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Salt March – 18 April 2010

Report

The principles of Mahatma Gandhi and in particular the Salt March are very pertinent to the people of South Africa, especially at this cross-road the country finds itself. Events like the Salt March are necessary to raise the awareness of great people like Mahatma Gandhi and the principles he stood for. As part of our relationship and commitment to the leadership programme with Greenbury Secondary School, we the DDP under took to participate with them in the Gandhi Development Trust Salt March.



The, Making-A-Difference (M.A.D), group at Greenbury Secondary School embarked on a drive to conscientious their peers of the principles of Gandhi and the Salt March. This campaign was hosted during the week in build up to the march on 18 April 2010. Presentations were done in each class, a speech was given during the assembly and there were discussions held on the playground during the breaks. At the end of the week a hundred and forty (140) learners indicated their interest to participate in the march.

A young lady, Darshni, took up the challenge to head this campaign and to ensure all the logistics were taken care of. She gathered a team of eighteen (18) other young people to assist her accomplish this task. Her responsibilities included the campaigns, arranging the buses to transport the learners from the school to the start in Inanda, and from the stadium back to the school, she was also responsible in ensuring all the applications were handed out to the learners prior to the event. Not only did she and her team accomplish this superbly but they showed a strong sense of maturity and responsibility as the buses were at the school on time, all learners had their completed registration forms and the learners behaved very responsibly.

In total, ninety (90) learners attended and participated in the march and their behavior, enthusiasm, respect and responsibility must be commended. The learners gave Darshni and her team the respect they deserved and acknowledged the effort they put in to making this campaign and event a success. It was good to note that even without an educator present learners



maintained the good behavior which indicates a level of maturity to the event, organizers of the event, their peers and their school.

All praise to Darshni and her team for taking on this challenge and giving their all to raise the awareness of their peers to some of the principles of Gandhi, and to the learners of Greenbury Secondary School for being such wonderful ambassadors of their school.