

NEWSLETTER

July 2019

News from our Homes

Cloetesville: A new assistant was appointed, Marilyn Bock. She is from Eersterivier, and worked for Netcare for 14 years. We are thankful that she joined the Vineyard Houses.

House 1: Charmaine Petersen is foster Mother of 2 boys and 3 girls. With sadness we had to say goodbye to one of the boys, who was in our home for 9 years.

House 2: Jolene Adams is foster Mother of 2 boys and 3 girls.

Kayamandi: Nozanele has been the houses assistant for 4 years.

Zanovuyo: Queenie Sodinga is foster Mother of 2 boys and 3 girls. One of the boys left the home, with good reason, to reunite with his extended family, which is the ultimate goal for social workers.

Zanokhanyo: Ntombikaya Mtose is foster Mother for 2 boys and 3 girls.

There is space for 1 boy in each house, and it depends on the statutory organizations, such as Child Welfare and Dept. Social Development to legally do the placements.

Education: Good news - 3 of our children had the opportunity to be evaluated by Educational Psychologists @ Welgevalle Community Psychology Clinic (University of Stellenbosch).

Sport/Culture: Children are encouraged to participate at school. One of our boy's made it to the semi-finals at a chess competition at his school. The competition was held between the top schools in the Cape Winelands and he received a silver medal.

Another was chosen for the school soccer/athletics team.

World Foster Day

On 31 May it was World Foster Day. All the children wrote messages on tags and banners with positive messages about Foster Care.

Messages such as:

" I love my Foster Mother. "

"I am proud to be a Vineyard Foster Child".

"I feel safe and happy in my Foster Home".

"I am fed". "I am loved"



Our volunteers

A warm welcome to the following new volunteers:

Suzette Strydom, Anton Strydom, Barbara Kingwil and Jo Venter.

A BIG thank you to :

Liesel, Tania and Wilma for giving presents and cakes to the children on their birthdays, and organising outings for the children.

Mike, Tarl and Esmari for doing Sunday School in Kayamandi.

Sandra for visiting the Kayamandi children and taking them on outings.

Outings

Outing with Wilma and friends. A great day of fun and games!

During Easter Ntombekaya took her eldest child with her on a camp to Eastern Cape. It was exciting for him to be included with Mama's trip and it was very educational for him to visit a new province.



Thanking our Sponsors

We would like to say "Thank You" to the following organizations and individuals:

Daniel Priester / Ashram College-Netherlands : Donation

Jan and Karin: Donation.

RetailTribe (Nicola Laubsher) : Desks

Prudential : Donation.

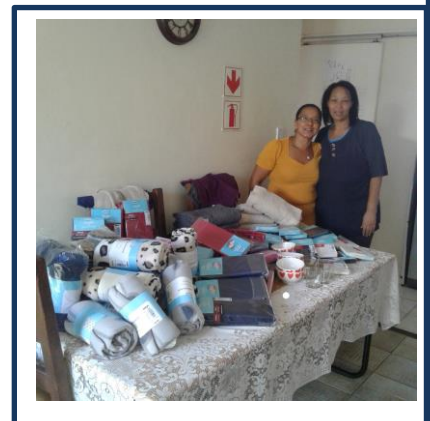
Gray Swan : Donation.

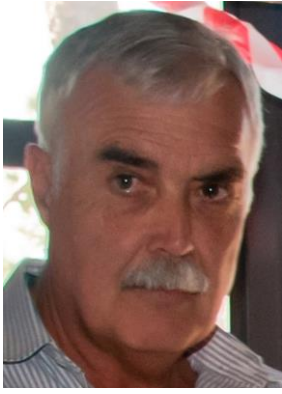
Marie Stander Art School : Donation for school fees for two of children.

HomefromHome : Donation

SOS Stichting: Donation

Municipality of Stellenbosch: Donation: Maintenance Kyamandi Homes





Some insight into members of our Committee.

Our Treasurer : Hein Bredenkamp

Hein was born and raised in Durbanville. After completing University, he worked as an auditor's clerk at a Public Audit company. After that he joined the mining industry in the Northern Cape. After spending more than 21 years in the Springbok area, Northern Cape, he worked for an American Company in Tanzania, for 5 years.

They returned to South Africa in 2016. After spending a few years in retirement, he missed the office life and started employment again at an old age home in Cape Town.

Hein has been involved with Vineyard Houses since 2017. After being the chairman for a while he took over the treasury function as well.

He has been married to Rene for more than 30 years. They have 3 children of which two daughters are married and their son is busy with a Trade Course in Stellenbosch.

He loves the outdoors and has two Land Rovers, one for daily use and one to take them on their outdoor excursions.

In his words: " I have acquired a big motor cycle, in my old age, and I enjoy the freedom that it brings tremendously!".

AGM

Our AGM was held on 17 July 2019.

We would like thank everyone that attended, and thanks to Amazink for providing warmth and good food. It was a sociable evening and an opportunity for volunteers, committee members and interested parties to engage and share.



Mandela Day

Our children visited an Old Age Home on Mandela day. The residence sat in their dining room eagerly awaiting our visit. The children presented them with nice chocolates in small organza bags, and with Jolene leading them they sang a beautiful song. It was much appreciated by all present.



The Stellenbosch Municipality sent their maintenance team to Queenie's house to paint the lounge and dining room as part of their Mandela day initiative.

They also had a big pot of soup, sandwiches and cupcakes to warm up the tummies and hearts of, not only our children, but also children from the neighbourhood that were around.

The Current Committee Structure

Chairperson: I Smith

Treasurer: H Bredenkamp

Members: T Dishi / K Dubula / L Fick

Secretary: A de Bruyn

A big welcome to Liezel Fick! We are excited to have you in our circle!

Our Wishlist

To maintain our support for our abandoned and vulnerable children, we will continuously be in need of funding.

- # Transport to school and extramural activities.
- # School fees
- # Therapy
- # Maintenance and household utilities
- # Purchase of house

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