

NEWS from HOME

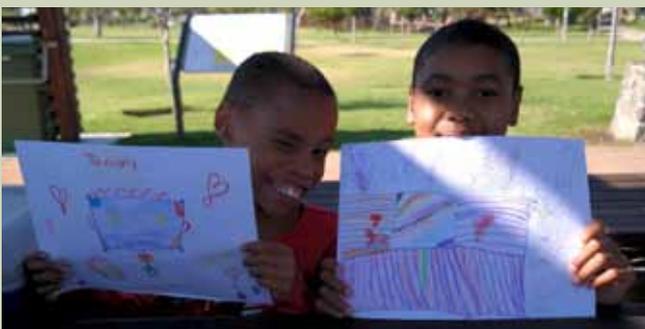
Our Children



Home from Home Teenday

Teenday is one of the events in Home from Home's calendar that we most look forward to! It gives our social workers the opportunity to turn their full attention to the teenagers and spend a fun day with them. This year we decided to take our teens to the Green Point Park for a day filled with exciting activities. We set up an 'Amazing Race' game which required our teenagers to find stations on a map and to carry out an activity to the best of their

ability in the set time. This created a great opportunity for teamwork and produced much excitement amongst our youngsters. After lunch, they were taken on a tour of the Cape Town Stadium. This was the favourite part of the day for the majority of our teenagers as they got to touch the grass on which their favourite soccer stars had played. Overall it was a wonderful day and we look forward to the next Teenday.





CRÈCHE LIBRARY LAUNCH

This month we officially opened the new library at the crèche. We have been gifted with a number of books over the years and our library had grown out of its small space in the computer room. It is wonderful to see our children really enjoying reading for fun – now they have an even greater range of books in a more accessible space. A huge thank you to Christa (a long-term Home from Home volunteer

from Germany who has been coming to us in SA for many years) for all she has done for us, and we look forward to welcoming her and her husband Klaus again later this year!



BOOK CORNERS

Thank you to the 5th Graders at the American International School of Cape Town for collecting books and putting together a wonderful book corner for one of our homes in Khayelitsha. Home from Home believes in promoting reading, and we are so grateful to have donors like AISCT who provide us with the tools to do so.



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We are always grateful to receive input from other organisations which our children would not ordinarily be exposed to. Equinox is one, and provides Equine Therapy to a few of our children. It is wonderful to see their confidence grow with each session.



The Songa Cycling Club also provides after-school activities – taking the time to train a few of our children from Kayamandi every afternoon. The children are really enjoying it and love to show off their new tricks.

SOCIAL WORKERS' QUARTERLY

The provision of quality social work services, support and supervision is one of Home from Home's great strengths. Following on from our 2014 Henley Report and recommendations, we held our first Social Workers' Quarterly in April. This much-needed half day gave the Social Work and Management teams a chance to talk about bigger-picture policy and procedure issues. At this first session items discussed included Crisis Management Procedures, Case Load Management

and better use of social workers' time with regard to administration and meetings. We ended our breakaway session with lunch at a local restaurant to say thank you for all the hard work that our team of social workers puts in. Future Social Workers' Quarterly meetings will continue to address issues which arise in areas which we feel could improve the running of the organisation. This has become necessary due to our growing team and caseload as Home from Home develops.

TATA MATT RETURNS!

In March we welcomed a long-standing volunteer from the UK, Matthew Hogden. Matt has visited HFH on many occasions in the last 10 years and has formed a great bond with foster moms and children in Khayelitsha. Apart from taking the children on many outings during his 3 weeks here, Matt, who is a teacher by profession, did reading assessments with our children in Khayelitsha as part of our tutoring program. These baseline assessments will form a very interesting benchmark to see how regular tutoring will improve our children's literacy over the course of the year.



HOME FROM HOME AND NEW2YOU MARKET LAUNCH

New2You has just launched and is providing a space for individuals to sell their beautiful, slightly used, still-in-brilliant-condition, unwanted goods. The first New2You Market takes place at the **Alphen Centre, Constantia Main Road, Constantia, on Wednesday 19 August from 10am to 7pm.**

Home from Home is the charity beneficiary of New2You, and will also be selling goods at the fair. If you would like to donate your second-hand items for us to sell, or would like to take a table yourself, please get in touch with us at the office to find out more details.

You can also just pop along and see us at the market!



Gareth's Toolbox

Gareth could use help with the following to get Home from Home's premises into tip-top shape:

- Electric Drill (preferably cordless)
- Fire extinguishers

If you can assist, please contact Gareth at gareth@homefromhome.org.za.

Wish List

- Home appliances (fridges, washing machines, etc.)
- Cupboards
- Chest of drawers
- Children's running shoes
- Hot water bottles
- Blankets
- Duvets
- Carpets
- Cycling gloves
- Kiddies plastic table and chairs
- Heaters (preferably gas)
- Wool



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