Schools thank donors at a gala evening

SPARROW Schools Educational Trust recently hosted a gala dinner at its school in Sophiatown. The dinner was a gesture of thanks to its donors for their support which allows the school to look after the educational needs of over 500 learners from disadvantaged backgrounds on an annual basis.

Accompanied by live musical performances, guests were treated to a three-course meal served by students in the assistant chef programme at Sparrow FET College.

The Sparrow Combined School choir, and the Trinity School orchestra all the way from London, gave an endearing performance. And the Morpeth Pulse Band from East London, entertained guests with their energetic beats on steel barrels converted into drums.

The orchestra from Trinity School entertain guests.

Mpho Lakaje of the eTV show Against All Odds was the MC for the evening and the guest speaker was Sir Alasdair MacDonald, former headmaster of Morpeth School who shared the success story of how they turned the school, located in a poor neighbourhood in London, into a top performing school.

Sparrow Schools Educational Trust is a non-profit organisation that provides affordable and specialised education to disadvantaged youth with barriers to learning.

Its foundation and combined schools cater for grades 1-9, and Sparrow FET College offers FET accredited programmes in partnership with some of South Africa's big corporate companies.

"We're extremely grateful to our loyal donors who invest time and money, and also offer work experience opportunities to our learners which has allowed us to service the community for over 24 years," said Pearl Nkosi, fundraising assistant at Sparrow Schools.


Editor's note: The Educate a Child Programme allows individuals to donate R100 a month or R1 200 a year to provide a child with barriers to learning with access to affordable quality education.