



CASA NEWS

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Casa Caritas is a Home that provides loving care and stimulation, either full-time or part-time, to people with severe intellectual and physical disabilities within our care protocol.



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In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we said farewell to **Hendri Jordaan**, Casa Caritas resident with the longest stay so far. He had pneumonia (not related to Covid-19). He was born on 12 September 1975. His dad wrote to us that he was diagnosed as brain blind at eight months. They tried to enrol him at Pioneer School for the Blind in Worcester, but they couldn't accommodate him because he also had spastic symptoms. He was first admitted to Casa Caritas in 1980 by Mrs Joan Muller in the Maxwell Street Home. He struggled to adapt, and he stayed with his parents for 8 more years after which he attended Casa Caritas, first as a day visitor and finally being admitted as a permanent resident in January 1988. He adapted well. The staff loved him because he was an easy person despite his difficulties. Doctors predicted that he would live to the age of 16 but through God's grace he survived for 45 years. He was hospitalised numerous times due to epilepsy, but his biggest setback was the partial removal of his hips in 1999 due to disintegration. Music, clapping hands and singing hallelujah in his own way was his life. His dad thanked the Board for everything they did to make his residence possible.

Our prayers are with Drikus, Amanda and their family. We want to also express our appreciation to Sister Retha Pienaar and her team who took care of him so gently during his last days.

Update

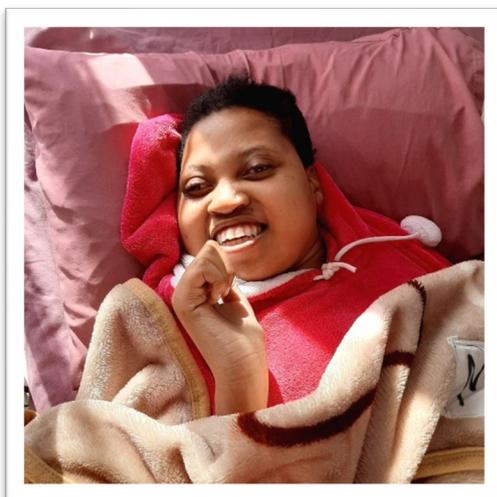
We are happy to report that Casa Caritas is still virus free.



Following the spike in Coronavirus cases in Ekurhuleni, we implemented stricter measures to protect residents and staff. No visitors are allowed and the number of staff members who have contact with any resident have been limited by careful planning. Service rosters have been adapted for staff to have longer on and off cycles. The communal areas have been closed and residents are cared for in small zones close to their rooms. Additional bathrooms are being used to bath residents in five groups.



Left: **Katherine Scholtz** is watching television in her room. Below: **Mosidi Molepo** enjoying sunshine on her bed.



We are grateful for the positive support from parents, guardians and the community.

Marius Bekker's parents have diligently visited him daily for 15 years to put him to bed and wait for him to fall asleep. They needed to adapt to visiting him from outside the Home. Below his mom, Didi, is paying him a visit.

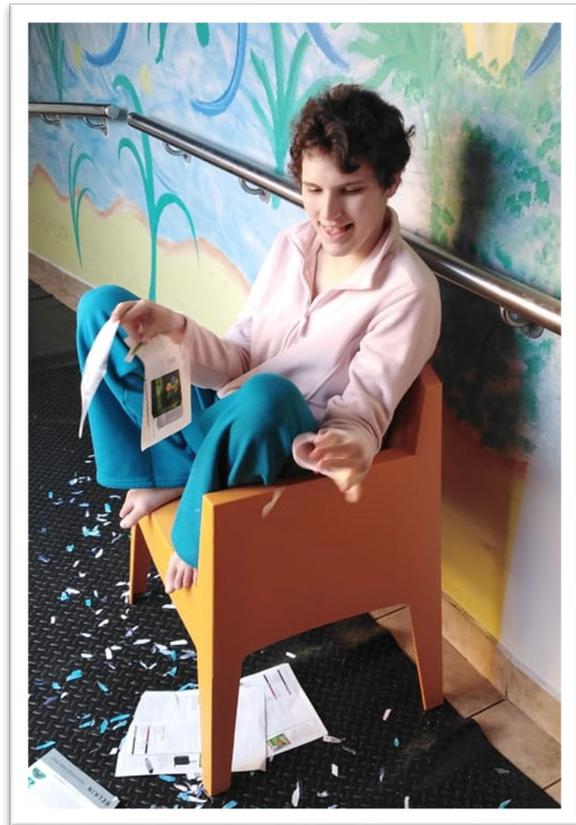


Our residents have adapted very well to the changes. Below: **Devon Moss** is happily doing an activity in the his sun-filled room.



Our staff continue to amaze us with their resilience and their initiatives to make things work, for example, Bonisile Thobela made a plan to enable bathtimes in groups.

Below: **Jayden du Toit** (front) and **Danny Coetzee** playing in the passage. Right: **Aimee Bagley** in a happy place!



Below: **Tiaan Diedericks** attempting an escape from lockdown 😊.



Gussi Coetzee and **Stiaan Hattingh** sharing a seat and cushions to play with in the passage.





Mandela Day

Mandela Day is celebrated on 18 July every year. It is a global call to action based on the idea that each individual has the power to transform the world and the ability to make an impact. The Mandela Day campaign message is: "Nelson Mandela has fought for social justice for 67 years. We're asking you to start with 67 minutes."

We offered coffee to people who brought drive-through donations on Mandela Day (below)



We received various donations of cash, groceries and toiletries:

- **MS OilTrap**
- **Workmaster**
- Community members **Mrs Visagie, Mr Bergh, Mrs Botha and Mrs Bekker** (who is also a parent).
- **The House of the Lord**, Full Gospel Church, Airfield, Benoni.
- **Edleen Butchery** donated 1000 disposable masks.



The global pandemic required a different approach this year:

Bank with a purpose this Mandela Day R67 instead of 67 minutes

18th JULY
Nelson Mandela Day 2020

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We are grateful to have raised R35 341,00 through this initiative. There are many contributors, some whom only mentioned a first name or even donating anonymously. We would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for your generous donations!

Denika Kriel donated an anti-fatigue mat for Sister Retha Pienaar (left).

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 31 August 2020

14:30 – 15:30

Please note:

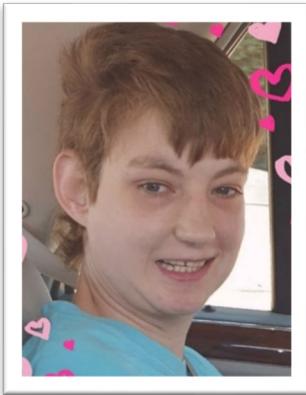
*This will be a virtual meeting.
A Zoom link will be sent out
to the Board, parents and
guardians before the time.*



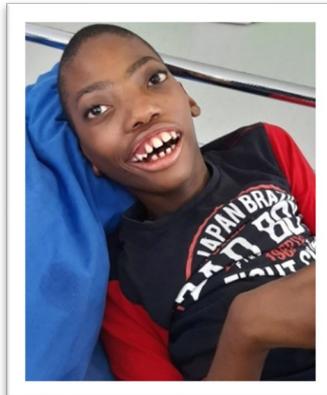
July birthdays

Happy birthday to the residents who celebrate their special day during July!

Ruchelle Stoter (30)
4 July 2020



Lizizi Ndima (12)
14 July 2020



Wicus Coetzee (23)
25 July 2020



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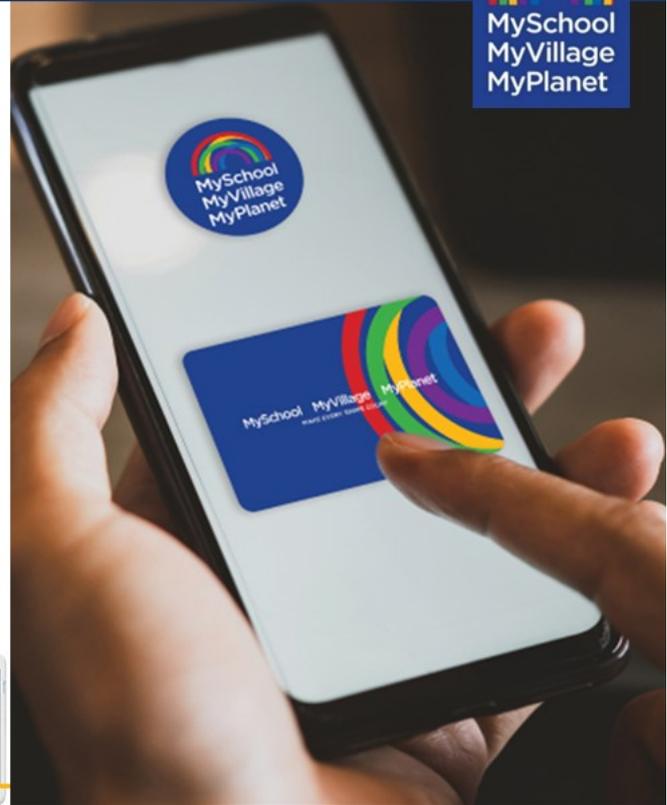
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