commissioners' Office (1st Secretary: Education).

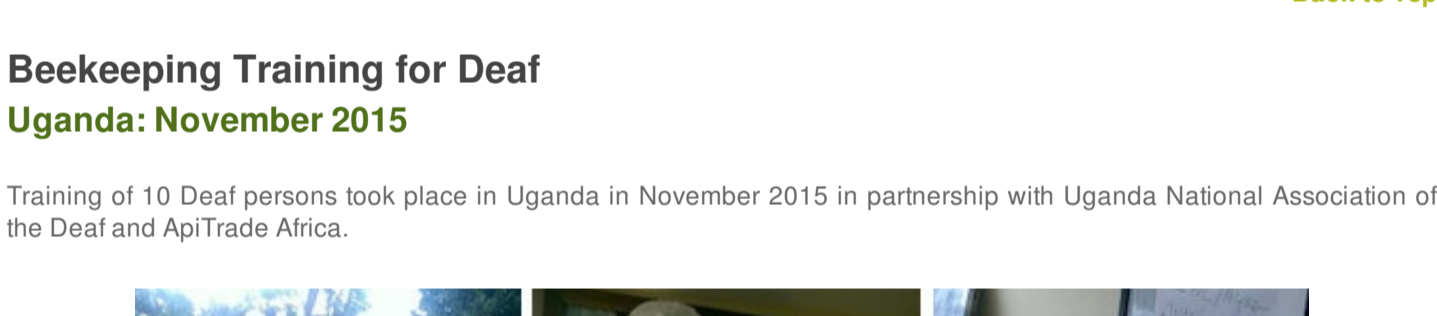


Suzette with Zambia's High Commissioner to South Africa - His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel Mwamba - at the Zambian High Commission, Pretoria..

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**SA Sign Language Training
Worcester, South Africa: 25 November 2015**

31 Persons from Worcester Tourism have been trained in SA Sign Language by DeafNET's facilitators: Samantha Hector (Deaf), Solizma Benson (Deaf) and Eddie Tsubella (SL & Communication Officer). Certificates were handed over to the participants on 25 November 2015 at Fairy Glen Game Reserve in Worcester.



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**Beekeeping Training for Deaf
Uganda: November 2015**

Training of 10 Deaf persons took place in Uganda in November 2015 in partnership with Uganda National Association of the Deaf and ApiTrade Africa.



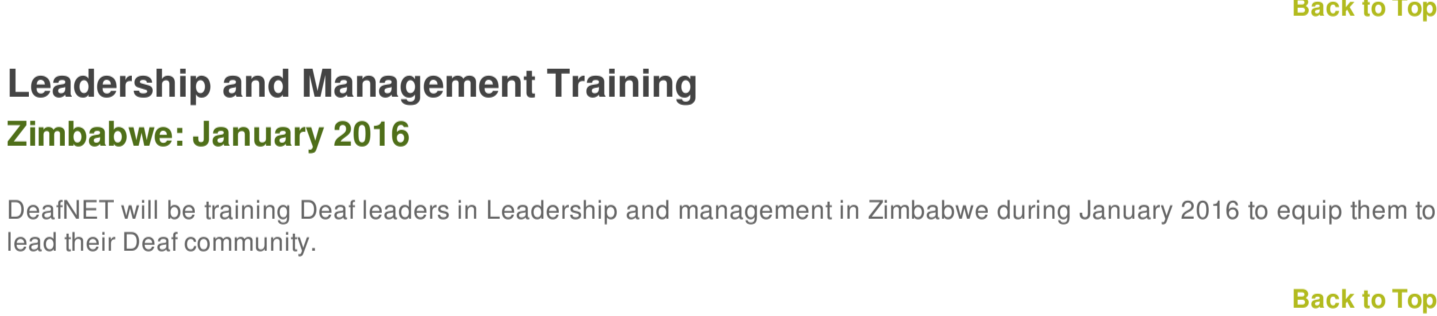
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**2nd Ladies Breakfast in Aid of Scholarship project
Worcester, South Africa: 10 August 2015**

DeafNET hosted their 2nd annual ladies breakfast on 10 August 2015 in celebration of Womens' day and to raise funds for their scholarship project.

The event took place in partnership with the Golden Valley Casino, Worcester and was attended by 100 ladies supporting the education of young Deaf girls from Africa.

The Idols SA 2015 Top 9 finalist, Elwira Standili performed during this ladies breakfast with her amazing soulful voice. The keynote speaker was Ambassador Carol-Ann Cloete and the event was also blessed with the presence of Ambassadors Rosebud Tsobane (MC), Ambassador Amanda Quwe, Ambassador Theresa Olivier and Ms Mitzi Hagen from Anniqwe.



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**Leadership and Management Training
Zimbabwe: January 2016**

DeafNET will be training Deaf leaders in Leadership and management in Zimbabwe during January 2016 to equip them to lead their Deaf community.

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**Cycle Tour
Cape Town: 6 March 2016**

**Join the world's largest timed cycle race:
the Cape Town Cycle Tour
on 6 March 2016**

Use your influence to raise funds for a great cause!
Funds raised will go towards Deaf education

Only R950 includes race shirt and water bottle
(Race Tec timing chip is excluded)

For more information and to book your place, contact:
Nazhene on 023 342 4092 email pa.ceo@deafnet.org

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**DeafNET Africa Conference 2016
Johannesburg: September 2016**

Our 10th anniversary coincides with the Africa Conference. The Conference will be held at the Birchwood Hotel in Johannesburg South Africa. 1ST Announcement to follow soon!!

Contact africa@deafnet.org for more info .

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