



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

News from our Homes

Cloetesville:

Charmaine's House: All is well with the children.

Jolene's House: Great news - One of the girls has been accepted at Stellenbosch High School for next year. Invia Church found a donor who will support the girl throughout high school and boarding school.

We are also in the process of applying for another girl as from 2021. She has been chosen for prefect for next year in grade 7.

Kayamandi:

Zanovuyo: Queenie: The eldest girl in the home will be moving to O'Grace Land in January 2020. O'Grace land is a home for girls who have aged out of care. The time that girls spend at O Grace Land is just that: a time of grace. The transition that O Grace Land offers is one that helps girls develop job and life skills, self-esteem and an independent mind-set. Overall they help girls to become young women ready to step into adult life.

Zanokhanyo: All is well in Ntombekaya's home. One of the boy's did very well in a chess competition at his school and he is eager to have an instructor to further and better his chess capabilities.

What's happening at our houses...

Kayamandi: With the funding we received from Stellenbosch Municipality we renovated the bathrooms in both the houses. The damaged baths were removed and showers were built in. One of the toilets were replaced. It made such a big difference and the Mothers and children enjoy bath time tremendously. We are busy sourcing funding to extend Ntombekaya's house to allow more space in the living room. It is very small and with all the children growing up so fast they need space to interact as a family. We also hope to be able to replace the very deteriorated cupboards in the kitchens and paint the houses inside and outside.

Cloetesville: The Cloetesville houses belong to Home from Home. They are in the process of planning to extend Charmain's house and upgrade the fencing around the houses.

Our volunteers

Thank you to all the usual volunteers, volunteering their time, Sunday School for the children, lifting children to attend Bergskool, taking them presents on their birthdays, etc.

Thank you Suzette for joining the “lift pool” by transporting children to Welgevallen Psychology Clinic weekly.

If there are volunteers who give support that we are not aware of.
A Huge Thank you

Outings

Three children attended the Church Camp held by Invia Church on 3 – 4 October 2019. Jolene also attended with the children and found it to be an awesome experience.

Wilma and Theo are planning to take the Mothers and Children on a 3 day break away in December.

Thanking our Sponsors

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

River Manor Hotel: Linen

Liezel van Beek: Sponsor School Outing

Suzette Strydom: Clothes, bags, blankets, etc.

Ronel Spies: Clothes for all the children and clothing items
for the Mothers.

HomefromHome : Donation

SOS Stichting: Donation



Children receiving the clothes bought and donated by Ronel Spies

Some insight into members of our Committee.

Our Chairperson : Ingrid Smith

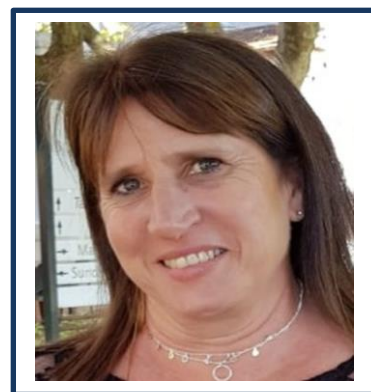
Ingrid was born and grew up in Stellenbosch and Studied teaching.

She travelled for a year after studying and her favourite country after South Africa, is Norway with all of its natural beauty.

She taught Reception class in Stellenbosch until she had the privilege of going to run a little school, Jakkerland in Jamestown, a non-racial school back in the 80's. She taught at Rhenish Primary for 5 years.

She has 3 children, a son and two daughters who have flown the nest.

Her passions are children, gardening, reading, walking and nature.



Kayamandi News

We received great news....the house in Kayamandi have been donated to us. We are in the process of doing the transfer of the property to Vineyard Houses.

We are very excited having received a promise of a donation sourced by one of our volunteers.

We are obtaining quotations to replace the cupboards in the kitchens of both houses, and tile the basin area. We are also planning to paint both houses inside and outside. Some other repairs are also needed.

There is a need to extend the one house as it is very small and does not allow for the whole family to gather together.

There is much needed maintenance, as it will support our mission which is to ensure a safe, clean and happy environment for our children.

And as always, thanks to our donors, on who can always count. If there is anyone that can make any type of contribution to our projects, it will be much appreciated.

Mothers Activities

Home from Home organise monthly metro and general meetings for the Mothers and assistants. They also attend training sessions and social events are arranged for them.

Home from Home Trust is registered as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) as well as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO). Home from Home and Vineyard Houses are in agreement in terms of the desire for the two organisations to work together to further the aims in meeting the needs of orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children.



The Mothers and Assistants recently underwent training in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. They received certificates for attending.

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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