



# **OBJECTIVES**

- Improve the quality of Education
- Support environmentally friendly sustainable initiatives
- Reduce our carbon footprint and our impact on natural resources

## **SUMMARY**

This month Cape Town welcomed students and teachers from Maple Grove Senior High from the US. The team contributed to our hub objectives whilst gaining valuable insight into South African life. They also gained an understanding of the teamwork and collaboration that is and part of the GVI culture.





#### REPORT

At ACJ we ran a Holiday Arts Camp for Grade 6 and 7 students from the school. Arts and Culture is part of the Western Cape curriculum. The area of Arts is lacking in some schools in South Africa, mainly because teachers do not have the training, tools, time and resources are limited. We ran workshops with the students which included visual arts, drama, music and dance. Many children already have a natural ability in this area and this was a great opportunity for them to showcase their talents. Positive feedback was given to each group of students after each of the final performances.

At Ikhayalethemba Sanctuary the Maple Grove team made improvements to the current vegetable garden and chicken coop area, where they got stuck in cultivating the garden. The vegetables will supply the children who live at the Sanctuary but also be sold to the Community as an income generating project for our Partners. The children were excited to watch the garden take shape; we will continue lessons as part of our childcare program about how things grow and how to look after their garden. A local gardener and night security have been employed as part of this project.

As well as doing amazing work and making a difference in the Community the Maple Grove Team got to experience a trip to Langa Township then a visit to Table Mountain and V and A waterfront. An extreme cultural experience in just one day. The students were excited when the surprise Safari was revealed by their teachers. This was one of the many highlights of their experience. Mama Lumka and her family hosted a fantastic Thank you celebration for the Maple Grove team with traditional dancers and a delicious South African Braai.

Maple Grove Senior High made a generous donation to the GVI Charitable Trust. This money will be used for Art supplies at ACJ and for a rainwater tank, trees and general garden maintenance at Ikhayalethemba.

The term global community is widely used but trips such as this is a true example of how people from all over the globe can come together, learn about a new culture, contribute to a project and start thinking about how they may be able to make a difference in the future.



## **ABOUT GVI**

We're a family-run organisation with an amazing culture and an awesome team of people across the world who are passionate experts in their chosen field and will make your experience a truly unforgettable one (in a good way).

Our award-winning projects receive over 2000 participants every year, and we're proud to say that the vast majority of them describe their experience with us as 'life changing'. Our approval rate from over 20 000 participants since 1997 is over 95%.

A key component of the success of our community development and conservation projects is the participants who join our programs. Opportunities include high impact volunteering from one week and up, internships for those looking for career development opportunities, Challenges that allow a one week adventure all for a good cause and a range of programs for school groups and younger volunteers.

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