



November 2011

6th Birthday Ladies Lunch



(L-R): The Home of Hope team, Eleanor Brook (CEO), Genevieve Brook (Fundraising Assistant), Marilize Mostert (Fundraiser) and Sheilagh Cockrell (Bookkeeper)

Home of Hope celebrated its 6th birthday in style with a fundraising Ladies Lunch, themed Pretty in Pink, on the 10th of September at On The Rocks Restaurant in Blouberg. Tickets for this Ladies Lunch sold out quicker than ever before with guests saying that it was one of the best ever. With so many raffle prizes up for grabs, and three fabulous “Super Raffle” prizes all valued over R1000, raffle tickets sold out. The line up of auction items also fetched generous bids from the ladies. Home of Hope could not be more pleased with the outcome raising approximately R48 000. The funds are being used to fund Home of Hope’s foster care project and special needs school – Amathemba.

Home of Hope would like to thank all the ladies who attended the Ladies Lunch on the 10 September as well as all the sponsors for their kindness and generosity. Be sure not to miss the next Ladies Lunch taking place in 2012, a “save the date” invitation will be sent out to as soon as the date has been set.

Amathemba Individual Learning Centre



Amathemba Learners

As 2011 draws to a close, Amathemba learners are preparing to say goodbye to their current classrooms at 13 Clam Road. From January 2012, Amathemba will take up two specially allocated classrooms at the West Coast Christian School - a partnership between the two organizations for this education project. All Amathemba learners are registered with the Department of Education through the WCCS and the principal of the WCCS is also the principal of Amathemba. However, Amathemba is financially independent of the WCCS, sharing only resources to assist in keeping the cost of the centre as affordable as possible. Home of Hope employs Amathemba’s teachers and is responsible for financial support of all learners as well as assessments and interventions done by the educational psychologist affiliated with Amathemba.



Ms Lee – Leaan Delport

At the end of the year Amathemba will say goodbye to Leaan Delport, who did a fantastic job teaching the grade 1 and 2 learners. Home of Hope would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Lee (as the children call her) for all her hard work, and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

Home of Hope has employed three new special needs teachers; Anèl de Stadler, Linda de Klerk and Claudine Collocott who will start at Amathemba in January 2012. The three new teachers have several years of experience working with special needs children and are excited to be involved in a project as unique as Amathemba Individual Learning Centre.

Home of Hope Annual Gala Dinner



Vaudeville Artiste on the trapeze

Home of Hope's Annual Gala Dinner on 26 October at The Brasserie at Vaudeville, was a magical evening where guests were transported to a bygone era with outrageous theatrical dinner theater and burlesque, raising R175 000 for the organization. Vaudeville with its exceptional food and amazing performing acts set the scene for a highly entertaining dinner experience.

Commentary from guests was that it was one of the best, if not the best, Home of Hope Gala Dinner to date. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the 2011 Gala Dinner such a huge success, with a special thank you to eLiquidity, Hospitality Affairs and Vaudeville for putting together such a fantastic evening.



(L-R): Home of Hope Board Members, Eleanor Brook, Mike Channing (Chairman), Pauline Sayers (Communications)

Amathemba "Year of Your Life" opportunity



Home of Hope is offering an opportunity to four students, interested in a career in teaching, to spend a "Year of Your Life" assisting teachers at Amathemba; a school for children suffering from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). This is a full time volunteer position for any student who has a heart for special needs children and is considering a future in education. Not only is it an ideal opportunity to gain experience in the education field, but it is also a chance for you to make a difference in the lives of previously disadvantaged children. The requirements are that you can speak English fluently, have accommodation in the Table View or surrounding area, transport to get to and from the West Coast Christian School and also a valid driver's license.

Christmas is coming

It's hard to believe that the year is at an end and that Christmas is just around the corner. This Christmas Home of Hope's children will be spending time with their foster families doing the things that families do.

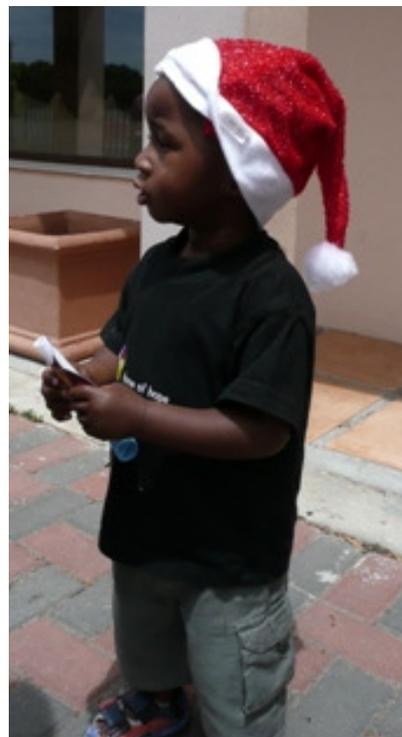
If you would like to 'give a gift' this festive season, please consider our list below, or consider helping by making a donation from our wish list.

- * Make a donation that will be used to purchase ingredients for the children's Christmas lunches.
- * Donate Pick&Pay/Game/Ackermans/PEP gift vouchers that can be used to purchase groceries and much needed items for the new school year such as uniforms, shoes, socks, books, paper and stationery.
- * Consider sponsoring the children and their foster mothers to do fun activities such as going to the movies, visiting the ice rink at Grand West or having a fun day at Ratanga Junction etc.
- * If you would like to purchase Christmas presents for the children we'd like to ask specifically for educational toys such as puzzles (between 50 and 1000 pieces), books for children and teenagers, arts&crafts activities. Our children range in the ages between 2 and 18

Wish List

Stationery is always one of Home of Hope's biggest needs in the beginning of the new year as all the children need to get geared for school. Home of Hope would be grateful for:

- Reams of A4 white paper
- A4 Lined Exam Pads
- 10, 20, and 30 page Flip Files
- A4 PVC filing pockets
- A4 Hard Cover Counter Books (Feint & Margin) in 96 and 288 pages
- Plastic for covering books
- Blue & Black ball point pens
- Staedtler HB graphite pencils
- Staedtler Colouring Pencils
- Crayola or Staedtler Super Jumbo Wax Crayons (for toddlers)
- Crayola or Staedtler Regular Wax Crayons
- Staedtler Twistable Wax Crayons
- Sharpeners
- Plain Black or Navy Blue Back Packs (small and large)
- White Board marker pens
- Permanent marker pens
- Staedtler Water Colour Paint sets
- Finger paints
- Celotape
- Math sets
- Scientific Calculators
- Scissors
- Pritt Glue Sticks
- Erasers



Santa's Little Helper

The Children



Fancy dress fun

Our Home of Hope's children have all added a "plus one" to their ages, some of them have lost milk teeth, some have had vocabulary explosions and have gone from quiet toddlers to "a mile a minute" talking little people, and all are living happily and healthily in the loving family environments of Home of Hope's foster care homes.

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