



Vineyard Houses

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

*Wishing our Volunteers, Associates and Friends a
Prosperous 2021!*

News from our Homes

2020 Was indeed a very challenging year for everyone, and our children were no exception. However, with the love and support from volunteers, tutors and of course the foster mothers, all our children have passed their grades.

Our faithful and hard working Mothers are all still going strong. Ntombekhaya and Thamara in Kayamandi. Jolene and Charmaine in Cloetesville. The assistants; Marilyn in Cloetesville and Nozanele in Kayamandi.

Thirteen of our children were fortunate to receive Psychotherapy/Psychometric assessment / Aptitude tests during the year. Therapy will continue this year. IsiXhosa therapists are being sourced for our IsiXhosa speaking children.

One of the girls in Cloetesville received a part scholarship and will be attending Stellenbosch High, beginning in Gr.8 this year. The donor pays for the hostel and extra tutoring, whilst Home from Home pays for the books and uniform. Vineyard will be responsible for the school fees.

Three children are starting their new journey at School of Skills in Paarl. One of our boys is going to Olyfkrans in Swellendam.

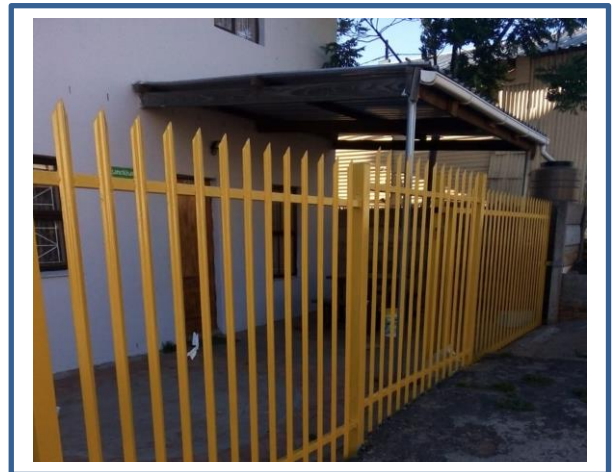
A special thanks to our dedicated mothers, for their never ending love and support.

There has been only one positive Covid19 case in Cloetesville. The house was placed under quarantine with no other cases. We pray that it will remain as such.

What's happening at our houses...

Kayamandi:

AgriMark donated paint, and Gray Swan Wealth donated funding to paint the houses. All the outside walls were painted and most of the inside walls as well. The fence has been painted a happy yellow.



The transfer of the Kayamandi house still needs to take place. Once that is done we can plan and source funding to extend Ntombekayha's house as it is very small and does not allow for the whole family to gather together.

The jungle gym was in such a bad shape that it had to be taken down. A basketball ring will be fixed to the wall for entertainment for the children.

The Cloeteville houses belong to Home from Home. There is a plan in process to extend Chamaine's house. Home from Home is still in process of installing computers in all the houses.

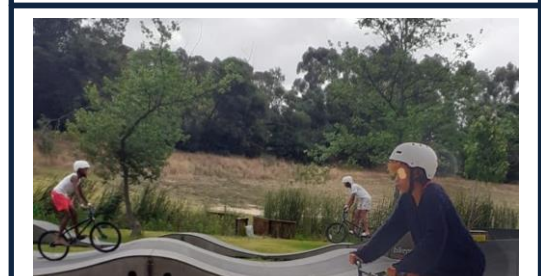
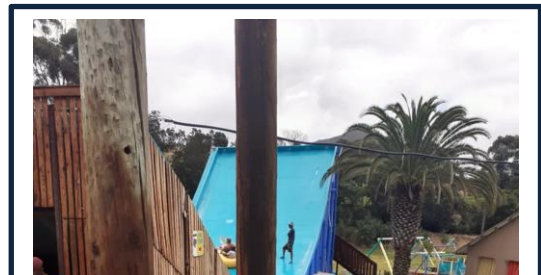
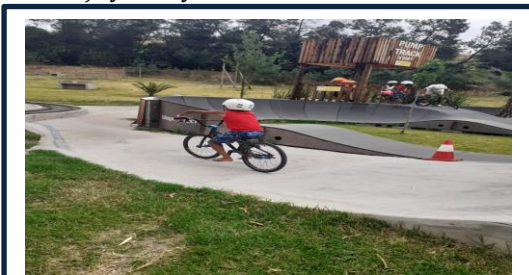
Christmas time!

Christmas parties were a little different this year. Home from Home gave funding to the houses to have their individual Xmas party. The children and Mothers chose to take the children to restaurants where they could have fun and the mothers could relax.



Holiday Time!

As they have done for so many years, Theo and Wilma, together with their Invia congregation took the Mothers and children for a 3 day holiday. They stayed at the Christian Brothers camp site in Stellenbosch, and were also taken to a lot of activities around Stellenbosch. They invited VH Committee for a barbeque which was very much enjoyed by all.



Some insight into members of our Community

Patricia Dyata : Member

Patricia was born in the Point in Cloetesville. She is a single parent of two children. At the age of seven the family moved to Delheim Farm, where she stayed for most of her life..

She started working in the vineyard and thereafter in a restaurant. She then completed a course at Bergzicht in Aged Care and worked in the industry for 5 years.

She obtained her matric in 2016 which put her on a path that offered a kaleidoscope of experiences. From being in high positions to caring for the needy in her community.

Patricia realised her passion very early in life, fighting Against Gender based Violence, fighting for human rights and many other important causes, that journeyed her through several spheres of life.

In September Patricia joined the Vineyard Houses Committee. Her attributes and experience will be a great asset in counselling our teenagers.

Her hobbies are music, singing and socializing with people from all walks of life.



Thanking our Sponsors

A HUGE thank you to all our sponsors who donated money, time and love. Without your continued support, it would not be possible for us to support and care for our children.

- EvoloMarketing (Liezal van Beek) : Cash
- Municipality Stellenbosch : Cash
- Hein Bredenkamp : Cash
- Winchester : Cash
- Grayswan : Cash
- Barbare Kingwell : Cash
- HomefromHome : Monthly Donation
- SOS Stichting: Monthly Donation

Thanks to each and every one!

Our Wishlist

We are so thankful for donations received, that enabled us to tick off some of the items on our wish list. Unfortunately there will always be upkeep, maintenance and expenditure to maintain our houses and support our children.

Transport to school and extramural activities.

School fees

Therapy

Maintenance and household utilities

Transfer cost: Kayamandi House

Replace tiles in kitchens Kayamandi House

Artificial grass – front of Kayamandi House

Banking Details:

Vineyard Houses

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