



Vineyard Houses

NEWSLETTER

April 2021

News from our Homes

Even though the year started off pretty much the same as it ended the previous year, still in the clutches of Covid 19, there was some excitement that was noticeable amongst the children. Starting a new school year, new gear, and re-connecting with friends at school.

One of our children in Kayamandi started school in Swellendam. He was very excited to go. A big THANK YOU to Karin who took him there. He seems to have adapted real well, eager to learn and did very well in the first quarter exam. He came home over the Easter weekend and for the school holiday.

In Cloetesville we also have a girl who started high school in Stellenbosch. She resides in the hostel and spends weekends at home.

Seeing these children excelling in situations that would never be possible without the love and support from our donors, warms our hearts. Our hopes and prayers are that we will be able to assist all of our children to reach their full potential.

The Foster Mothers and Assistants are all well. Home from home started their training sessions again, to support and develop our Foster Mothers in coping with difficult issues, such as raising teenagers.

Regular meetings are held with all the Foster Mothers from the Metro. These meetings are essential for exchanging ideas, planning, receiving and giving information. The venue alternates between the Foster Mothers's houses, and besides all the official stuff, they love the socializing as well.

"The influence of a Mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation".

Our proud scholars

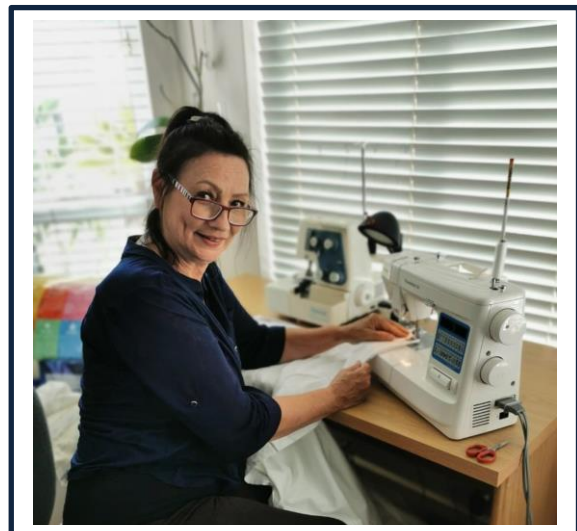


Easter at Vineyard Houses



Being innovative

We received a donation of redundant linen from Spier, through Joya Houses. The linen consisted of King size duvet covers and as our houses are in need of $\frac{3}{4}$ bed sheets, it had to be altered. We took in on ourselves to change it into sheets so as to save on spending.



Gowns, also from Spier for our Mothers and Assistants.



Some insight into members of our Committee :

Operations Manager: Adriana de Bruyn

Adri was born in Walvisbay, Namibia. The family moved to the Free State, Bloemfontein when she was 6 years old and she started school there and completed matric in 1977.

She worked for Department of Health for 21 years. She was widowed in 2003 whereafter she moved to Nelspruit and worked in the hotel industry for some years. She moved to Cape Town at the end of 2015, obtained a Certificate in "Guest House Management" in 2016. She managed a guest house in Sea Point for 2 years, moved to Somerset West and found employment with Vineyard Houses in July 2018.

She has 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. The youngest lives in Blaauwberg Strand and the eldest lives in Ireland.

Her hobbies are; arts and crafts, gardening, reading. She loves dancing and being in nature. Her passion is to be able to contribute to the wellbeing of mankind, especially making the world a better place for children.



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 (Liesel van Beek) : Cash
- Liesel Fick (Friends of Liesel) : Cash
- Spier : Linen
- HomefromHome : Monthly Donation
- SOS Stichting: Monthly Donation
- Tarl and Esmari Berry : Monthly donation: Sponsoring a child

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
- # Artificial grass – front of Kayamandi House

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