



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

DECEMBER 2007

Dear Friend of Bathandwa

The most exciting developments over the past three months have been:

1. The disabled children have all been assessed at the wheelchair clinic at the Western Cape Rehab Centre (WCRC) at Lentegur. Five of the kids now have new/refurbished wheel chairs, buggies and other supporting apparatus.
2. The kids were assessed by occupational therapists who are experts in seating for the disabled. The children were then provided with what they each needed. Sheena Irwin Carruthers, organized the clinic visit and is now following up at Bathandwa regularly. The kids are now on the WCRC system and there are four check-ups a year at WCRC. Two of the kids have also got appointments for the scoliosis clinic. This is nothing short of miraculous.
3. The standard of the children's education has been a huge concern and, thanks to Denise Marshall, all of the primary school kids are going to a really good primary school next year. The search for a good high school is now on.
4. An email came through this morning (13 December) saying that the council has approved the building plans!

THE BUILDING:

Thanks to Stephanie Kilroe and the Etafeni team for offering their advice on getting the building done. Etafeni have also volunteered the use of their two brick-making machines.

FUND-RAISING

We need to raise 1,5 million to get the new house built and are knocking on doors everywhere. If anyone has any leads, please let us know.

Next year on the 24th of January Bathandwa will be hosting a fundraiser at Maynardville. This year's performance is The Merchant of Venice. An email will follow shortly.



TAX NOTE:

When you submit your annual tax return next year, please request a Tax Deductible Receipt from us. This receipt will contain all the details of your donation (during this tax year) and can be used to claim your deduction accordingly.

CARERS:

There are four carers looking after the kids – they earn R700 per month for a 6 day week. We are hoping to get their salaries up to at least R1300 per month each. This would ensure better quality carers and that the carers stick around for longer.

We are looking to fund a salary bill of R7800 per month, this would get the kids six carers:

4 carers – working in shifts to clean, dress, feed, supervise 34 kids
1 kitchen carer (cook) to feed the 34 kids
1 homework helper

Thank you to the following for subsidizing the carers salaries. There is now an extra R300 per month for each carer spread across seven carers.

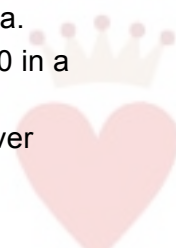
The Curtis Family, Margi Livingstone, Suzannah Garland, Anje Maasdorp and the US Consulate (volunteer stipends).

EXCURSIONS:

The annual Bathandwa Christmas Party was held on Sea Point promenade on 1 December 2007. Sive Booi was a brilliant Father Christmas. A huge thank you to Investec for organizing Christmas presents, magnificent Bags of Love filled with toys, clothes and school stationery. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the planning, food and fun.

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

- Sumeera Dawood for getting the bathandwa.org.za website up
- Georgia Gardner for designing the bathandwa.org.za website
- Sive Booi for organizing Bathandwa's outings
- Thandi Gweba for organising free HIV/AIDS test kit
- Spath Family for sausages and adult clothing
- Woolworths Adderley Street for clothing and for a R500 donation with which fans were purchased.
- Lynne Stafford for stationary, books and educational comics
- Language immersion weekend hosts (Lindy, Georgia, Thandi, Nicole, Sonja, Tammy, Margi, Alison)
- 24.com (Chris Roper, Annel Malan, Loedi Van Reenen, Nomfundo Mbaba-Tshabalala) put together a phenomenal video presentation on Bathandwa.
- Do It Day – JDI Dublin (June O'Connell and John Hogan) raised R20,000 in a pub quiz evening
- Nedbank's Team Challenge (Lindy Esterhuysen and colleagues) raised over R6,000 for Bathandwa which was used to repair the home's microbus.



- Bathandwa is listed on Greater Good SA (www.ggsa.co.za)
http://www.myggsa.co.za/connect/receivers/bathandwa_day_and_night_care_centre/
- Stefan Labuschagne & family for baby clothes and disposable nappies
- Scorpion King Film Afrika for fleece blankets, towels, batteries, outside lights, extension cord, plugs, heater, soap, cleaning materials
- Best Electric in Khayelitsha for donating a stove and washing machine.
- Tessa Fenton-Wells R5,000 used to fund a one-week long school holiday camp at Strandfontein.
- Mandy Allen for paying for the graduation service of one of the pre-schoolers.
- Cindy and Amanda Whitehouse for donating a pair of brand new shoes for all of the children.
- TNS Customer Equity Company for donating R2,000
- Mandy Allen for funding the graduation service of one of the pre-schoolers.
- Tim Gregory, Mandy Allen, Robyn Alexander, Chris Roper and Soraya Abdulatief for paying pre-school / crèche fees

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful holiday.

Thank you

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