

CGA alms add zest to Klouter Kabouter

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The Citrus Growers Association holds its Citrus Summit bi-annually, with the first one having been held in 2015. By 2017 the Summit had reached sufficient financial stability to be able to donate its profits to local communities.

Charitable associations or ventures are requested to submit a list of their needs, up to the value of R50 000. The CGA then chooses two that it feels are the most deserving of the donation, and after the Summit in March, the CGA director of the region where the charity is based visits the establishment and presents the cheque to the management or owner.

One of the two winning charities for 2019 was Quacha Klouter Kabouter, a pre-school for the children of employees at Quacha Farm in the Gamtoos Valley situated in Patensie, Eastern Cape.

This school opened in 2014 with 12 farm children, and has since grown to 30 children enrolled, with two trained teachers, one of whom used to be a general farm worker on the farm. Quacha Klouter Kabouter is vibrant, multi-racial and multi-cultural, and the kids receive opportunities to develop academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

Martina and Kobus Odendaal, the owners of the farm, along with their son and daughter Dirk and Marelise, welcomed CGA Director Phillip Dempsey when he arrived for a walkabout and to take some photos. He was shown what had been purchased with the Orange Heart donation: the new jungle gym, photocopier, laptop computer, fridge and stove have made a huge difference to the comfort and pleasure of the children and their teachers.



From top to bottom: And what would a pre-school be without a brand-new set of swings? | The children enjoying their newly bought jungle gym. | Phillip Dempsey (middle) is flanked by Klouter Kabouter pre-school teachers Hannadene Stuurman, Marelise Poggi and Kobus Odendaal; and on the right: Martina Odendaal, Dirk Odendaal and Shirley Stuurman, CGA Director for Patensie, Phillip Dempsey, surrounded by happy pre-schoolers at Klouter Kabouter.

