



“If we can save just one child from a life of poverty, it will have been worth it”

Dear Friend of Bathandwa

You have received this email because at some time in the past year or so you have in some kind and generous way helped the children of Bathandwa. Many of you have given money, time, clothing and advice, for which we are very grateful. The home has come a long way, thanks to people like you.

Should you wish to be taken off the elist, please let me know and I will remove you immediately.

At last! The Bathandwa website is up: www.bathandwa.org.za
Please take a look if you'd like to see what's been done in the last year and what still has to be achieved.

THE NEW BUILDING:

- A good-sized piece of land has been bought by the Friends of Bathandwa Trust – now we need to get cracking on fundraising and building (attached is the plan and cost breakdown).
- We aim to build the communal areas first, ie the entertainment/dining hall, kitchen and guest toilet. This will give the children a bigger space to use during the day, where they can do their homework and play outside. (The NGO Big Brothers Big Sisters have agreed to run a mentoring programme, should space allow). The existing home will therefore only be needed for sleeping. New bedrooms will come next, once enough money is raised.
- Gordon Verhoef & Krause have done a free breakdown of the building costs of the new home.

Dingo's Naked Dash for Cash raised R44 500 towards the building costs of the new home.

- Should anyone be interested, the following documents are available for inspection:
 1. One-pager on the home for a brief snapshot;
 2. Longer proposal document, which includes the costing information;
 3. PowerPoint proposal document (also with costing information);
 4. The constitution of the home;
 5. Statistics on the children.



URGENT IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Contribution to new building costs. We have R160 000 in the Trust and would appreciate any donations towards the cost of the new building. The Trust and the Home are registered with SARS, so donations are tax deductible.
- The Combi used to ferry the kids to and from school has broken down and needs to be repaired or replaced quite urgently – please let us know if anyone can help.
- To cover the salary bill of 4 carers, 1 cook and 1 tutor at R1 300 each = R7 800 per month.

MORE NEWS...

EDUCATION:

- Some of the children are attending the LEAP Saturday morning school to help with their educational challenges.
- A new staff member has been hired at the home for tutoring and English lessons.
- A language immersion programme has been established to help the children develop their language skills.
- A group of private sponsors is funding four of the children to go to a good crèche near the home.

HEALTH:

- Neuro-physiotherapists Colleen van Rensburg and Sheena Irwin Carruthers visited the home to assess the disabled kids, and made recommendations on their care.

CARERS:

- The American Consulate has donated R30 000, allocated to carer training and equipment.

EXCURSIONS:

- In the past six months, the children have visited The World of Birds in Hout Bay and Monkey Town in Somerset West.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Eskom, for painting the existing house and for the donation of blankets and household appliances.
- Jet Club magazine, for revamping the kitchen of the existing house.
- Mr Mzwandile Hewu, Head of the Ministry of Social Development, for his time and advice.
- Zoliswa Lonja and Gracia Mkondweni, for their advice and direction.



- The American Consulate, for the donation of R30 000 towards carer training and equipment.
- Woolworths Adderley Street, for the donation of clothing, blankets and toothbrushes.
- Rob & Lindsay Nagel, for a car full of goods donated at Rob's 40th birthday party.
- Heather Moore, for her large cash donation.
- Gordon Verhoef & Krause, for doing a free costing breakdown of building costs for the new home.
- Dingo, for his Naked Dash for Cash, which raised R44 500 towards building costs for the new home.
- JDI Ball, for raising the money to buy the land (JDI.org.za).
- Brian Heydenrych & Mary Netto, for the Romeo & Juliet fundraiser in January.
- Jason & Chris Curtis, for donating monthly funds towards carers.
- Sam Wilson & Andreas Spath, for arranging a supply of meat.
- Colleen van Rensburg and Sheena Irwin Carruthers, for their expert neuro-physiotherapy assessments and recommendations.
- Cosgreave Construction, for the donation of a kitchen interior for the new building.
- Alison Hayes, for donating a bicycle, curtains and clothing.
- Lynne Stafford for donating a wall heater and many other items.
- Investec, for donating bags of love, a washing machine and tumble drier.
- The Portland Cluster of Primary Schools (Liesbeeck, Jamaica Way, Wespoort and Portlands), for donating toiletries and hosting a wonderful HIV education day.
- Lesley Szabo of the Paediatric HIV Foundation, for arranging the donation of a rear projection television from the Ambassador Group.
- Mary's JDI Group, for the donation of school uniforms, stationery and a new bath room and toilet, among many other regular donations.
- Luke Scott Architects for the beautiful plans and consulting time.

Please continue to keep the children of Bathandwa close to your heart and mind, and spread the word. Miracles happen.

Who knows? Quite possibly by this time next year, the children will be properly housed in a more comfortable, safer environment. ;-]

Thank you for your time and attention.

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