

The Elegant Group ‘adopts’ Tshivhase Secondary School

Earlier this year the Elegant Group joined the Adopt-a-School Foundation, challenging itself to “adopt a school for Mandela Day”.

“At Elegant, we are always up for a challenge and if it benefits the community, even better,” says Rocco Strydom, one of the directors of the group.

The Elegant Group is closely associated and deeply invested in the well-being of the Limpopo provincial education system, and thus selected the Tshivhase Secondary School in Thohoyandou as its school of choice.

#PencilsProvidePotential was the theme of this year’s celebrations and challenged Adopt-a-School participants to provide as many learners as possible with much-needed stationery. In line with this, the group donated writing materials and other needed peripherals to the school. Elegant Group directors Strydom and Faith Modipa spent a day at the school distributing the donated stationery and spending time with the pupils and the teachers. Modipa said she hoped their small contribution would make a big difference in the long term.

“It is a small but meaningful step towards a better and more inclusive South Africa,” said Strydom.

The Tshivhase Secondary School was started by Donald Fraser, a Scottish missionary, and was later identified by Nelson Mandela himself for further development. Mandela visited the school on numerous occasions. The school currently has 73 qualified teachers, 2 375 pupils and is ranked third in the Limpopo district.

School principal Fhatuwani Maselesele thanked the Elegant Group for its meaningful contribution to the school. After years of achieving great standards and laurels, the school envisioned a great partnership between itself and the Elegant Group with the school’s pupils coming out on top.