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CHILD WELFARE
DURBAN & DISTRICT
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Vision

As a non-profit organisation, CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT commits itself to working in the cause of justice and ensuring the well-being of children by protecting their rights and promoting their quality of life, as well as that of their families and communities.

Mission

• To protect, investigate and provide care in any case of children in need, including neglect, abuse, abandonment, orphanhood, children affected/infected by HIV and AIDS, and children who had been living on the street;
• To establish, maintain and conduct places of care, incorporating therapeutic programmes;
• To promote early childhood development;
• To promote wider community participation in child and family welfare services.
President’s Report

The primary objective of CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT is to protect the rights and enhance the quality of life of children, families and communities within its area of operation and to work in the cause of social justice. The Board of Governors is responsible for the establishment and monitoring of policies, organisational structures and the control and administration of the expenditure of the organisation’s funds in the fulfillment of this objective in both the short and long term. The members presently serving on the Board of Governors represent various professions and sectors of society and are therefore well placed to effectively carry out this duty.

The greatest asset of this Organisation is its staff. Regardless of the emotional strain it must cause, our staff continuously strive to serve the most vulnerable and deserving of our society. In an effort to ensure that we are delivering on our mandate, the Board of Governors has decided this year to undertake an internal organisational health assessment and to work in conjunction with staff who best understand the conditions and climate of their work. The aim of the assessment is to identify and implement strategies, plans or ideas that would maximise service delivery, increase exposure and reduce operating costs. Transparency between governance structures and staff was also improved with the dissemination of the monthly record of decisions following a board meeting. To ensure that it is not just a top-down approach, an anonymous feedback form was incorporated into our website. This has the capacity to communicate suggestions, feedback (both positive and negative) and complaints. As it is on our website, it is also a tool for external parties to bring matters to the attention of the Board of Governors.

Ever since the global financial crisis of 2008, the South African economy, along with the world’s advanced economies,
has struggled to recover, showing uneasy growth at best. This is expected to continue with market anxiety associated with labour unrest in many sectors of the economy and an ongoing frustration over a lack of infrastructure capacity. These factors, among others, have contributed to the Organisation not achieving its budgeted target for donations and income. It is clear that, going forward, innovative new ways will have to be employed to engage with our donor base and to increase awareness among the public of our existence and need. This push for enhanced marketing will also create an awareness for those in need of our services.

We have, as an organisation, reacted to this by reducing overall expenditure and embarking on novel fundraising drives, but this was not enough to prevent the Organisation from declaring a deficit in the previous financial year. A deficit is forecast for this present financial year as well and urgent action is required before this spirals into a crisis. Considering what we do, and the precious little people who count on us, failure is not an option. I am confident that we will, in partnership with our community, benefactors and corporates, rise to the challenge.

We are always grateful to our major funders and donors, and the overwhelming response of the community to Mandela Day this year gave hope that opportunities exist to improve our income stream. The majority of our income is obtained from State-sponsored funding by way of grants and subsidies, but this accounts for just over 50% of our total income requirements. The rest of the money is obtained from grants, trusts, corporate sponsorships and donations from collectives like schools and also from individuals.

Even with a reduced income stream, the Organisation has many assets that are in need or replacement or renovation. This includes cars, buildings and tools and an active refurbishment/replacement plan must be implemented now to ensure reduced exposure to health and safety risks and to mitigate against costs spiralling to the point where it is not possible to restore or replace these assets. This year, we partnered with the Thokomala Orphan Care Organisation (with whom we already operate five out of our nine community family homes) to create and manage a transition home. This home caters for the needs of those young adults who leave our facilities and wish to further their education. As the ‘children’, would now be above the age of 18, there is no longer a State subsidy, so programmes like this only become sustainable with the assistance of corporate sponsors. The pilot transition home presently caters for six young adults. As an organisation, we plan to partner with corporate, government and non-governmental organisations in similar initiatives in the future, thereby allowing us to pool our resources and enhance the effectiveness and impact.

The past few years have been very challenging for the Organisation, but I remain optimistic that the truly visionary leadership we seek and plans that have been laid, will come to fruition in the coming years.

The goal should not be to just protect and care for the children but to improve and enhance their quality of life, giving them every opportunity they need to rise and flourish. Our staff embody this culture and I am supported by dynamic and progressive volunteers who serve on our various governance structures and on the Board of Governors.

Mohammed F Khan
President

“How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.”

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER
The draft concept paper on Child Protection presented at the Provincial Intersectoral Childcare and Protection Forum in March this year informed that the highest rate of crime against children is experienced by our province. Ironically, the paper also indicates that the rate of reporting of crimes against children to Child Protection organisations has significantly and consistently decreased over the past five years. The variance is alarming and confirms the need for our Organisation to sustain our impetus to the children of our province. As custodians of the Children’s Act, we are unique in our statutory responsibility and services to our children.

With these alarming statistics in mind, as a champion to children and families in our communities, we experienced several challenges to our Organisation with a depleting donor pool, unsatisfactory service providers, and the absence of key staff members: a Maintenance Manager and an Income Development Manager for a significant part of the year. Our challenges were further compounded when the contract for the post of Executive Director terminated in mid 2014. The Organisation would like to place on record our sincere gratitude to Mrs Mariza Kitching and wish her well in her future endeavours. Yet, it is appropriate to echo the words of the Apostle Paul when he said that “we are hard pressed on every side but not crushed, perplexed, but not in despair, struck down but not destroyed.”

The uniqueness of our Organisation, due to the following distinguishing services, makes us unrivalled throughout the southern hemisphere:

- Our Community Services Department, which receives the cases from various referral agents, is both preventative and statutory in nature;
- When investigations warrant alternative placement, our Organisation has the relevant facilities for placement in that we manage four residential facilities that cater for children who require statutory intervention;
- We manage nine community homes, five funded by Thokomala Trust, and four unfunded at present, where 54 children are placed;
- We have recently acquired a transitional home to cater for young adults who have been excluded from the provisions of the Children’s Act due to their age; and
- Our Adoption Team is specialised and is accredited for both national and international adoptions.

In ensuring maximal services to our beneficiaries, we acknowledge that challenges do exist with bureaucracy from the State Departments. The challenges are ongoing, but we persevere in our efforts to address them.

We have progressed in leaps and bounds technologically. Our Facebook, Twitter and website are abuzz with activity, which links us to each other and the broader community. We are optimistic...
that our Organisation will benefit substantially.
I can confidently profess that our services were successfully sustained and can largely be attributed to our loyal and dedicated staff at every facility. The level of commitment from every staff member has brought realisation to the certainty that “a single candle can light a thousand candles, yet it doesn’t shorten the life of the candle”.

Our Board of Governors has committed to an increase in interaction with our staff to facilitate optimal functioning of the Organisation in an effort to improve staff morale. I am grateful to those members who have extended themselves. Your commitment to the Organisation has given staff the confidence that despite many operational challenges, we do have a support structure with connections and influence within the wider community with unlimited skills and expertise that we can depend on.

There are no words to describe the heartfelt gratitude I have for our donors and sponsors. Without them, none of our successes would be possible.

We press on, leaving that which has past, to the realisation of “giving childhood back to children”.

Melaine Pillay
Interim Director

“Nothing you do for a child is ever wasted.”
GARRISON KELLIOR
Community Services

The heartbeat of our Organisation is the Community Services Department. Our philosophy is “one abandoned, abused or neglected child is one unprotected child too many”. Our 63 social workers and nine managers rigorously make decisions based on the best interests of children on a daily basis, tirelessly devoting their expertise to ensuring that the Organisation’s vision and mission is upheld. They are supported and assisted by social auxiliary workers and various support staff.

We bade farewell to our Senior Manager, Mrs S. Rampersad, who went on retirement.

Her contribution to our Organisation is unrivalled, and we are indebted to her for her many years of dedicated service.

SERVICES

Prevention Programmes

Our prevention programmes reached a phenomenal number of beneficiaries ranging over vast areas of service.

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<td>102 Child Protection Programmes</td>
<td>44,926 children; 7,430 adults; 74 schools; 43 clinics</td>
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<td>Awareness on AIDS 6,326 beneficiaries</td>
<td>2,200 pamphlets were distributed; 1 roadshow</td>
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<td>Early Childhood Stimulation</td>
<td>5,168 children; 1,158 adults; 9 schools; 6 clinics; 2 churches</td>
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<td>Life skills training 7,046 beneficiaries</td>
<td>31 Children at Thokozani Educare Centre</td>
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<td>Effective grandparenting</td>
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<td>Teenage pregnancy awareness talks</td>
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<td>11 therapeutic groups on life skills</td>
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<td>Family mediation</td>
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<td>Intake services</td>
<td>2,494 families attended at an intake level, provided with support and assisted with coping mechanisms and crisis intervention</td>
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<td>Investigations of allegations of abuse and neglect</td>
<td>1,022 investigations undertaken and crisis intervention strategies implemented</td>
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<td>Foster Care Programme at the Thokozani Educare Centre.</td>
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<td>Caretaker Programme held by the Isipingo Team at Esphethwini Primary School.</td>
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<td>Awareness Programme held by the Isipingo team at clinics to educate community health workers on child protection.</td>
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<td>Career Guidance and Child Protection Programme.</td>
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Early Intervention
Our early intervention programmes creatively addressed a vast spectrum of life skills dependent on the need of the respective communities.

Statutory Services
In families where prevention and early intervention services were unsuccessful, the provisions of the Children’s Act enabled the finalisation of 369 Children’s Court enquiries and the placement of children into alternative care.

Continuum of Care
Rendering a holistic service to children to ensure their continued protection includes providing support and supervision, even after alternative placement is finalised. This includes the service of submitting statutory reports to the mandatory bodies, namely Department of Social Development and Children’s Court until the child has reached the age of majority.

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<td>3 218 foster parents</td>
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<td>Child &amp; Youth Care Centre (CYCC)</td>
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<td>840 Case reviews for children in children's homes</td>
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<td>Reports</td>
<td>5 907 reports compiled to ensure the payment of State grants</td>
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SPECIALISED SERVICES
Our Organisation provides the following unique services to ensure the protection of children.

Adoption
We are an accredited Child Protection Agency to undertake both national and international adoptions to place children. The following describes the services entailed in a successful adoption:

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<td>Birth mothers counselled on consenting to the adoption of their babies</td>
<td>41 counselled, 11 consented</td>
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<td>Adoption orientation programme</td>
<td>32 prospective adoptive parents</td>
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<td>Screening of adoptive parents</td>
<td>277 screened</td>
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<td>Placed in adoption</td>
<td>32 children placed: 17 nationally and 15 internationally</td>
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<td>Tracing for origins</td>
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Community Homes
Our Organisation is the proud custodian of nine community homes in the Durban area. These homes emulate a normal family setting with homes based in the heart of our communities. This is done successfully in partnership with Thokomala Trust who provides funding for five of the nine homes. Fifty-four of our children benefit from this placement which was finalised at the Children’s Court.

To ensure a structured service is offered to these children, supervision and monitoring of all nine community homes have been entrusted to one service office, namely the Wentworth office.

Thokozani Educare Centre
As a service to the community we serve, we continue with the provision of opportunities for children’s stimulation, learning and care appropriate for children’s ages and level of development at the Thokozani Educare Centre.

The Centre provided stimulation and early learning to 31 children during this period. Our services aim at ensuring that toddlers between the ages of three and five (Grade R) receive the best possible foundational learning they can possibly have before being enrolled in the Primary school phase of their lives.

Success Stories
Our greatest successes was an ex-resident of our CYCC becoming employed as part of our staff establishment; and the successful qualification of a child from our Community Home as a Social Worker this year.

The Community Services Standing Committee has been re-initiated with the following volunteers:

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<td>Mrs Nishola Rawatallah</td>
<td>Clinical Psychologist at Addington Hospital</td>
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<td>Mr Gerard Volshenk</td>
<td>Lawyer at Legal Aid</td>
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<td>Ms Molly Kemp</td>
<td>Social Worker; School Psychologist</td>
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<td>Mrs Dorothee Holscher</td>
<td>Lecturer at Social Work Department, University of KwaZulu-Natal</td>
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Transition Home
Our Organisation was awarded a home in the Bluff, which accommodates six young adults who have been excluded from the Provisions of the Children’s Act as they are now over 18 years of age. The Organisation allows the young adults to occupy the transition home so that they have a safe, structured environment where they are supported through their studies and the first few years in the real world.

Giving Honour to our Staff
The Senior Manager wishes to express her congratulations and gratitude to every Manager, Social Worker, Social Auxiliary Worker, Administrative Assistant and support staff who have been instrumental in ensuring an efficient and effective service to the families in our communities. Your dedication to the children we serve is remarkable. You have demonstrated that you never wait for the storm to pass, but choose to dance in the rain. Well done!

Community Awareness Programme on Child Abuse, Child Protection, HIV/AIDS and adherence to treatment, immunisation and contraception.
EDITH BENSON BABIES’ HOME

Edith Benson Babies’ Home falls under the umbrella of CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT and is a residential programme for babies, toddlers and children from birth to five years, and has a capacity of 60 children.

It accommodates babies, infants and children in cozy, comfortable, age-appropriate units that comprise Little Tots, Big Tots, Pre-primary and Special Care. All children who are accepted at the facility are placed by court order and were removed due to being abandoned, orphaned or vulnerable, i.e. physically, emotionally or sexually abused or neglected. The facility has preadmission criteria based on the programmes offered and the capacity of the facility.

Reunification services for the period under review saw:
- 9 children returned to their parents;
- 7 children placed in related foster care;
- 3 children placed in unrelated foster care;
- 3 children who reached the maximum age of the facility placed in Child and Youth Care Centres;
- 5 children placed in cluster foster care; and
- 10 children adopted.

Aims of Edith Benson Babies’ Home
- To provide a residential programme for children, ensuring that they reach their developmental milestones optimally;
- To ensure that special medical attention is provided and the needs of HIV/AIDS/TB infected children are met accordingly;
- To facilitate reunification whereby children are returned to families, adopted or placed with foster families, related or unrelated foster care; and
- To promote community awareness of the facility.

Partnerships
- Multi-disciplinary medical services
- Volunteers/learner volunteers
- State Hospitals and local Clinics

I’m proud to say that the babies at Edith Benson Babies’ Home are given opportunities to grow and flourish and reach their full potential. I would like to thank ALL volunteers and donors who continue to open their hearts to our babies on a daily basis and assist us by ensuring that the needs of our babies are met. Our children have benefitted tremendously from your support and generosity. We would also like to thank our staff who continue to go out of their way for our children, ensuring that their daily needs are taken care of and for all their hard work to make Edith Benson Babies’ Home a Home away from Home.

Visit www.cwdd.org.za and peruse our WISHLIST – become a Volunteer TODAY!!
SUCCESS STORY
A little boy, whom we will call Andy, was born prematurely. He weighed less than one-and-a-half kilograms and experienced breathing difficulties due to his underdeveloped lungs. His family circumstances were unsuitable. He was declared a child ‘in need of care’ and admitted to Edith Benson Babies’ Home upon discharge from hospital. Little Andy began thriving with all the love and affection, and has developed optimally. He has reached his milestones appropriately and has been successfully placed with loving parents and is a happy, well adjusted child.

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” Leo Buscaglia

WILLIAM CLARK GARDENS/OTHANDWENI CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE

William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre provides the cherished children of our community with the positive care and nurturing that they require to grow into well-developed adults in society.

The facility caters for the needs of 72 children whose ages range between six and 18 years. The facility has six cottages that accommodate the children and caregivers.

Most of the children admitted to the Centre come from traumatic circumstances. The facility aims to provide these vulnerable, abused and neglected children with support, care, nurturing and therapy to allow them to heal from their trauma. It also strives to ensure their well-being by promoting their quality of life.

During Child Protection Week this year, the children at the facility were involved in a placard demonstration that projected a clear message to the public regarding children’s rights. An awareness campaign was also held at Westwood Mall to educate the public on the effects of child abuse on our children.

Since most of the children are talented in drama, singing, sports and craft activities, the Developmental Programme focuses on enhancing these talents. Two children in our care were awarded sponsorships to attend the Helen ’o Grady Drama Academy.

Education is an integral aspect of a child’s life and the Educational Programme ensures that every child’s right to an education is met. A professional relationship is maintained with the local schools and they are supportive of our children’s needs. Key staff members undertake regular school visits and attend parents meetings, as well as other school events. Further, the children at William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre receive much academic support from the Volunteer Sai group that comes in every Saturday to assist children with their schoolwork. There are also individual volunteers who engage at least three times a week with the children to enable them to grasp basic concepts that further enhance their ability to understand their work at school.

The children enjoyed a holiday programme with a team from the Department of Nutrition (DUT) and students from the University of California. A talent show was held to showcase and recognise the special talents of the children. This group also set up a vegetable garden with the view to making it sustainable as a food garden for the cottages. The young boys attended a one-
visits and attend parents meetings and school events. One young person is in matric.

Mandela Day saw various service providers and organisations, donate and also actively spend their 67 minutes in meaningful play with our young girls.

The welfare and well-being of the children placed in care remains the priority focus of William Clark Gardens/Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre, and a holistic approach is utilised to ensure that children receive an effective, relevant and efficient service is in keeping with the requirements of the Transformation Policy of South Africa. However, this does not happen without the support and dedication of a team of volunteers and many donors whose generosity continues to have a positive impact in the daily lives of the children placed in our care.

LAKEHAVEN CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE

Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre is situated in Sea Cow Lake, Durban. The Centre caters for children between the ages of six and 18 years who are orphaned, abandoned, neglected and/or abused. The Centre is registered with the Department of Social Development to care for 60 children. Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre has five cottages. Each cottage is staffed by two qualified Child and Youth Care Workers and every effort is made to create a child-friendly environment and a family setup for the children by instilling values and respecting their privacy.

The Centre strives to meet the individual needs of the children through the implementation of therapeutic, educational and developmental programmes. The Therapeutic Programme empowers children through individual counselling, group therapy, referrals to specialised organisations, and awareness programmes.

The high prevalence of drugs in the area surrounding the facility is a contributing factor in the escalation of drug abuse at the facility. Four children received outpatient treatment and two children were admitted to a rehabilitation centre for inpatient treatment.

Child Protection Week was commemorated by the children participating in a poster competition, a two-day awareness programme was held and a placard demonstration.

All children attend primary and secondary schools. The Centre maintains a good partnership with the schools who are supportive to the needs of the children. The staff undertake regular school visits and attend parents meetings and school events. One young person is in matric.

Soccer and netball practice are held on a weekly basis and tournaments are hosted once a term. Other Child and Youth Care Centres are invited to participate. The children are encouraged to participate in sport activities such as the Post-cultural Sports Day (held yearly) and other sport fun days. This year, our children won many medals and trophies for their participation in these events.

In order to promote a work ethic in the children, we welcome assistance from the community and businesses to provide part-time employment and internships. Twenty-four of our children below the age of 14 years received music lessons from Durban Music School, which were sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Reunification continues to be a challenge. There are still children at the Centre who have no family and who have a desperate need to belong. Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre largely depends on the support of the community that generously volunteer their services.

We would like to express our appreciation to all our volunteers for their support and generous contributions throughout the year.

"Children do not care how much you know until they know how much you care."

TEDDY ROOSEVELT
ZAMANI CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE

Zamani Child and Youth Care Centre is situated in Sea Cow Lake, Durban. The Centre cares for children between the ages of eight and 18 years who were removed from the streets.

All children wanting to transform their lives are placed through a court order by the Department of Social Development or by the Metro Police. The renovations which needed to be undertaken due to the fire which took place last year was not completed, hence the children are still being accommodated at Lakehaven Child and Youth Care Centre. It is envisaged that they will move back by October.

The Centre aims to rehabilitate and reunify street children with their families by providing therapeutic, educational and developmental programmes in accordance with the provisions of the Children’s Act No.38 of 2005.

The Child and Youth Care Workers are trained in rendering specialised programmes to these children that will assist them to positively reintegrate into society.

We note with great pride that one young person from Zamani obtained 5 distinctions in his matric exams, and he is now studying for his Bachelors Degree in Accounting.

All children attend school regularly and most schools assist the Centre by admitting our children even though their birth documents are still being acquired. The principals of these schools are committed to giving our children an opportunity to improve their behaviour. The Centre is very grateful for this support and assistance. However, the requirement in terms of unabridged birth documents poses a huge challenge.

Most children admitted to the Centre are addicted to drugs.

During the school holidays, all children who have known family are placed with them and frequent home visits are organised to offer support to the family. The families are also assisted with bus fare and food hampers. However, most children cannot return to their families due to domestic and financial factors.

Another serious challenge is the resistance encountered from some of the children to adapt to routines within the Centre. The children are empowered through the implementation of ongoing developmental programmes.

The volunteers and students have played a significant role in rendering educational and religious talks, as well as medical services. The ongoing support and commitment is acknowledged and appreciated. Donors have assisted in generously renovating some of the rooms which enhanced the environment. The Centre would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to all its donors for their generous contributions.

“We worry what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.”

STACIA TAUSCHER
Treasurer’s Report
for the year ended 31 March 2014

Income and Expenditure
It has been a difficult year for our Organisation as it incurred a deficit of R646 630 (2013: R3.2 million (surplus)). The deficit is mainly due to a significant reduction in donations and the LOTTO grant not being received during the year owing to undue delays. We are in communication with LOTTO offices regarding the payment of the grant.

This huge reduction in income had an adverse effect on our operations. As a result, we had to postpone some operations like maintenance. The position of the Income Development Manager was vacant during the greater part of the financial year and was filled subsequent to year end.

Capital Expenditure
Capital expenditure of R315 233 (2013: R2 469 597) was incurred in the current year, which was mainly on computer equipment and land and buildings. This expenditure was funded from special trust funds.

Cash Flow
The cash reserves have slightly decreased to R3.5 million (2013: R4.0 million) mainly due to the operating deficit.

Conclusion
The welfare sector will continue to struggle in the future as businesses undergo economic hardships. Our heavy reliance on government subsidies will continue, therefore it is imperative that we also contain our costs so that our core activities will not suffer.

I wish to express my special gratitude to our Patron, Board and its committees, especially the Finance Committee, management and staff, donors and other stakeholders in their contribution to the Organisation during the year.

Edith Cleone McMillan, granddaughter of Edith Benson, celebrating her 80th birthday at the Edith Benson Babies’ Home.
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- Ubuntu Community Chest;
- All representatives of State, Provincial, and Local Departments dealing with welfare matters; and
- CHILD WELFARE South Africa.

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(If the unlikely event that we have omitted to make mention of your contribution, please accept our sincere apologies—your support is always valued)

**Marketing team**

"The place to improve the world is first in one’s own heart and head and hands."

ROBERT M. PIRSIG
“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” – Nelson Mandela

The Durban Community stepped out this Mandela Day to do their bit for charity. The CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT’S facilities were abuzz with activity as individuals, corporates, religious groups, amongst others, offered a helping hand. From preparing lunch for our children and staff, to painting our facilities, donating food items, cleaning our facilities, and spending time with the children, it was a great sight to behold. The words spoken by Mr Mandela on his 90th birthday celebrations in 2008, said: “It is time for new hands to lift the burdens. It is in your hands now.” This was evident at every site of our Organisation. CHILD WELFARE DURBAN AND DISTRICT would like to thank everyone who pitched in on the day.

“We must use time wisely and forever realise that the time is always ripe to do right.” NELSON MANDELA