



CHILD WELFARE Durban & District Newsletter

AUGUST 2016 – OCTOBER 2016

CHILD WELFARE Durban & District would like to share

with you the highlights from August to October 2016

Newsletter Date

August - October

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on the 27 September 2016 whereas we commemorated the 98th year since the founding of Durban Child Welfare. The AGM was attended by our Board of Governors, Staff Members, donors, volunteers and general public. This year's AGM centered on the remembrance of the tragic events that unfolded at Lakehaven and Zamani Child & Youth Care Centre.



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We were graced with the presence of Mr Ashok Sewnarian, the founder and CEO of International Bank Vaults and the Ambassador of Child Welfare South Africa.



Mr A. Sewnarian

At our AGM, the newly elected President of our Board of Governors, Dr Kerusha Govender, was announced.



Dr. K. Govender

AGM continued.....

Long Service awards were handed out to staff members who served 30 years, 20 years and 10 years respectively recognising their invaluable contribution over the period of years.



Mr. M. Khan and Ms. C. Sithole



Ms S Mkhize and Mr R. Pillay



Mrs M. and Mr. D. Msomi

Academic awards were presented to 4 of our children from the Child and Youth Care Centres and Community Homes for various achievements and merits.

“Nobody knows what will happen tomorrow”

In this world you won't know what will happen tomorrow.....

They say life is too short.

So live every day and moment

Like it is your last !

Nobody knows what will happen tomorrow

Will you wake up?

But we set the alarm clock for the next day

With the hope that we shall awake

Life is full of set backs....

So we need to develop a thick skin to go forward in life.....

Everyone needs to get back up when they suffer a blow

A blow that can happen at any time.....

Executive Director, Mrs Shehnaaz Gabru handed Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Board of Governors to Thank them for their leadership and experience they bring to our organisation.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” – John Quincy Adams

Donor Appreciation

CHILD WELFARE Durban & District(CWDD) is humbled by your continued generosity. All donations received have a ripple effect and reach far and wide. Donations are shared amongst our 4 Child and Youth Care Centres and 9 Community Family Homes which have a total of 350 children.

The donations also assist our beneficiaries within the communities we serve by providing much needed emergency relief in times of crisis.



Social Worker handing over food hampers to members of the community

CWDD says a big Thank You to the Dukes Combo Committee on behalf of Dukes Combo Live in Concert for their generous donation generated from the live concert performances.



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Members of Dukes Combo band handing over the proceeds to Mrs S. Gabru and Ms I. Okoye

Donor Appreciation

CWDD monthly and annual maintenance budgets are astronomical therefore we constantly call upon our local community to assist in the maintenance of our facilities. We would like to Thank Victor Daitz Foundation who have so generously come on board to assist with the refurbishment of cottage 4.



Cottage 4



Cottage 4

**"Kindness is a language that the deaf
can hear and the blind can see" - Mark
Twain**

CWDD would like to Thank Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and Container World for their instrumental donation of storage containers to Lakehaven/Zamani Child and Youth Care Centre and Stormhaven offices respectively.



Above: Storage container at Lakehaven CYCC

Below : Storage Container at Stormhaven



East Radio Breakfast Team is presented with a token of appreciation.

Heritage Day

In the spirit of Heritage Day, children at Thokozani Educare Centre and staff at CWDD were dressed to impress in their traditional best to commemorate the many cultures that make up the population of South Africa.



Thokozani Children and Staff



Staff at Stormhaven



Staff at the Umlazi Service Office



Staff at the Lamontville and Isipingo Service Offices

William Clark Gardens/ Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre.

Open Day and Talent Show

William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre (WCG CYCC) opened its doors and encouraged existing and potential donors, stakeholders, volunteers and the general public to view the facility and be educated on how our organisation provides better lives for the children in need.



"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference" - Nelson Mandela

Fun Activities

The young people of WCG CYCC arranged an outing to Flag Animal Farm on Heritage Day. Lots of fun was had and it was an amazing experience for the young people and staff. Thank

you to Muslim Students Association for coordinating this trip.



The children enjoyed a beautiful Party held at the Hall which was organised by Crown Mobility who had a Bake Sale in order to raise funds for WCG CYCC.



Edith Benson Babies

Home

Open Day and Talent Show

Edith Benson Babies Home opened their doors for an Open Day and a children's talent show.



Executive Director and Staff at EBBH



Staff at EBBH

Visitors were escorted on a walk about around the facility by Child and Youth Care Workers. During the walk about CYCW's described each cottage and visitors were allowed to interact with the children.



Children took the opportunity to have some fun on the jumping castle arranged for them by the staff of EBBH.



I AM A BLESSING

I am who I am
I am a blessing, yes, I am a blessing
HE knew about me, yes, HE knows about me
HE planted me into that womb.
In the bible HE said HE knew about me before I was formed, I'm not a mistake, I'm a blessing from above
No matter how many rejections I've had Child Welfare Durban and District saw that I'm not a mistake
but a blessing by placing this puzzle of my life accordingly
HE knew that one day I will be here where I get love more than a child that lives with both parents.
I am a blessing: you've been a blessing in my life
It's clear to see: you've brought hope and took care of my thoughts.
When I was alone, I remember I'm not a mistake, Child Welfare Durban and District has made me realise that I am a person indeed.
God knows about me and I remember I'm not a mistake, I am a blessing

By Mbali Ntinga

Heartfelt poem recited by Mbali Ntinga, EBBH Child and Youth Care Worker

EBBH continued.

Activities and Programmes

Edith Benson Babies Home held their own Heritage Day celebrations. The children performed a wonderful dance routine coordinated by the Child and Youth Care Workers.



"Our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help our new nation"
- Nelson Mandela

Awareness programs are also held by our residential teams. EBBH conducted an awareness programme at the St Simon of Cyrene Anglican Church in Ntuli Street, Lamontville.



International Visitors

Intercountry Adoption Centre (IAC) - THE CENTRE FOR ADOPTION is a registered adoption agency, registered charity and non-profit organization, based in England and acts as a partner organization to CWDD in adoption of children from South Africa to the United Kingdom. The IAC completed a successful monitoring and evaluation audit of our organisation.



Gill Haworth & Tanya Gutter from the IAC : The Centre for Adoption and Kinsey Rabisse & Thandi Maghotsi from the National Department of Social Development

Awareness Programmes



“.....they stood silently for 30 minutes, many with their children on their backs. The women sang a protest song that was composed in honour of the occasion: Wathint'Abafazi Wathint'imbokodo! (Now you have touched the women, you have struck a rock.)

Our social work awareness programmes kicked off with an uplifting tribute to all the women out there.



On 9th August 2016 was Women's Day. Teams from CWDD conducted awareness programmes to honour the foster mothers as women who are pillars of strength in the community.



“There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women” - Kofi Annan



Awareness Programmes.....

During August to October our social workers held numerous awareness campaigns in the Durban and District area.



Social workers from Isipingo Team together with The Ikamva Project helped raise community awareness about our Organisation services.



This programme was held at D Section Hall, Umlazi



Children's Rights and Responsibilities Programme held at Cato Crest Primary School, Mayville by our West Team



Social Workers at Awareness Programme



**"One person can make a difference
and everyone should try" - John F.
Kennedy**



Social Worker at Awareness Programme

Awareness Programmes.....

HIV/AIDS awareness programmes ensures that people are equipped with a basic knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS as well as basic skills to make informed decisions regarding their own sexual behaviour. In addition, the programme equips HIV positive participants with the knowledge and skills to live productive lives.



One of CWDD's core focus in terms of HIV/Aids Awareness is schools and communities in and around the Durban & District area.



"Its bad enough that people are dying of AIDS but no one should die of ignorance" - Elizabeth Tylor



"HIV does not make people dangerous to know, show you can shake their hand and give them a hug: Heaven knows they need it" - Princess Diana

Staff Meeting

Our Staff Meeting was held on the 19 October 2016. Various issues were raised which resulted in positive strategic deliberations between management and staff.



Staff at the meeting



Mrs K. Nyide-Bishop , Human Resources Manager

"TEAM"

T - Together
E - Everyone
A - Achieves
M - More



Ms I. Okoye, Income Development Manager

A self-defense training was also included in the staff meeting. It was co-ordinated by Zaheer Abdool and Dudley Booyens from Empower Training Services.



Mr D. Booyens and Mr Z. Abdool

Behind the scenes.....

From the Director's Desk:

Staff incentive awards : August 2016

Mrs L Watson : In addition to all of her additional tasks, she has readily availed herself whenever requested to assist at Lakehaven CYCC.

Andile : for his excellent Car Wash Skills and for never refusing even in the coldest weather to wash the motor vehicles.

Staff incentive awards : September 2016

Bimal Singh : For making the transition into his new position so smoothly and for the continued excellent work undertaken in this department.

Paul Gowriesanker : For his polite disposition and never complaining to take on additional tasks.



Mrs Shehnaaz Gabru, Paul Gowriesanker and Bimal Singh

Community Chest successfully completed another proficiency index at CHILD WELFARE Durban and District .



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Did you know? 63 Social Workers conduct home visits once an alleged case of child abuse is reported? We operate within a vast geographical area, therefore mobility is of the essence. On that note, we are excited to welcome our four new vehicles which will assist us in ensuring efficiency in our service delivery.



..more from behind the scenes

Happy Bosses Day 2016

Boss's Day is traditionally a day for employees to thank their bosses and show appreciation for being kind and fair throughout the year. This day was created for the purpose of strengthening the bond and liaisons between employer and employee.



Barnyard Theatre Musical Event.....

Child Welfare Durban and District would like to Thank all of you that bought tickets and helped raise awareness for our event.



Color Run 2016 is the happiest 5k on the Planet!! The Color Runs number one goal, as it relates to local charities, is to increase cause awareness. This allows charity partners a microphone to speak to thousands of good hearted people.



This year staff and children from Lakehaven and William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre got the opportunity to volunteer their time and also got the chance to be "smurfs for the day".



Help Make a Difference.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY:

1. Making a donation in kind or cash.
2. Volunteering at our Child and Youth Care Centres, events or for campaigns
3. Tutoring and mentoring our children
4. Coaching or training our children in different sporting disciplines
5. You can adopt a cottage and make a monthly contribution towards the expenditure of the cottage or you can adopt a particular item in our food bill to sponsor on a monthly basis
6. You can provide probono professional services such as counselling
7. You can sponsor maintenance of one of our cottages
8. Visit our website to fill out our newly added Bequest Form.

INVEST IN A ME:



Invest in a Child is a campaign geared at enhancing the lives of the children in our care by giving individuals an avenue to make a difference

through a financial donation. You can now make a positive mark in a child's life with a donation as little as R80.00. Your partnership in Giving Childhood Back to children is invaluable. Visit our website to make a difference in a child's life.

<http://cwdd.org.za/donate-today/invest-in-me/>

BENEFITS OF SUPPORTING CWDD

1. By supporting CWDD in whichever aspect you choose, you empower us to provide hope to over 300 children that are placed in our care.
2. Donations made to CWDD are tax deductible in terms of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962. Donors can claim the tax deduction from SARS when submitting their tax returns by attaching the section 18A receipt received from our organisation.
3. BEE (Black Economic Empowerment) points are also earned when making a donation to CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT.
4. Advertising/ Promotions opportunity - CWDD offers its donors an opportunity to erect signage/branding at our facilities. We also provide an opportunity for companies to attach their branding to our

THOKOZANI EDUCARE CENTRE:



“A place where little people turn
into great leaders”

Children 3 – 6 years of age

Enrolments have open:

Registration Fee: R350 (non-refundable)

Half Day: 7h00 – 12h00 R900 per month

Full Day: 7h00 – 17h00 R1 400 per month

Contact Mellissa or Charlotte

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HALL HIRE:



Looking for a venue for a baby shower, Birthday Party, Family gathering or even a wedding? CWDD William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child & Youth Care Centre Hall is your answer. The hall can accommodate 150-200 people. It provides the perfect ambience for any event you are hosting.

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**“The best and most beautiful
things in the world cannot be
seen or even touched - they
must be felt with the heart” -
Helen Keller**

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