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Air Products handed over a Toy Library Trailer to the Touch Community Network.

Rustenburg – Air Products' long

term corporate social investment

(CSI) beneficiary, the Touch Toy

Library in Rustenburg, is able to

touch the lives of even more young

children in the province, thanks to

the donation of the Toy Library

trailer on Friday, 24 March 2017.

The Touch Toy Library has re-

ceived long term ongoing sup-

port from Air Products to expose

children at early childhood development (ECD) centres to the ba-

sic skills required for education

This relationship started in 2012

when Air Products was introduced

to the Touch Community Network

by Cotlands whom Air Products

has been supporting for a number

of years. Air Products' core CSI

focus is on the youth and educa-

tion in the communities in which

they operate and with the expan-

sion of the Rustenburg Facility in

2012, they wanted to extend their

CSI initiatives to the North West

through play.

The Touch Community Network celebrates children's right to play and they strive to see children in the community thrive in their formative years through play based development opportunities. Besides the Touch Toy Library's Active Learning Centre in Rustenburg, a core part of what they do is to render an outreach service to ECD centres in disadvantaged areas in the North West Province and the new trailer will be used to enhance this important service.

According to Josua Le Roux, Chairman of Air Products' CSI committee, Air Products donated funds to the Touch Toy Library over the past five years - the first donation was to purchase toys for the Toy Library, followed by the donation of a vehicle in 2015 which is used for the outreach service.

Le Roux further commented, "We believe that the most recent donation, the Touch Toy Library trailer and accessories will go a long way to make the 'go-&-play' sessions for the children more varied and enjoyable"

Network's Rustenburg offices.

This is one of the playrooms at the Touch Community

Jeanette Little, Toy Librarian from Touch Community Network said; Products' continued support has enabled us to expand the Touch Toy Library and offer children an opportunity to borrow toys, puzzles and games as well as increase our impact in the schools that we visit. Furthermore, it enables us to work with more children at one time, through providing additional equipment and essential educational toys that are crucial to our work. Not only does this ultimately support their learning through planned play activities, but teachers are trained as well in using toys more effectively for educational use. We are proud of the way we present our 'go-&-play' outreaches as well as our 'come-&-play' sessions at our Active Learning Centre".

The Touch Community Network in Rustenburg, situated at 143 Bethlehem Drive, has a toy library and

is an active learning centre where individuals can register to borrow toys. Structured play sessions are conducted by a toy librarian at 'go & play' and 'come & play' sessions with early learning centres who have registered with the library. Touch Toy Library Inaugurated on 6 June 2013

Painting is fun! This was one of the many amusing

activities during the handover ceremony.



From left; Arthi Govender, Josua Le Roux, Marie van Schalkwyk (Touch Community Network), Sizwe Nkonde, Mazila Nkamu, Freddy Letlape and Dumisa Gina.

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