

## Community Learning Centre (CLC) Launch – 28 February 2009 “Improving the lives of our tenants and local communities”

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We at Communicare had the privilege recently to proudly launch our first Community Learning Centre facility which is conveniently located at our Ruyterwacht Area Housing Office on 28 February 2009. The event was conducted in the presence of our partner to the venture, Grand West Social Investment (CSI) who was represented by its chairman, Mr John Fraser together with our key social housing partner, the City of Cape Town represented by Cllr D Plato as well as the Ruyterwacht community and other key stakeholders.

The Centre which is a joint initiative between Communicare and Grand West CSI will largely be used by our tenants and members of the surrounding communities. It is a fitting testimony to our long term commitment to develop not only our clients, but other household members from the Ruyterwacht and surrounding communities. This therefore represents a practical demonstration of our vision and objectives of providing not only affordable social housing, but creating the necessary platform to meet the development needs of our tenants and communities towards long term sustainability.

The facility consists of a twelve-station computer laboratory, generously funded by Grand West Casino, training rooms with electronic whiteboards and a resource centre which includes a reference library. The centre is managed by a centre manager.

In line with our ethos of developing literate and connected communities, Communicare will be promoting entrepreneurship, providing career guidance, promoting skills development, encouraging active citizen participation and promoting environmentally friendly practices and lifestyles.

We were heartened by the support we received from our partners and as well as our tenants and local communities which bodes well for our intention to develop the same facilities in our other two areas in Diep River and Brooklyn in the medium term. We strongly believe that such facilities also compliment efforts in our country to develop a culture of learning using information technology as one of the key drivers. We hope that potential partners will see the opportunity to assist us to further realise this objective for all our housing areas and beyond.

For further information around the facility's operations please feel free to contact our Centre Manager, Lourens De Jager at Tel: 021 535 0997.



Chris Mathias (left) of Communicare and John Fraser of GrandWest CSI.



Children in front of the computers at the Community Learning Centre



Welcome: The entrance of the Community Learning Centre