



What have you done today, to make you feel proud? *

Pride gets a bad press. Apparently it goes before destruction, and along with a haughty spirit, before a fall. But for many, it's what keeps us going. It's the one thing that can't be taken away and often what keeps our spirits up when the odds are against us.

The pride of Miss Jenny Daniels has the purest of selfless sources. It comes from 41 years of work in which the odds could hardly have been said to be in her favour, as a teacher in one of Cape Town's historically disadvantaged areas. As principal of the Kenmere Primary School in Kensington, Miss Daniels' pride comes from doing all she can to ensure the wellbeing and progress of her pupils. Now, she has an even better reason to feel proud. By sheer hard work and a persuasive nature, she tipped the odds in her favour and achieved the near-impossible.

She has worked as a teacher in the same street, 10th Avenue Kensington, for her entire career. And this year, as her crowning achievement, Kenmere Primary will get a magnificent school hall. And it's largely due to her determination and pride.

Because the Garden Cities Archway Foundation had already provided a school hall in Kensington - among the 34 that it has built over the past six years - Miss Daniels thought it unlikely that her school would also get one in the foreseeable future. She reckoned however that if she, as someone who does not believe in handouts, were to approach the foundation with a sizeable sum collected by the blood sweat and tears of the school's mostly cash-strapped parent community, she might just be in luck. And she was.

Astoundingly, from a community of which only 50% can afford the R100 a month school fees, the energy was summoned to collect R250 000 towards the R3.5 million hall.



John Matthews, CEO of Garden Cities and the Archway Foundation, with the Principal of Kenmere Primary School in Kensington, Cape Town, Miss Jenny Daniels, and senior pupils of the school.



What a R3.5 million, 960-kid-sized hall looks like. The entire complement of children and teachers at Kenmere Primary School turned out to get the measure of their new hall to be built in the next few months by the Archway Foundation.

Approaching Garden Cities' CEO and head of the Archway Foundation, John Matthews, with her treasure, Miss Daniels was elated to hear the effort had been worthwhile. The school hall would be built. The enormity of her joy was not lost on John Matthews who was schooled in Kensington, and at whose junior school, Miss Daniels had taught. He too, knew the miseries of assemblies in the rain and heat, and having nowhere to practice indoor sports and cultural activities.

Now, says Miss Daniels, the school's work among the community, such as parenting workshops and efforts against substance abuse will forge ahead alongside the wonderful things the children will be able to do in their hall. The things that make a difference between mere schooling and a real education – the things that make you feel proud.

THE ARCHWAY AND CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Archway Foundation invites all South African companies with social investment funds they would like to use in the most effective way, to participate in the work to alleviate the backlog of more than 700 school halls in the Western Cape. We offer unrestricted participation for companies who can take any benefits they need from the association, including promoting a positive perception in their marketplace. And it would of course benefit the project if those who participate helped spread the word. Participants are assured that their every cent is for the material cost of the halls alone. No professional fees or construction costs are deducted.

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