



# CASA NEWS

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Casa Caritas is a Home that provides love, care and stimulation to people with both intellectual and physical disabilities, irrespective of race or culture



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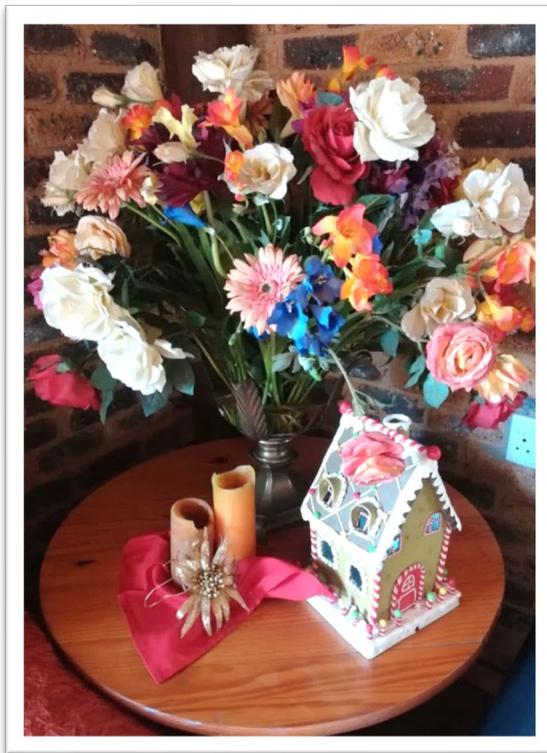


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*Message from Adri Kruger,*

*Casa Caritas Chief Executive Officer*

*At the end of 2018 I mentioned our eager anticipation of 2019, and what a great year it has been! The expansion of the play area was the realisation of a dream of many years. Our residents are enjoying the larger space very much!*

*I thank God for the many ways in which he blessed Casa Caritas this year. May 2020 be equally blessed.*

*On behalf of Management and the office staff I wish everyone a blessed Christmas time and a wonderful 2020.*

*Warm regards*

*AK*

## Christmas Tree

On 1 December 2019 we celebrated Christmas like every year with a Christmas Tree function. Parents, friends and family attended this happy occasion of gifting.





**Left:** Elize and Klasie Claasen have attended Cornel's Christmas Tree functions for 31 years without missing one! Here they are with their daughters Elmarie and Cornel and their son-in-law Renier.

**Middle left:** Jacson Wilmans was our Santa Claus, Ronelle Mackenzie is the Elf and the other helpers are the Naidoo sisters who support Casa Caritas in making this event possible every year. They also provided party packs, gifts and cupcakes. Thank you!



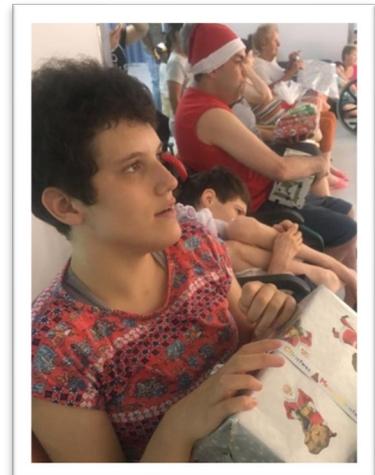
**Below:** Santa Claus has a chat with Lizizi Ndima.



**Below left:** Marzanne Grobbelaar enjoys opening presents with the staff cheering her on.



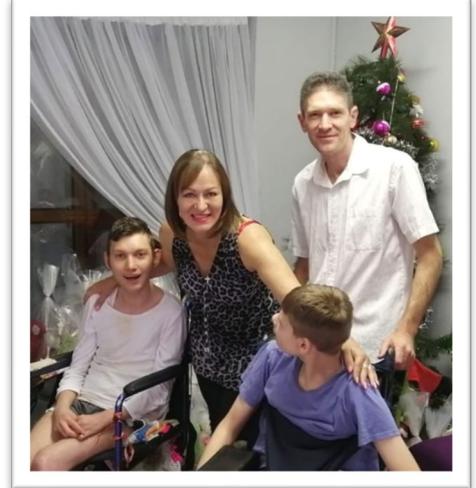
**Below:** Aimee Bagley and Marius Bekker eagerly awaiting more presents.



Thank you very much to **Angelique Atterbury** who ran a Santa Shoebox project. Tiaan and Devon (below) were very curious about all the gifts for the residents.



Thanks also to **Connie Morgan** (right) for the beautiful gift packets she delivered.



Martie Berry and colleagues from **Gospel FM** (left) brought lovely soft toys and other gifts. Evangelist André Swart blessed the Home and prayed for the residents and staff (below left).

Tiaan's mom, **Hendrina Diedericks**, organised colleagues, friends and family from Bronkhorstspuit to make Christmas special for our residents with lots of gifts. This is the second year she is doing it. Thanks so much, Hendrina!



## Staff Year End

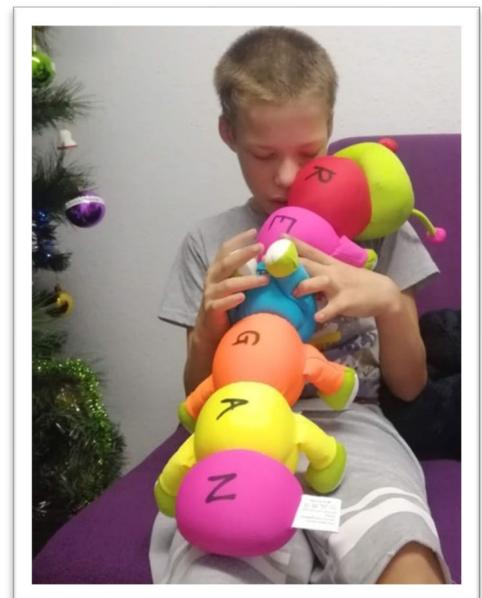
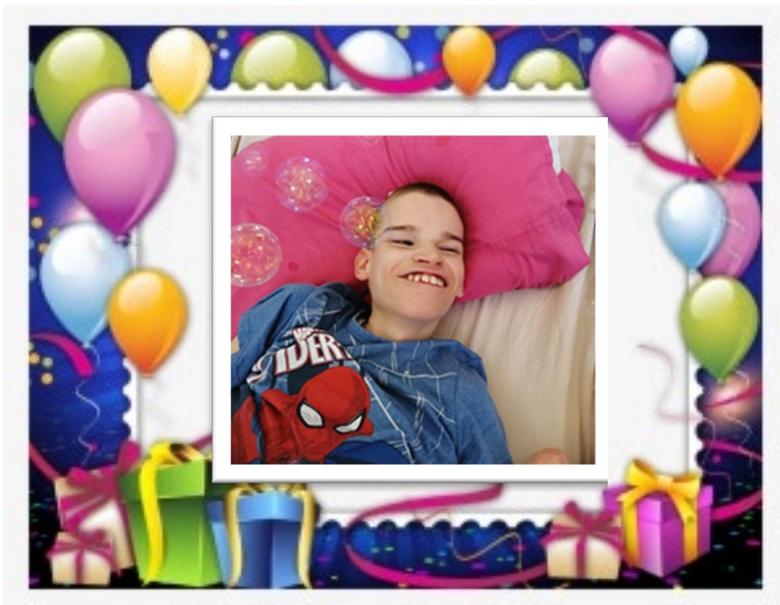
We are sad to say goodbye to two staff members this month. Esther Mabitsela (left) was part of the Casa Caritas family for 19 years and Josephine Msiza (right) for four years. Thank you very much for your hard work. Go well. We will miss you.



Casa Caritas staff received their Christmas gifts on 6 December 2019. Martie Redelinghuis has worked for Casa Caritas for 16 years and was happy to receive her 16<sup>th</sup> gift.

## December birthday

Morné Smal turned 22 on 18 December 2019. Happy birthday, Morné!



## Welcome Reagan!

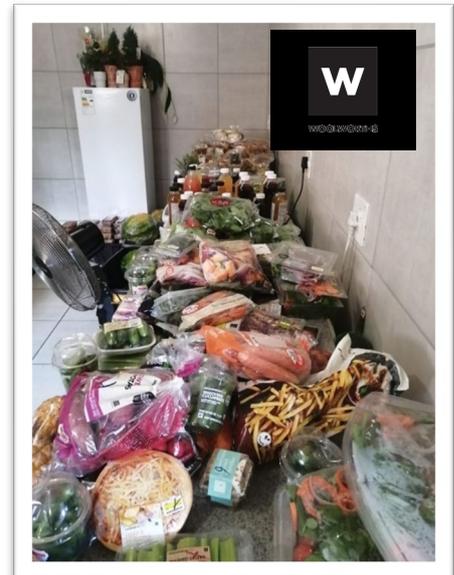
New resident Reagan Walkerley is 11 years old. He has cerebral palsy and epilepsy. His family are originally from Bloemfontein, but they now live in Windhoek, Namibia. He has an older brother of 15.

## Thank you!

**Seabourne Express** decided they would not do Secret Santa this year, but something else for charity. Thank you so much for your donation!

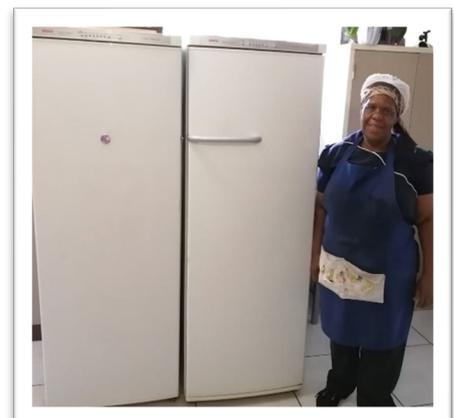


Thank you very much to **Con Amore School** for the nappy donation!



**Woolworths Woodbridge** made such a big donation to Casa Caritas that it became 'the gift that keeps on giving' – we paid some of it forward to other organisations.

**Michael Noeth** donated the side-by-side fridge and freezer to Casa Caritas. It couldn't have come at a better time. We are deeply thankful!



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Thank you to **Tessa Grobbelaar** from **My School** for visiting Casa Caritas and helping us to plan My School Activities for the Home for 2020.

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