

Easter: a symbol of hope

Dear Durbanville Children's Home supporter,

Easter is, for most people, a time of hope and new beginnings. This time of year fills me with gratitude for the wonderful support the Durbanville Children's Home receives from the community. The Children's Home has been a safe haven for less privileged children for the past 127 years, and I am extremely proud of the role it plays in the community.

Children are referred to the Children's Home for various reasons, including: physical, emotional and sexual abuse; neglect; parents who are struggling with drug and alcohol abuse; and parents who are financially unable to provide for their children. In addition, we have lately received many referrals for children whose parents do not know how to manage their rebellious behaviour. Parents often do not have the emotional or financial resources necessary to cope with the demands of children and adolescents. The Durbanville Children's Home provides for 144 children, all of whom have been traumatised and who are struggling to make sense of their situation. As one of our children recently said: "It is not the physical pain that hurts the most, but that my mother does not care enough to phone me."

One of the questions I am asked on a regular basis is why the number of vulnerable children grows at such an alarming rate. I believe that we are living in a time where poverty and a breakdown in society's values and morals are the norm. Christian values and principles are no longer 'politically correct' and are therefore not taught and encouraged as in the past. There is also an ever-growing disintegration of community life, meaning that families are no longer benefitting from the support and sense of community as in the past. Media and technology also play a significant role in exposing children to drugs, alcohol, gangsterism and sexual abuse. The internet has unfortunately become a tool used by criminals to stalk vulnerable children.

I believe that, with the assistance of the broader community, the Children's Home can play an integral role in combating the increase in the number of needy children in the community. We ask you to become part of the solution and donate towards the following:

- School clothes and stationery for 2011
- Financial assistance for therapeutic programmes
- Welcoming gifts for new arrivals at the home
- Support for our sports programme

We would like to thank you once again for your love and support during the past year. May 2011 bring new hope and exciting beginnings for you and your family.

Kind regards,

Rudolf Bezuidenhout
Manager



Die Kerspartytjie was 'n fees.



Sussie en boetie.



Oulike gesiggie.

Durbanville Children's Home, a registered non-profit organisation (NPO 011 - 891), is a programme of BADISA that is a joint ministry of the DR Church (Western and Southern Cape) and URCSA (Cape).

Nuwe gesiggies by die Kinderhuis

Ons het pas 20 nuwe gesiggies by die Kinderhuis verwelkom. As daar gevind word dat kinders dringend 'n veilige omgewing nodig het, word hulle hier by ons in die Durbanville Kinderhuis geplaas. Die kinders word almal met 'n hofbevel ingevolge die Kinderwet uit hul ouers se sorg verwyder. Die kinders onder ons sorg kom meestal uit die landdrosdistrikte van die Wes-Kaap.

Daar is 'n verskeidenheid redes waarom 'n kind uit sy haar ouers se sorg verwyder word. Faktore soos armoede, mishandeling en molestering, middelafhanklikheid asook die algehele verbrokkeling van die gesin speel 'n rol. Die waglys vir opnames in kinderruimtes is onrusbarend lank, en dit is hartverskeurend om te dink dat slegs 'n beperkte getal kinders jaarliks in kinderruimtes gehuisves kan word. Alvorens 'n kind opgeneem word, word daar na die volgende gekyk:

- sal die kind inpas by die kinderruimteprogram;
- sal hy/sy maklik by skole in die omgewing kan inskakel;
- wat is sy/haar sterkpunte; en
- watter terapeutiese behoeftes het die kind.

As kinders nie korrek geplaas word nie, word dit in onaanvaarbare gedrag weerspieël.

Die Kinderhuis se maatskaplike werkers werk nou saam met die eksterne maatskaplike werkers om die kind se aanpassing in die Kinderhuis te vergemaklik. Die ouers of sorggewers word ook by die oriënteringsbesoek aan die Kinderhuis betrek, en is ook betrokke wanneer die kind opgeneem word. Dit is vir die kind baie traumaties om in 'n kinderruimte opgeneem te word omdat hulle baie na hulle gesinne en die bekendheid van die huislike omgewing verlang. Een van ons kinders het hierdie skeiding as volg verwoord:

*Ek was nog 'n bietjie hartseer ek wil huil
maar ek het myself gestop toe troos ek my
self ek het die dag baie geniet maar nie soos
by die huis nie ek het*

*sommer baie by die huis gespeel toe ek
by die kinderruimte kom
was ek hartseer ek het my
familie baie gemis
as hulle net weet hoe erg mis ek vir hulle
sal hulle verstaan*

Dus wil ons graag vir die kinders die ondersteuning en aanmoediging bied wat hulle nodig het. Ons wil vir hulle hoop gee dat dit moontlik is om 'n beter môre te skep. Om betrokke te raak by ons 'Borg 'n Kind'-projek, skakel asseblief vir Soulvv Pretoria by (021) 975 6822 of mpretoria@durbanvillekindershuis.org.za.



Eerste dag by die groot skool



Van ons graad eens.

Die begin van 2011 hou baie uitdagings en 'n paar lekker verrassings in vir Christiano, Rome, Ashwin en Michael wat vir die eerste keer op 17 Januarie 2011 skool toe is.

Dit is wat hulle te sê gehad het oor hulle eerste dag in die groot skool:

“Lekka, ek het gespeel en het 'n nuwe maatjie wat nie by die Kinderhuis is nie.”

“Nie lekker nie, die Juffrou is kwaai.”

“My eerste dag was baie lekker. Ek het maatjie gekry en toe speel ons saam.”

Ek is seker die drie ondeunde gesiggies gaan vir baie interessantheid in die klaskamer sorg.

Pret-oomblikke in 2010



Ballerinas.



Ons kinders neem deel aan 'n sportbyeenkoms.



Ons wen die Future Champs sportbyeenkoms-trofee.



Pret by die kultuurdag.



Ons kinders raak baie geheg aan mekaar.



Ons kinders word verras met Kersgeskenke.



Akeen en Jonathan besoek Londen.

Ons skoolverlaters het baie spoggerig gelyk.



Ons kinders neem deel aan 'n Kersspel gedurende ons Kerskonsert.



Haasbek-laggie.



Dit is lekker in die Kinderhuis.

Supporting our school leavers

We have seven school leavers who will be bidding us farewell at the end of 2011. Children leaving the Children's Home are not only saying goodbye to school, but also to the place where they have felt safe and cared for. It is therefore of the utmost importance that support and guidance are given to each child when they leave. The process of 'letting go' is as important to the emotional wellbeing of the young person at their departure, as it was when they were admitted. It assists the child in closing one chapter successfully in order to open a new one with confidence.

We are calling on volunteers and sponsors in the community to assist us in making the transition to life outside the home as smooth as possible.

We are proud of our school leavers and their goals:

- **Carlo Wehr** wants to study sport conditioning.
- **Akeen Wilson** wants to study sports management.
- **Josephine Otto** wants to become a gymnastics instructor.
- **Melissa Arendse** wants to become a ballroom dance instructor.
- **Enrico Bosch** wants to pursue a career in maintenance.
- **Cheswill van Heerden** wants to become a painter or farm worker.
- **Anneke Jansen** wants to work with animals.

You can get involved by:

- **Becoming a member of our school leavers' committee.** The aim of the committee is to provide the school leavers with resources; to make financial inputs and

decisions from the School Leavers' Emergency Fund (*see next point*); to be a point of contact for school leavers in the community; to provide general support and guidance; and to assist in organising the school leavers' farewell function.

- **Contributing to the School Leavers' Emergency Fund:** Make a financial donation to support the school leavers' project specifically. The aim is to create an emergency fund that can assist with expenses such as accommodation deposits, the purchase of household items and the payment of study fees.
- **Supplying accommodation to our school leavers:** Our children who do not have families will need accommodation when they leave. Gratuitous accommodation would be greatly appreciated, as well as affordable rental.

If you want to become involved please phone Johanna Strauss on (021) 975 6822 or jstrauss@durbanvillekinderhuis.org.za

Help us to help our children to conclude their stay at the Durbanville Children's Home successfully.



Some of our school leavers.

Belangrike aankondigings

Wil jy 'n vrywilliger by die Durbanville Kinderhuis word? Belangstellendes moet 'n verpligte inligtingssessie by die Kinderhuis op die laaste Dinsdag van elke maand (Januarie - November) om 18:30 bywoon. Dit is die eerste stap om 'n vrywilliger te word en almal is welkom sonder om vooraf te bevestig.

Ons nooi u hartlik uit om die Kinderhuis te kom besoek. Skakel ons Ontvangs by (021) 975 6822 en maak 'n afspraak. Anders kan u ons opedae bywoon wat ons deur die jaar hou.

Dit het onder ons aandag gekom dat individue en instansies sonder vooraf magtiging insamelings namens die Kinderhuis doen, iets wat in baie gevalle vir hulle eie gewin gedoen word. Alleenlik persone en instansies met 'n ondertekende fondswerwingsbrief is gemagtig om geld in te samel vir die Kinderhuis. Skakel gerus vir Johanna Strauss by die Kinderhuis indien u onseker is of die persone wat geld insamel, gemagtig is om dit te doen.

JA Ek wil graag 'n verskil maak aan 'n kind se lewe in 2010! YES I'd like to make a difference to a child's life in 2010!

Ingesluit is my geskenk: / Enclosed is my gift:

- R 100 – Skooldklere en skryfbehoeftes vir 2011 / School clothes and stationery for 2011
- R 150 – Steun vir ons sportprogramme / Support for our sports programme
- R 200 – Verwelkomingsgeskenke vir nuwe inwoners / Welcoming gifts for new arrivals at the home
- R 250 – Geldelike hulp vir terapeutiese programme / Financial assistance for therapeutic programmes
- Maandelikse bydrae / Monthly contribution
Enige bedrag / Any amount R _____

Name / Naam: _____

Address / Adres: _____

E-mail / E-pos: _____

Tjeks is betaalbaar aan Durbanville Kinderhuis. Voltooi asseblief adresbesonderhede.

Cheques are payable to Durbanville Children's Home. Please add address details.

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This is our Happy Feet Programme

It is common knowledge that a child's early experiences are essential for future development. During the formative years, it is important to nurture and encourage proper growth and development. Studies have shown that children who receive good early education are more likely to succeed both at school and in later life.

Early education creates connections in the brain that are important for growth and socialisation. It has become increasingly clear that a child's first three years largely determine his or her future developmental path. These early years set the stage for future outcomes in personal health, emotional development, educational attainment, social competence, self confidence, self reliance and positive interpersonal relationships. Nurture, care, love and understanding result in many short and long-term benefits.

Most of our younger children are not developmentally on par with their peers when they arrive at the Children's Home. They generally did not have the benefit of being exposed to a structured environment at home and have not been stimulated appropriately from an early age. Consequently children might lag behind on academic and socially levels, and their emotional development might be stunted.

At present, the Durbanville Children's Home has 12 units on its premises that house between 10 and 14 children. The children's ages range from 2 -18 years. An assessment of services rendered showed that the children (toddlers) between the ages of two and eight did not always receive appropriate stimulation and were

sometimes negatively influenced when housed in units with older children.

A decision was therefore made to convert two of the units to accommodate our toddlers. Implemented in January 2011, the project is called our "Happy Feet Programme". In the Happy Feet houses, our children are exposed to play therapy, anger management, skills development and regular sessions in the toy library. The focused programme helps children to cope better with life's challenges, as well as with

the developmental programmes at schools and care facilities. Without this holistic approach, our children have little hope of keeping up with the challenges of formal schooling.

We are in urgent need of financial assistance and donations of any kind to ensure that our toddlers receive the necessary care. If you would like to become part of this exciting project, please contact Johanna Strauss at (021) 975 6822 for more information.



Our toddler unit.

Bydrae-opsies / Contribution options

Om dit vir jou makliker te maak om Durbanville Kinderhuis met 'n bydrae te help, is daar 'n paar opsies waaruit jy kan kies. To make it easier for you to help Durbanville Children's Home with a contribution, there are a number of options you can choose from.

Direkte inbetalings / Direct bank deposits

Ek betaal graag R _____ in julle rekening in.

I would like to pay R _____ into your account.

ABSA Bank. Rekening no: 1410290983 Account no: Ref: your name/winter

(Please fax proof of payment, plus your name, telephone number and address to 021 975 1613)

Tjek en posorders / Cheque and postal orders

Ek sluit graag 'n tjek/posoder van R _____ in.

I gladly enclose a cheque/postal order to the value of R _____

Debietorder Durbanville Kinderhuis / Children's Home debit order

This authority may be cancelled by me/us giving you 30 days notice in writing, sent by prepaid, registered post. I/we understand that I/we shall not be entitled to any refund of amounts which you have withdrawn while this authority was in force if such amounts were legally owed to you. Receipt of this instruction by you shall be regarded as receipt thereof by my/our bank (whichever it is or will be).

ASSIGNMENT: I/We acknowledge that the party hereby authorised to effect the drawing(s) against my/our account may not cede or assign any of its rights to any third party without my/our prior written consent. I/we may not delegate any of my/our obligations in terms of this contract authority to any third party without prior written consent of the authorised party.

Ek gee hiermee toestemming dat my rekening gedebiteer word met R _____

I hereby give permission for my account to be debited with R _____

Naam/Name: _____

Bank: _____

Takkode/Branch code: _____

Rekeningno/Account no: _____

Tipe rekening/Type of account: _____

Datum van 1ste aftrekking/Date of 1st deduction: _____

Handtekening/Signature: _____

Geleentheidskalender vir 2011

Hier by die Durbanville Kinderhuis sien ons uit na 'n opwindende jaar met 'n interessante en propvol funksiekalender vir 2011.

Ons nooi u hartlik uit na die volgende funksies:

• 21 Mei 2011

Die glansryke **Durbanville Kinderhuisbal** word op 21 Mei 2011 by die Rhebokskloof-wynlandgoed aangebied. Dié feestelike aand is die ideale geleentheid om kliënte en vriende te onthaal met 'n luukse driegangmaaltdyd, byderwetse vermaak en 'n lewendige orkes wat die voete laat jeuk.

Koste: R600 per persoon of R6 000 per tafel.

• 23 Julie 2011

Die **Drienasierugbywedstryd** tussen die Springbokke en Australië op 23 Julie 2011 in Sydney sal regstreeks op groot televisieskerms by Rhebokskloof-wynlandgoed uitgesaai word. Johan Rademan, RSG-komentator, gaan daar die wedstryd uitsaai en Toks van der Linde, voormalige Springbokrugbyspeler, sal ná die wedstryd kommentaar lewer.

Koste: R300 per persoon of R3 000 per tafel.

• 20 Augustus 2011

Op 20 Augustus 2011 bied Durbanville Kinderhuis sy jaarlikse elegante **Dames-ontbyt** aan. Die gaste kan uitsien na 'n heerlike ontbyt, uitstekende vermaak en gelukspryse.

Koste: R150 per persoon.



Die dames het hulle gate uit geniet by ons vrouetee in September.

• 15 September 2011

Ons sien uit na ons **Algemene Jaarvergadering** wat op 15 September 2011 in die Gemeenskapsaal van die NG Kerk Durbanville in Weyerslaan gehou sal word. Ons wil die geleentheid benut om ons ondersteuners oor al ons suksesse en uitdagings in te lig en hulle ook vir hul betrokkenheid en ondersteuning te bedank.

• 14 Oktober 2011

Durbanville Kinderhuis bied op 14 Oktober 2011 'n **wyn-veiling** aan waar van die beste Suid-Afrikaanse wyne opgeveel gaan word. Hierdie geleentheid is 'n absolute moet

vir wynkenners en diegene wat eenvoudig net 'n glasier goeie wyn geniet.

Koste: Gratis.

• 4 November 2011

Die **Kinderhuis Kerskonsert** word op 4 November 2011 in die NG Kerk Durbanville se Gemeenskapsaal in Weyerslaan aangebied. Almal sal die aand van sang en dans baie geniet. Ons glo die aand sal bydra tot die ontwikkeling van 'n positiewe selfbeeld by die Kinderhuis se kinders wanneer hulle voor 'n waarderende gehoor optree.

Toegang: Donasie.

• 25 November 2011

Op 25 November 2011 kom die Durbanville Kinderhuis se jaarlikse **gholfdag** aan die beurt by die Bellville Gholffklub. As jy 'n vierbal bespreek of 'n putjie borg, dra dit by tot die fondse wat vir die Kinderhuis se verskeie programme aangewend sal word.

Vir verdere inligting oor enige van die funksies of geleenthede, skakel gerus vir Elsa Botha by 021-975 6822 of stuur 'n e-pos aan ebotha@durbanvillekinderhuis.org.za.

Dringende behoeftes

- Graad R skoolfonds - R5 000
- Seniorskamp - R6 000
- Sportkamp - R3 000
- Westcliff-matrieksweetpakbaadjies - R300 per item x 12 = R3 600
- Promosiemateriaal (soos boekmerke, sleutelhouers, yskasmagnete en penne) - R10 000
- Deelname van Michelle Matthys aan die Suid-Afrikaanse kampioenskap vir fisieke gestremdes - R5 000

Goedere

- Klei, verf en ongedrukte koerantpapier

We need your support

If you would like to make a donation please contact Johanna Strauss on 021 975 6822 or send e-mail to jstrauss@durbanvillekinderhuis.org.za

Bank details: ABSA cheque account

Name: Durbanville Kinderhuis

Account number: 1410 290 983

Branch code: 632005

Swift code: absazajj (for overseas payments)

Registered charity number: 011 - 891

We are registered for tax rebate.

We would greatly appreciate it if you fax us proof of payment, along with your name, surname, telephone number and postal address to 021 975 1613.



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