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Paying Tribute to Teachers for World Teachers Day

“Let us remember: one book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.” Malala Yousafzai

Everyone remembers the teachers in their lives who inspired, encouraged, instilled values, and taught them well – their impact is often a strong boost along a learner’s life journey. In celebration of World Teachers’ Day on 5 October, Tsogo Sun (<https://www.tsogosun.com>) pays homage to the major influence that educators have on ensuring the success of the group’s extensive CSI education initiatives over the past seven years.

Shanda Paine, Tsogo Sun’s CSI Manager, says that with education at the heart of the group’s social upliftment programmes (<https://www.tsogosun.com/citizenship/community/learning>) in direct response to alarming unemployment levels among the country’s youth, “we acknowledge that without wholehearted buy-in and support by the educators in the schools where we are involved, we would not be successful. Teaching is a tough job, but it is foundational to the development of communities and the country, and we applaud all those teachers who go the extra mile and put their hearts and souls into ensuring brighter futures for our young people.”

World Teachers’ Day this year marks the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights that recognises education as a fundamental right, while acknowledging that there are an estimated 264 million children and youth out of school globally, and to reach the 2030 Education Goals of universal primary and secondary education, the world needs to recruit about 69 million new teachers.

Tsogo Sun’s major CSI education initiatives include career guidance and preparation for high school learners, providing guidance and support for subject choices and career direction; a chess programme for foundation phase learners that is designed to connect aspects of the game with maths, science, and lifeskills concepts; and leadership training for high school learners that encourages them to be self-motivated, work-ready and employable.

Other CSI initiatives within the group where educators play a significant role include the Olwazini Discovery Science Centre, which is Golden Horse Casino’s on-site science and computer centre that attracts hundreds of learners annually; support by Suncoast Casino of the Vukukhanye Educare ECD Centre for vulnerable children in the Chesterville community in Cato Manor, KZN; support by

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Hemingways Casino of the ITEC Maths, Science and Technology programme that contributes to improved competence in the subjects among learners and teachers in the Eastern Cape; and more.

“Around the country, our properties are involved in schools from pre-schools to high schools, supporting them in different ways, and in every instance, the teachers play an important role in ensuring the upliftment of the learners and the schools – a role that is above and beyond teaching the curriculum, and includes the lifeskills they share through their conduct and their communication with their learners. An educator’s job is demanding – and we salute the vital part they play in developing our great leaders of tomorrow.”

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