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# COLOUR CHAMELEON

It's one thing to have a first-rate interior-design firm whose landmark projects are globally renowned – and commissioned by the likes of Donna Karan. It's quite another when this firm's singular talents are also directed at helping disadvantaged communities.



Cécile & Boyd – whom many South Africans will recognise as the award-winning team that designed Singita lodges – established its charitable foundation back in 2011. Since then, it has been engaged in ongoing nonprofit work, mainly for disadvantaged schools and clinics.

The Cécile & Boyd Foundation is led by designer Mia van Wyk, who has brought the team's expert knowledge and product design experience to bear on a growing number of humanitarian projects. Working in collaboration with organisations like Rock Girl and the Amy Biehl Foundation, the foundation has thus far uplifted the likes of Siyazingisa Primary School in Gugulethu, Little Feet Creche in Hout Bay, library containers at Nomlinganiselo Primary School in Langa and at Blikkiesdorp in Delft, and both a library and an art room at Red River Primary School in Manenberg.

What links the foundation's various activities is the use of colour. Choosing to focus on the psychological and therapeutic qualities of colour, Cécile & Boyd's plan is to "uplift children through the creation of 'safe' spaces with the hope of re-engaging these youngsters in their schools and society".

We love that Cécile & Boyd's charitable projects are as remarkable as their high-end spaces, illustrating the power of design and its ability to uplift whomever engages with the space. Sharing the love in 2014, the company is creating a container exhibition that showcases the fundamental elements of texture and colour, as used by the foundation. The container will pop up throughout the year at related events.

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