

st Anne's @ home

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OVERVIEW

Humanity's future lies firmly on the pillars of **HOPE AND HEALING** – our theme for this newsletter.

We live in a world where suffering and the eroding of human dignity is a part of daily living. It is up to every one of us to change the tide and send positive deposits into the future. St Anne's Homes does exactly this!

We started the Marché Bailey Swimming Programme earlier in the year. The passing of little Marché

FROM THE DIRECTOR

by drowning affected us all deeply and what better way to honour the memory of that little girl than ensuring that our toddlers get to learn to swim, while living with us.

We cannot provide hope and healing on our own. The relationships we have with various donors who provide resources in cash or kind is what makes our service-offering whole and empowering. Read how a business, a religious organisation and individuals make an effort, through us, to restore human dignity and become change agents.

Earlier this year, we learnt that our Children's Programme was one of five Early Childhood Development (ECD) facilities that were shortlisted for the South African ECD Awards – out of a total of 1650 that entered. I acknowledge the staff for ensuring that our clients receive the quality care and support they deserve. Their commitment and dedication earned us this accolade.

Building the future is OUR responsibility..... we were made for this time!!

With gratitude & love

Joy Lange



Momma Rocks!



Marie-Claire magazine, Clicks and The Body Shop treated staff and residents on Mothers Day. Our children enjoyed cupcakes made in heaven!

NOXIE YOKWAMA

I want for him not to suffer like me. I dream that he must respect other people when he is big, not do wrong things - that he must be a child of God. I want him to be a teacher or policeman.



BABY ~ OMIPHILLO YOKWAMA

LUCEEMA ROSE

I want for us to be secure. I want to stay clean and be there for him. I want him to grow up in a proper environment and achieve what he wants for his life.



BABY ~ SHAY ROSE

LONDIWE MTOLO

I want to see my boy become a healthy, playful and happy child. I hope he grows up to be a brainy boy who excels in school. My dream is to see him graduate from medical school or with an accounting degree or more.



BABY ~ BABANDA MTOLO

My HOPES & DREAMS FOR My BABY



BABY ~ ABIGAIL STEVENS

FALDIELAH STEVENS

I want her to have stuff I never had: love; knowing there's a mother you can talk to about everything and she will be there for you. I want a house where she can open the door and inside its normal. I want to always be there for her - it will make her strong.



BABY ~ ASIVE NOGAGA

OLWETHU NOGAGA

My dream for Asive is that he grows up and becomes an independent, strong man. A man that will appreciate every opportunity and success that may come his way. That he may treat women with love and respect; and that he will have a strong character and be able to face all odds he may come across.



BABY ~ ASHTON LAUBSCHER

CORINNE LAUBSCHER

My three boys are the most important people in my life. With the help of God, I intend to raise them to become respectful, caring and loving young men. I dream that they will one day become the best they can be.



Judy Jegels, PA to the Director

REFLECTING STRENGTH AND BEAUTY

I started out at St Anne's as a volunteer in July 2013, after being unemployed for 5 months. A month later I was offered the position of PA to the Director. Having always had a heart for vulnerable women and children, I accepted the offer and became a permanent staff member in December 2013.

I am a qualified Occupational Therapist and had previously managed a retail radio station; and I knew my steps were being divinely ordered to take up this position.

I have been blessed with a love for people and the ability to see things from others' viewpoint, which helps me to be a strong team player. I love helping people realise their potential, even if it's just with an encouraging word. I enjoy seeing the beauty and strength within people, and reflecting that back to them.

Personally, my hope lies in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father loves us unconditionally and will always fulfill His promises to us as long as we remain connected to Him. Witnessing women who are broken and bruised come to St Anne's and go through the process of healing, eventually walking out with their dignity restored, gives me hope for their futures.

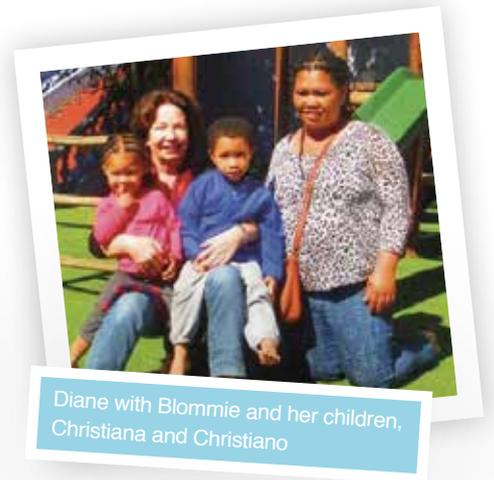
During this period I have personally undergone much healing and transformation; and am eternally grateful for this. I am blessed to be able to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul".

GIVING HOPE

Diane Chayer and her husband, Pierre Dufour, have sponsored Christolene "Blommie" Isaacs' Adult Basic Education Training at the Woodstock Community Learning Centre, where she is now in her second year, and thriving.

Diane explains: "A few years ago, we decided to help women from different countries become role models in their communities, by helping them develop through education and coaching. Acquiring skills, confidence and self-esteem gives more power to women's life, and has proven to radiate beyond the immediate family to the community at large.

When we talked to friends about our desire to include South Africa, they immediately recommended St. Anne's home. Meeting the director, Ms. Joy Lange made me realize that our vision was the



Diane with Blommie and her children, Christiana and Christiano

same, as is embodied in St Anne's vision statement: "Empower the women, promote their independence and make them realize their dreams of a better future."

We started to get involved a little over a year ago, and although it is only the beginning, we already see strong results with our first candidate. She is showing courage and determination, and she works hard to build a new future for herself and her children. In this short time we have seen great positive change in her demeanor and self-confidence.

THE MARCHÉ BAILEY SWIMMING PROGRAMME



The Marché Bailey Swimming Programme was started by St Anne's to honour the memory of 2-year old Marche, the daughter of an ex-resident, who drowned in October at her day-care facility. All our children over the age of 3 years now receive coaching at the local swimming pool.

St Anne's @ Home spoke to her mother, Marshall Bailey: "It makes me really happy that some good is coming out of the way Marché passed away. It will definitely help other parents become more aware, when we don't see swimming as a priority.

This programme is part of my healing.. I didn't want to go near a swimming pool or see a child near a pool. Now I know my baby is doing a lot of good through this: it's like Marché is saying to me, "I had to go so that other children won't die this way".

I am seeing a psychiatrist for counselling and I've signed up with a support group for parents who have lost children. It will be comforting to speak to people who are going through this same grief. Who knows - maybe one day I will help another mother. Just knowing my baby didn't die for nothing means so much to me".



PORTIA KASUNGU

HEALING

I am a product of St Anne's Homes.

I remember 17 years ago like yesterday - when I walked through the gates, destroyed deep in my soul.

I had already decided to kill myself because I thought it was the end of the road; in my mind I was just seeking one more help to justify to God the suicide I was about to do. I thought St Anne's would not accommodate me; no one would want anything to do with me. I walked in and spoke to the secretary and she told me there was no space. The devil inside me said, "I told you so, no one needs you, you will never be anything. End it".

I sat in the lounge planning the first step to suicide, when the House Mother walked in. The next thing, she showed me a room, gave me clothes - because I had nothing - and that was my first day at St Anne's.

Since then, my life changed. I gained hope, joy and strength to go on and be a better person. Today my boy, Afika, is a big boy who will be going for circumcision next year -- the greatest joy in my life.

Today I can write and speak English well, and am an experienced receptionist all because of the courses I did while I was at St Anne's. I have achieved amazing things; I was nominated as a Youth Mover in the Shoprite Checkers Women of the Year Award two years in a row (2011-2012). I won a DJ competition by Good Hope FM in 2001; came

third in a Prime International Logo competition that was facilitated by UCT, and was recently featured in the Cape Times - Real Jobs, Real People - to give advice to people who want to be receptionists on what it takes to do the job well. I am the founder of Midi Business Creations, a company that specialises in SMME training and mentorship, and am the co-founder of Khumbulekhaya Youth Project that encourages successful young people to give back to their rural communities.

I am now a mother of three, married and doing a post-graduate diploma in enterprise consulting through TSiBA Education, to learn how business techniques can create solutions to social problems. I am facing financial challenges with my studies but St Anne's taught me to never quit, and that with God anything is possible.

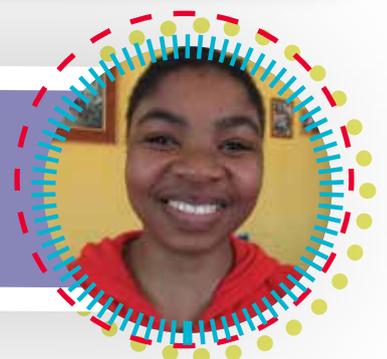
FAREWELL!

A 3-in-1 celebration dinner for the ladies. Most had come to the end of their stay at St Anne's. This coincided with their completion of our Restoration and Healing programme; and we had to bid farewell to Busi ... our Auxillary Social Worker who received a job offer she could not resist!



GIVA-HOPE

Thelma Tanda dreamed of becoming a nurse, but without a matric, that seemed to be a pipe - dream. Now the GIVA-Initiative - a partnership with St Anne's - has raised the full amount for her matric fees from various donors. Thelma has registered with Intec College and will complete her Senior Certificate by June 2016.





OUR FUND-RAISING

Our monthly Breakfast fund-raisers are in demand! We've had tables booked out by our regular supporters and the talented *Chasing Time SA* duo of Clint Brink and Vaughan Caesar have wowed guests with their musical talent on two occasions. Our June breakfast was held at the All Saints Anglican Church hall to accommodate 100 guests, and over R16 000 was raised.



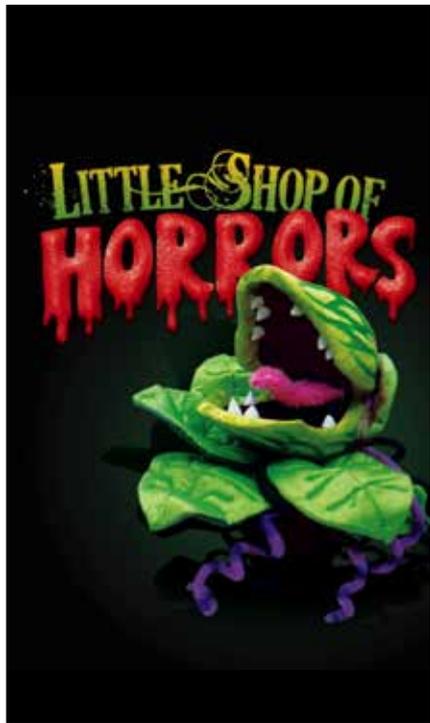
NOAH

As part of our Outreach programme, our residents baked muffins for the aged at NOAH (Neighbourhood Old Age Homes), and spent time interacting and playing dominoes with them.



CANDLE-MAKING

A spin off of the visit to NOAH was that Jess Boon, NOAH's Skills Facilitator, now runs candle-making workshops for our residents.



A fabulous fund-raiser was organised in May by Board member, Shirley Bird and the Groote Schuur Rotary Club. Little Shop of Horrors, the comedy-horror rock musical at the Theatre on the Bay, attracted a great audience.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SNACK DANCE

Friday, 28 August, 19h00-late



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3 September 2015 at 14:00

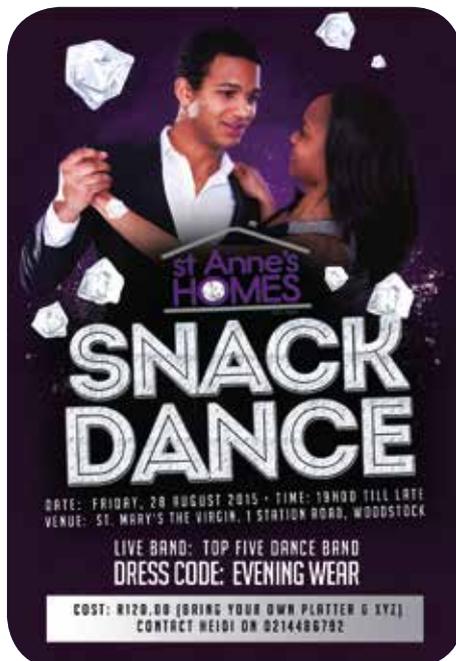


BREAKFAST

FUNDRAISER

Saturday 28 November 2015

10:00 at St. Anne's Homes



St Andrew's Church in Newlands has been involved in annual upgrade projects at St Anne's for a number of years. This year, the church is donating a gas stove to our first stage home to lessen the impact of load-shedding on our residents' lives.

"St Andrew's Church is committed to supporting St Anne's as part of our outreach "Ministry to The Needy" programme - precisely because it offers us the opportunity to participate in spreading God's hope and healing in the world.

We value the fact that St Anne's has its roots in the Anglican fold and that it offers us the opportunity to be part of a wider Christian and Anglican effort to care for the vulnerable in our midst. Sadly, women and children remain at the forefront of relational and societal abuse, and St Anne's remains a place where we as the Anglican family can make a difference.

Our motto at St Andrew's is "serving each other; serving the world." St Anne's offers us the opportunity to be about God's purpose in the world as described in Leviticus 19:18 "... you shall love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord".

Fr Mark Long, Parish priest.



"You shall love your neighbour..."



Our deep gratitude goes to Shumani Mills, previously Mills Litho, that prints all our publications free-of-charge. CEO, Clyde Willoughby, explains why: "There were a few factors that contributed to us supporting St Anne's Homes. We normally support needy organizations and schools that reside in the same area as us. These organizations are not for gain and they must be doing good work for those in need. We will continue to support St Anne's and wish you all well for the future."



GRAFFITI

Residents had fun painting graffiti on our alley wall with professional artist, Devin Wood.



AFRICA DAY

The staff did it in style on Africa Day!

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