



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Extended Home from Home Family

This is the first newsletter for over two years where I am not commenting on one of the 'waves' of Covid that we are adjusting to. It is wonderful to have the many restrictions, to our work and the activities of our children, reduced. All children are back at school and we are holding in person group meetings, activities and outings again. The reality of our work is much clearer where we engage in person and makes for a greater energy and passion that is brought into the daily work that is both exhilarating and tiring.

The planning for the new financial year has needed to factor in work getting back to some form of 'new normal'. The focus of our budget has needed to have three highlighted areas. Firstly, with the economic pressure the country is experiencing and the likely increase that the Russian/Ukraine war will bring, we need to continue focusing on the protection of the core of our work; our loving family homes need to all be kept open.

Secondly, Covid restrictions on our children's access to their education has meant that for most, they have lost about one year of education over the past two years. This means we have to prioritise their educational support. We have developed relationships with some great service providers in this regard and are excited at the prospects for the year ahead. Thirdly, with the maintenance work on our homes being mostly limited to emergency matters over the past two years, there is quite a backlog of work that needs to be done.

We have been really blessed during the past year where new and loyal donors managed to step up their help where others were negatively impacted by the economic pressures of the time. This year will need to be another year of support from our donors to enable us to implement the bold plans of educational support and home maintenance.

In this issue of our newsletter, we celebrate some of the remarkable supporters of Home from Home:

- Nicky Thompson, who volunteered to run our child sponsorship programme since its inception over 15 years. She has been involved in many other areas of support and retires from this role to be a full time granny.
- Lilo Stolz-Sandqvist is a loyal donor and friend who loves her annual visits to South Africa and volunteering at Home from Home. She recently hosted an Art exhibition to raise funds for Home from Home.
- The Ubuntu Belgium group of women who have supported one of our homes and family since the admission of the six young foster children until all have aged out of our care and are now standing on their own feet.
- JDI Foundation that has included us as one of the beneficiary charities in their Cableway Charity Challenge coming up in early May.
- Our ongoing relationship with The Orange Art Project that brings such valuable creative education and therapeutic impact for our children.

Peter Marx, Executive Director

# LATEST EVENTS

## WESTLAKE HOME WOWS WITH INCREDIBLE COLLAGE

The Orange Art Project\* was started by well-known local visual artist, Jill Trappler and is an art and crafts focused project for social cohesion, education and creativity.

Roscoe Masters, the head of art and design at Sea Point High is the art mentor in our Westlake home. He shares his time and talent with the four boys and recently they had so much fun creating a collage using outline of a man. The four boys learn to cut up magazines and blend the colours and after six weeks of dedication they completed the artwork! Pam, their foster mother, said it was a calming and therapeutic exercise for the children who range in age from 9 years to teenagers.

"It was such a great team effort and you realise how valuable magazines are!" she said. "We learnt to blend colours and could not believe how long it takes but we are so proud of the final result. I'd like to do more!" Pam said with a smile. "These art lessons is the best thing that could have happened to these boys and they are really good at it!" she continued.

\*If you would like to donate towards the Orange Art Project, please contact Jill Trappler at [jill@jilltrappler.co.za](mailto:jill@jilltrappler.co.za)



# NEWSFLASH

## WE LOVE OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

At Home from Home, we really value the assistance of volunteers and have met some wonderful people over the years that have become great friends. We are often approached by people who would like to assist us by offering their time and skills, whether it be to provide reading support, homework assistance or running our entire child sponsorship programme!

Nicky Thompson, is one such remarkable volunteer who has run and expanded our sponsor a child campaign from inception. She met our founders, Pippa and Jane at Nazareth House in the early 2000's and served as a founding trustee on our Board. Nicky then started our child sponsorship from scratch and helped with capturing the stories, liaising and growing the donor base and sending out quarterly updates.



Nicky has played a significant role and we are very sad to say goodbye to her as she shifts to this next rewarding chapter of her life as a doting grandmother and to pursue different hobbies and interests.

Thank you, Nicky for the incredible fundraising role you have played at Home from Home. We feel very grateful for your commitment and loyalty over the past 17 years and your close relationships with so many sponsors.

You will be sorely missed!

## UBUNTU VZW - BELGIUM SUPPORTERS FROM START TO FINISH



**From left: Saskia Baelen, Nicole van Ackeleyen, Foster Mother Beullah, Greet Kerstens, Manuela van Aubel**



**Sandra Leyck with children**

We celebrate the role 'Ubuntu VZW', a group of five Belgium women who have supported us from the start. When they visited South Africa and got to meet some of the children from the Luvuyo house they decided to commit to ongoing support of this house and the children.

## ART EXHIBITION IN ST ANTON, AUSTRIA

Lilo Strolz-Sandqvist is a loyal donor and friend who loves her annual visits to South Africa and volunteering at Home from Home. She runs a hotel in the popular skiing town of St Anton in Austria which has been in the family for generations.

Last year, Lilo bought over 40 Orange Art Project artworks at the inaugural exhibition held at the Spin Street Gallery. They were carefully transported back to St Anton in her suitcase, framed and hung at Art Box, a local gallery in the village where a chic fundraising event took place.

It was promoted in the newspaper and on social media and held on Sunday 3 April. We are delighted to report that it was a huge success. Mayor of St Anton made a speech and announced that any unsold artworks, would be bought by the local municipality.

We are so grateful to our generous hearted ambassadors, all over the world, who spread the news about our work and raise funds to ensure that our children continue to obtain the depth of care required to heal from past trauma.



# FUNDRAISING EVENT

## IT'S TIME FOR THE BIG CLIMB



Home from Home is delighted to once again, be selected as one of three beneficiaries of the Cableway Charity Challenge organized by the JDI Foundation.

This unique fundraising event held on iconic Table Mountain sees runners/hikers undertake to ascent Platteklip Gorge as many time as possible on race day and throughout the event week of 7th to 15th May.

Runners are granted a free pass on all downward cable car trips offering a breather between ascents and funds are raised via sponsorship pledges. Assist us by sponsoring our colleague, Tanya Townshend and one of our youngsters, as they take part in this ambitious event! Last year R1 million was raised and split between the non-profit organizations involved and we are keen to do the same again this year!

Visit [www.charitychallenge.co.za](http://www.charitychallenge.co.za) to enter as an individual or corporate or sponsor our runners!

## MAKE A DONATION TO HOME FROM HOME

### Home from Home Banking Details

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Acc number: 1011109700  
Bank: Nedbank  
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