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MANDELA DAY TODAY



Fill a collection tin with small change from family and friends for Mandela Day today and volunteer your 67 minutes to Home of Hope. Alternatively stage your own fundraiser and make Home of Hope the event beneficiary.

As Mandela gave 67 years of his life to the struggle for social justice, so too are people all over the world encouraged to give at least 67 minutes to support a charity or serve their local community on 18 July each year.

In November 2009 the United Nations declared 18 July as Nelson Mandela International Day – Mandela's birthday. It is a call to action each year on 18 July for people everywhere to take responsibility for making the world a better place, one small step at a time, just as Nelson Mandela did.

The day hopes to inspire people to recognize their ability to have a positive effect on others around them.

"No donation is ever too small, we rely solely on the kindness and generosity of individuals and businesses in our local community to care for these children in desperate need," said Home of Hope CEO Eleanor Brook.

Contact Genevieve or Marilize at Home of Hope on Ph: 021-5563573 to pick up a collection tin if you would like to get involved.

CARE MORE – A DStv INITIATIVE

Sms the words "Care Home of Hope" to 32510 before 28 July 2011 (R1 per sms) and Home of Hope could be the winner of R200 000 from DStv. DStv is offering to donate R200 000 to a community project, and will select a winner based on the number of nominations received. Encourage your friends, family and colleagues to do the same, Home of Hope needs nominations. Visit www.multichoice.co.za for more information.

SIXTH BIRTHDAY LADIES LUNCH

The Home of Hope ladies lunch is planned for Saturday 10 September at On the Rocks Restaurant in Bloubergstrand at 12 pm. It is Home of Hope's sixth birthday year and a birthday party to be remembered is being planned. Save the date. You will shortly receive an invitation with details.

POTATOES AND PAGEANTS

Home of Hope was recently chosen as the event beneficiary for the 2011 Role Models Pageant, the final of which took place at The Capetonian Hotel at the end of June. Contestants are judged on both inward and outward beauty, and are encouraged to do something philanthropic for the chosen charity.



Zyn Geusteyn (back row left), with the other winners in the Mr. & Ms Western Cape Pageant in age categories.

One finalist, Zyn Geustyn (photo: top left) from Lamberts Bay sourced 500kgs (50 pockets of potatoes), and drove six hours from Lamberts Bay in his own car filled with potatoes, to deliver them to Home of Hope. Through the Home of Hope re-distribution programme the potatoes were shared with other NPO's to feed their beneficiaries, and poor families in the local community. Other finalists sourced and donated clothing, toys, stationary, and money. Zyn went on to be crowned Mr. Western Cape in his age category.

Some of the girls in the care of Home of Hope attended the final event to watch other little girls dressed in beautiful dresses strutting their stuff in front of the judges.

MOVE TO AQUARIUS HOUSE

Mona, one of the house mothers supported by Home of Hope has moved with the children in her foster care to the newest Home of Hope community based home, Aquarius House in Phoenix. The house is within walking distance of Tullow House, is smaller and cosier, and has allowed for the two housemothers, their assistants and the children to bond and support each other.

NEEDING WINTER WARMERS

The children supported by Home of Hope are in need of winter pyjamas (ages 2 – 18 years old), jerseys, beanies, scarves and gloves, to help keep them warm this winter. The Home of Hope community based foster homes need heaters and single blankets.

AMATHEMBA SCHOOL

Amathemba School started in July 2010 is now one year into its pilot phase. After recognizing that many of the Home of Hope children suffer from FASD (fetal alcohol spectrum disorder) and were not coping in conventional school environments, a Home of Hope task team began their own research.

In partnership with West Coast Christian School a schooling model which caters specifically for the needs of children who suffer from FASD, based on individualized learning, has been developed and is being piloted. These children are neurologically challenged and as such struggle with behavioral, emotional and learning difficulties in varying degrees.

Amathemba is the first school in South catering for the specific needs of FASD and neurologically challenged children, and is an exciting and pioneering initiative within the South African education landscape.



Teacher Leaan Delport seen with one of the Amathemba School children

“The progress of the children attending the school is remarkable said Home of Hope CEO Eleanor Brook. “Not only is their standard of school work dramatically improved, but one can also see a big improvement in their self esteem, behaviour and social skills too.”

International volunteer and commercial lawyer, Aisley Foley from Ireland, has been appointed Project Manager for the Amathemba School. Aisling has committed two years to work and assist at Home of Hope as a volunteer. Amathema means “Our Hope”.

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For more information, to make a donation or to sign a monthly debit order visit www.homeofhope.co.za or contact Marilize or Genevieve at Home of Hope, Ph: 021 556 3573, email: info@homeofhope.co.za

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