

Siyanda - "We are growing"

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Siyanda exhibits at Maplehouse Baby & Toddler Campus

Siyanda displayed their handmade crafts for the first time since the group was created, at Maplehouse in November 2010. The GraySwan Charitable Trust organized that their works are displayed in the entrance hall of the school. The aim was not to make huge profits, but to give them some exposure so that they realize their beautiful gifts can be sold at a profit. Their first attempt was very successful and they managed to sell gifts to the value of R1,200! Well done Siyanda – hope we will see more of your crafts at markets in 2011.



What is Siyanda?

Five disabled individuals from Kayamandi is part of the Siyanda group, which was started in June 2010 with the purpose of teaching adult disabled people how to use their creative skills. They come together twice a week where a new skill/craft is introduced. Prochorus provides Siyanda with the items needed to make the craft, and then they aim to sell it to anyone who is interested in supporting them. By doing this, the disabled people who are often forgotten and neglected, can learn how to use their leisure time constructively. The group not only serves as a task group, but also as a place of support and opportunity to build friendships.

