

Born to Care Delmas celebrated its 2nd Birthday and made an impact on 18 schools in the region!

On 29 February 2008 Born to Care was born! This year they turned 2!

Last year Born to Care held a tea for their clients in celebration of their first birthday, but this year they decided to invest in our youth. And what a blessing it was!

The Circuit manager of the schools in our area, Mr. Mahlanga, was approached about involving the schools in Born to Care's birthday. Mr. Mahlanga gave permission and all 21 schools in our region were invited, 18 of which attended. (For more info see attendance list)

Mr. Mahlanga attached a letter to the invitations sent to the schools stating:

"In our effort to address prevention measures, all schools are directed to attend the session."

The occasion was held on the 25th of February at the Lewende Woord Church in Delmas. One Life Orientation Educator along with two leaders (a boy and a girl) from each school attended the event.



The Thursday morning of the 25th was a wet one, but the enthusiasm of the Born to Care volunteers were not dampened.

Myrna Farquhar, Born to Care's Chairperson, gave a warm welcome to all attending. A presentation on Born to Care - Crisis Pregnancy Ministry was done by Heleen Celliers, co-founder of Born to Care, enlightening the group on who Born to Care is, and what they do!

The guests were then entertained by an informative DVD called "Sex has a Price Tag" presented by Pam Stenzel. This DVD is an excellent resource, it includes her testimony on being conceived as the result of rape. She also spoke about STD's, Abstinence, Boundaries, Date rape, etc.

Jolanda Nel, co-founder of Born to Care, presented each school with the gift of a book called "Whitney's Kiss" and launched the competition they are running with the book to encourage the children to read this stirring book!



More about Whitney's Kiss:

Whitney's Kiss is a beautiful book published by Voices in Africa and tells the story of a young girl in today's society faced with sex and AIDS head on. It is an inspirational book that brings hope, direction and knowledge to the people of our country. The book is a great tool that can aid in HIV/AIDS prevention and education programs.

Following the competition Heleen Celliers presented each school with a special Born to Care Resources Bag filled with literature and tools to aid the schools in promoting abstinence and encouraging prevention.

Delmas' local youth leader, Jan Hendrik Kotze closed in prayer, blessing all present and for the furtherance of this important cause through our youth.



A social lunch of cupcakes, hamburgers, chips and cold drinks ended the event, while children and educators browsed through the displays and discussed related topics with the volunteers.

Feedback received from the celebration:

"Thanks for the information! Our learners have gained a lot. How I wish the whole school can get this information so that they can make the right choices, thanks very much."

One school called and asked if they could send all eight of their prefects and willingly paid for the extra six learners' food. This was such an encouragement!

Message from Born to Care - Delmas:

Our prayer is that all of this seed that has been sown, will grow abundantly and that this new generation will be set free by the truth:

If you don't want pain, abstain!

Attendance list:

<u>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</u>	<u>SECONDARY SCHOOLS</u>	<u>COMBINED SCHOOLS</u>
Arbor P	Botleng S	Fundisisa
Bazani P	Delmas S	Swartklip
Delmas P	M.M. Motloung	Eldemah
Dumezweni P	Phaphamani S	
Eloff P	Sundra H	
Khangela P		
Sundra P		
Othandweni P		
Rietkol P		
Sizofunda P		