

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Home from Home Family

It feels strange how we have been battling the ever changing restrictions for more than two years and suddenly, it is as if Covid has disappeared. We are especially grateful that this quarter saw the passing of the 5th wave without the predicted negative impact being realised. A lot has however, been written about the mental impact that these restrictions have had on the youth, so it is such a blessing to be able to highlight some of the amazing activities our families have been able to be involved in recently.

The Cableway Charity Challenge in May was a wonderful event. We had the opportunity to climb our iconic Table Mountain and be together with competitors, staff team, our children and the public, to connect and enjoy the outdoors.

The auction to support our partnership with Orange Art Project and the significant work they are doing with more and more of our children to ensure they are engaged in healthy, creative and stimulating self-expression through art.

The opening of our second Transition Home in Khayelitsha marks a big development in the support we are able to provide our young adults beginning to set positive paths into adulthood. The knowledge of this support is so important for our families, whose anxiety is naturally heightened with the harsh realities of South African society for young people.

The blessings that our family continues to provide under some of the most testing circumstances is astonishing. This and the daily miracles we see happening for our children is a continual encouragement that the work

must go on.

Peter Marx, Executive Director



From Left: Tanya Townshend (HfH fundraiser, Abdul Aleem (Cableway Charity Challenge participant) & Peter Marx (HfH Executive Director)

LATEST EVENTS

LAUNCH OF 2ND TRANSITION SUPPORT HOUSE - KHAYELITSHA

The first Transition house, for those youth who do not have suitable accommodation options when they need to leave their HfH foster home, was established at the end of 2019. This has provided an important support and launchpad to our young people leaving our care.

With the need of this support increasing, we have been so fortunate to be supported to open a second transition house in Khayelitsha earlier this year. Three young men are currently living in the house with space for two more. We had an official opening ceremony on the 30th June 2022. It was a good opportunity for all key partners involved to come together and celebrate the development in our work and the new journey which begins for our young people.

















NEWSFLASH

CABLEWAY CHARITY CHALLENGE

This fun but gruelling event took place over 9 days in mid-May this year. Home from Home was fortunate to be chosen as one of three beneficiaries once again, alongside Nature Connect and Ons Plek. One of our fundraiser's, Tanya Townshend participated with Siphosethu Kibido. She recently matriculated from a Khayelitsha school near the foster home where she has lived for the past 17 years. The two women, thirty years apart, hiked up Platteklip gorge together repeatedly.

The incredible camaraderie amongst the 135 participants is unique, given the length of the race and the common cause. The winner, a geography teacher at a Cape Town school, climbed the steep path a remarkable 48 times and the ambitious goal of raising R1million was reached yet again!

This is JDI Foundation's main fundraising event of the year and they do it so well. Thank you for including us. It just keeps getting better!









STRAUSS AND CO VIRTUAL ART AUCTION IN AID OF ORANGE ART PROJECT

A virtual art auction was hosted by Strauss and Co in support of the Orange Art Project recently.

This exciting event created the opportunity to buy a piece of investment art while supporting the important work of introducing art to children in our foster homes. It took place on Tuesday 28th June and a total of six art pieces were sold at the auction.

Local artists such as Sam Nhlengethwa, Lwando Dlamini, Pat Mautloa and Jill Trappler donated artworks to raise much needed funds to ensure that this initiative keeps going and keeps growing.

The project increases social cohesion, improves mental health and well-being and we believe it will improves employability for our marginalised children in the future.

"On behalf of Orange Art Project, thank you to all who interact and contribute to the on going creative projects that have a profound impact socially, educationally and individually for many in our community" - Jill Trappler

To see more of the wonderful artworks that have been produced, follow them on Instagram: <u>@orangeartproject</u>



Artist: Kagiso Patrick Mautloa



Artist: Sam Nhlengethwa



Artist: Lwando Dlamini

CHILDREN'S STORIES OF HOPE

There are so many of these wonderful stories that we need to remind you (the supporters) and our staff of to encourage the support and hard work involved in this work.

- ·Uzu*, who has needed to attend a school for the deaf since she has been 10 years old and now at 17, has developed her skill at golf to such a degree that she is ranked in South Africa and playing in recognised tournaments.
- Janet*, who after a number of years of struggling in mainstream schooling and her own self-confidence, is now blossoming in a special needs environment where she is employed at a second-hand charity shop and in training as a Youth Care Worker.
- Siphosethu, who has been with us since she was four years old and achieved many remarkable things in her life already such as, being selected for the Western Province Life Saving Team in 2019, successfully completing her matric last year and competing in the Table Mountain Cableway Charity Challenges for the last two years. However, a new very exciting development has been that her athletic running ability has been recognised and she has been offered a full bursary to attend a USA athletic college from this year.
- Renee* will be graduating from nursing college on 8 July, after studying for a year and a half. She is hoping to work at Robin Trust where she used to do her practical. Robin Trust is a non-profit organisation, delivering excellent nursing and home-based care.





For Siphosethu's birthday she arranged a fun walk for the young people in her community

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL HEIDEMANN



The Home from Home family would like to congratulate Michael Heidemann on his 30 year anniversary at Zeppelin.

Zeppelin have been supporting Home from Home for many years through Home from Home Germany.

Thank you for your continuous support towards the children in our care.

67 MINUTES FOR MANDELA DAY

The essence of Mandela Day - take action, inspire change, and make every day a Mandela Day - is more important than ever before.



#MANDELADAY

Donate R67 to provide a warm blanket for one of the vulnerable children in our care.

You can also drop off a warm blanket at our offices -73 Main Road. Plumstead.

Help us reach our target of R13 400 to ensure that every HfH child has a new warm blanket this winter.

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https://homefromhome.org.za/donate/

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