

# Increasing DONOR'S TRUST

The increase in donations received by the University in 2007 provides major impetus for the University's efforts to raise SU to greater relevance and significance, reports Dr Malene Breytenbach, Project Writer of the Stellenbosch Foundation.



**D**onor confidence in Stellenbosch University rose again in 2007. This is illustrated by the 8% in-increase in philanthropic donations that were received.

Contributions from companies, trusts, foundations, individuals and bequests amounted to R127 million, while investment income amounted to R22 million. Domestically, a total of R51 million was received from companies in 2007. Regarding alumni and other individuals, the total income was slightly more than R11 million. The University is also very grateful for bequests worth R13.4 million.

According to Ms Annamia van den Heever, Director of the Stellenbosch Foundation, this is also a reflection of the excellent work done by academic and other staff in a series of projects that contribute to the growth and development of the University and the community.

Donations as contributions to the University's third-stream income now amount to 8% of the total turnover of the University and these are paid in full to earmarked projects.

The successful partnership of the University with its donor investors also ensures that the University can increasingly participate in the international development agenda and that it can position itself as a knowledge pioneer.

"The partnerships also empower SU to create a more innovative world for future generations," says Ms van den Heever. "The role that can be played by alumni in this regard should not be underestimated."

## Become a knowledge partner

Against the background of the international development agenda, the University is involved in various projects that have an impact not only on the country, but also on the continent. Projects for which donations were received - and for which funds were raised - include:

- **AIMS (African Institute for Mathematical Sciences)**  
AIMS offers a nine-month postgraduate diploma course in advanced mathematical research skills for graduates from all over Africa and develops cooperating Centres of Excellence. The new AIMS

Research Centre involves local universities and members of the international community.

- **CPWild (Commercial Products from the Wild)**  
CPWild supports existing enterprises that process natural plant products in Southern Africa and helps new entrepreneurs to manage their undertakings in a sustainable manner.
- **KIDCRU (Children's Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit)**  
KIDCRU was established at Tygerberg Children's Hospital to do clinical research on infectious diseases in children, with the main focus on HIV and tuberculosis. Children and their parents are also provided with food and basic necessities.
- **Residence Education Programme (ResEd)**  
This is an initiative to provide students in university accommodation with the necessary knowledge, skills, experience and self-confidence to participate in and contribute to a healthy democracy.
- **NETACT (Network for African Congregational Theology)**  
NetACT is a network of theological institutions in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition in Sub-Saharan Africa that prepares leaders for mission congregations. Stellenbosch University administers and coordinates the entire network. Because of the widespread HIV/Aids pandemic, poverty and endemic corruption, a holistic approach is followed.
- **Ukwanda Centre for Rural Health**  
Ukwanda is an interdisciplinary initiative to take health sciences training to the heart of un-deserved rural communities.
- **Women in Networks (WIN)**  
The project is a grassroots level, multifaceted, social, health and welfare initiative in impoverished Western Cape communities where tuberculosis and the HI virus are prevalent.

People who wish to become involved in these projects by way of donations can contact the Stellenbosch Foundation at tel 021 808 4895 or by e-mail at [avdheever@sun.ac.za](mailto:avdheever@sun.ac.za). You can also visit [www.sun.ac.za/stigting](http://www.sun.ac.za/stigting) for full information on these and other projects. 