

Neotel continues to inspire possibility

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Leading telecommunications operator, Neotel are bridging the digital divide by setting up internet cafés in underserved areas of Gauteng and Western Cape.



24 February 2011 saw Neotel officially open one of their 14 internet café's - providing hundreds of community members with the invaluable opportunity of investing in their education. Neotel not only donated computers, printers and scanners but have also provided unlimited access to the internet as well as in depth computer training courses to a selected few.



Nanga Vhuthilo, a charity organisation that services over 100 families and more than 230 children, are today's recipient of the internet café, and their future certainly looks brighter for it.



The day set off with the arrival of Supersport United players Rowen Fernandez, Bradley Carnell and Mogogi Gabonamong who on arrival enthusiastically linked arms with both the youth as well as the community leaders. Immediately after the welcome speeches, the players were split into groups. Some players tried their hand at painting, whilst others were the recipients of a computer lesson by those community members who switched their roles from 'student' to 'teacher' and who have already benefited from Neotel's teachings.

In addition to the Neotel internet café donations, business furniture leaders Giant Leap kindly donated several shelves to the community centre's library.

"Let's just say that I am far better on the field than I am behind a computer," joked super 'keeper Rowen Fernandez, who later assisted with the painting of the shelves.

Ma Sibongile from Nanga Vhuthilo looked on with great pride;

"We cannot put into words what Neotel has done for the people of our community. It feels like we are now equipped to deal with the big wide world of business. We are most certainly inspired by Neotel's tremendous generosity."

Neotel confirms that it's always worth it when you see the delight the donations deliver.

Neotel is fully committed to enhancing the development of the communities in which it conducts its business and truly value the future prospects of this country. For this reason, the company wanted to make a noticeable difference in terms of educating and empowering individuals.

Adding to the success of the day was the energetic team from Medi IQ, a company dedicated to providing a range of sporting equipment to enhance and maintain body fitness. They contributed to the exciting activities of the day with a series of fun activities.

"I never dreamt we would one day be teaching our soccer stars. My dreams have come true today and I am most grateful for this opportunity," beamed one of the students.

Having installed everything from the electrical work, lighting, cabling, full interior as well as air-conditioners, computers, printers, software and networks, Neotel certainly have come to the party. The network provider also organised free connectivity for 6 months, as well as entrepreneurship training on-going mentorship and IT support. Neotel have once again set an inspiring benchmark which will hopefully encourage others to invest in the future of this country by investing in its people.

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