



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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Springtime!



What a beautiful time of the year! The Casa Caritas garden is a celebration of colour. Operations Manager Rochelle Bekker became inspired to write a poem while she was taking these photos in the garden.

Blomme in die lente

Die natuur se skildery
Raak stil, kyk en ruik
Van baie groot tot die kleinste klein sal jy kry
Elkeen so uniek geskape...

Al gaan dit hoe swaar en die lewe is droog
en vol dorings soos 'n kaktus, blom hy nog steeds.

Ons kan leer by blomme.
Hulle gaan dalk deur droë, dor tye in hul lewe,
kry koud in die winter en gaan soms selfs dood,
maar wanneer die lente kom...
Dán kleur hulle weer die wêreld in met die
mooiste kleure en geure.

Hou moed, 2020 se lente is oppad.
Fokus dan al jou energie in JOU EIE lenteblom.

Rochelle Bekker



Naumi Sithole

A book authored by Board Member Naumi Sithole will be launched in November 2020. Congratulations on this great achievement, Naumi!



Casa Caritas currently has space for 15 residents and 5 day-visitors. Applicants must be both mentally and physically handicapped, and younger than 14 years.

Win a hamper filled with items from The Box Fashion

Marshane de Beer sponsored the prizes for the car show at our fête every year. Sadly, the fête could not take place this year due to the Corona-virus pandemic.

Marshane came through for us in a different way. She donated a few boxes from The Box Fashion to Casa Caritas. Thank you! The Box Fashion is a local accessories membership service.

(<https://theboxfashion.co.za/>)
Members are provided with latest fashion accessories and styling advice, delivered to their door-step in a box.

Adri created a hamper out of the donation which can be won in a lucky draw. The value of the hamper is R2 000,00 and tickets sell at R50,00.



Numbers will be assigned to participants in chronological order and a draw of the lucky winner will take place on 23 October 2020.

Please contact Adri Kruger to buy your ticket: 0721071989 or casacaritas@telkomsa.net.

Thank you

Mr SA finalist Hannes van der Walt made a generous donation of groceries to Casa Caritas. Pictured below are Hannes, Chantell Kriel, and Natasha van der Walt.



My School update

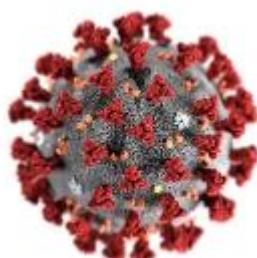
For Builders Warehouse swipes to work, Casa Caritas supporters are requested to create a Builders profile and link, or to add their MySchool membership to their Builders Warehouse profile.

Please keep on swiping! Casa Caritas receives between R800 and R1 000 per month from our supporters' swipes at this stage.

The image consists of two parts. On the left is a dark blue rectangular graphic with white text. It features a rainbow icon at the top, followed by the text "MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet". Below this, it says "now proudly partnering with Builders". Underneath that, it reads "Bringing you more places to shop, raise funds and give back, at no cost to you". A yellow horizontal bar is at the bottom. On the right is a photograph of a young girl with voluminous curly hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and denim shorts, running towards the camera with her arms outstretched. In the background, another person is visible, and there's a yellow "builders" logo in the top right corner of the photo frame.

Covid-19 update

A Casa Caritas staff member contracted the coronavirus. She was not working at the time. We are happy to report that she recovered and she is back at work. We monitored everything very closely to make sure there was no exposure and all was fine.



The arrangement of weekend visits by appointment in the sanitisation room will be maintained for the month of October. Parents and guardians have been visiting regularly and staff members have coped well with this arrangement.

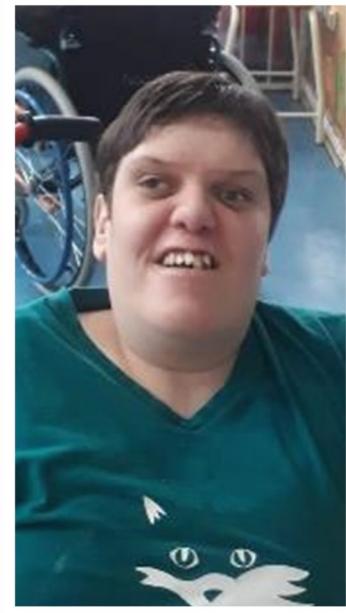
The Casa Caritas Board is in regular conversation about the situation and will allow home visits as soon as possible.

September birthdays

Marius Bekker (44)
29 September 2020



Katherine Scholtz (27)
29 September 2020



The Casa Caritas diaper story

By Tannie Doek (Christa Grobbelaar)

For the past 20 years I have been involved in ordering and managing Casa Caritas diapers for the residents. The system is managed by six forms used in the following steps from stocktake to invoicing parents:

- Form 1 is my stocktaking sheet on which I record the number of diapers left for each resident in the bedrooms, bathroom and diaper changing room, marked against their names.
- Form 2 is a summary of each resident's need for the coming month. I work on 4 diapers per day, or 120 diapers per month (that is 8 packets of 15). Sometimes the fourth diaper is not used and less can be ordered. I also use this form to check daily deliveries against each resident's name.
- Form 3 is used to make a final summary of how many packets of each size diaper needs to be ordered, and checked against form 2.
- Form 3.1 is the order form for Viladus (our current nappy supplier), filled in with diaper codes and numbers for each size.

We order on average 186 packets of diapers per month.



- The office places the order and delivery takes place within two to three days. I then use form 2 to distribute the packets to each section (day diapers go to the diaper storeroom and night diapers go to the residents' room cupboards). Packets are marked with each resident's name.
- Next the shelves in the 3 sections need to be stocked. Individual diapers are marked with the residents' names on them and packed on the shelves.
- I then fill in form 4 on which the invoice from Viladus is split according to each resident's order.
- Form 5 is filled in for the accounts with each resident's invoice amount for the month according to form 4.

I check the stock levels in all three sections weekly and refill where necessary. A week before the next order I start with stocktaking and the process starts all over again.

Christa, we didn't realise what a big job diaper management is in a place like Casa Caritas. You are so well organised and meticulous. Thank you very, very much!

Casa Caritas trademark registration

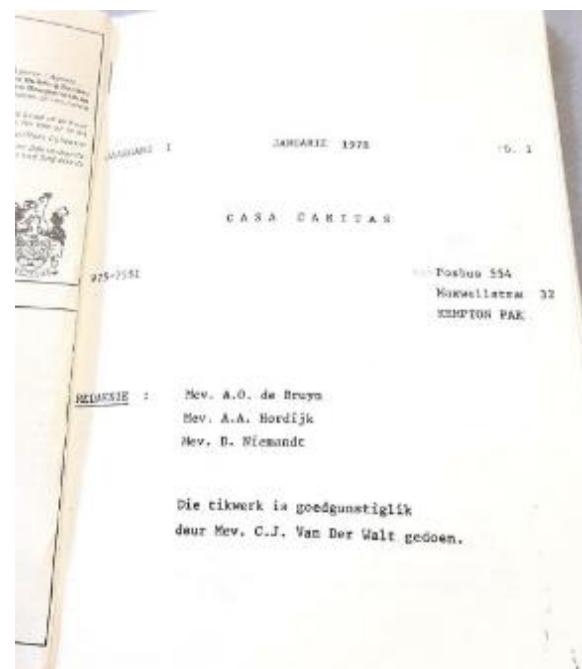
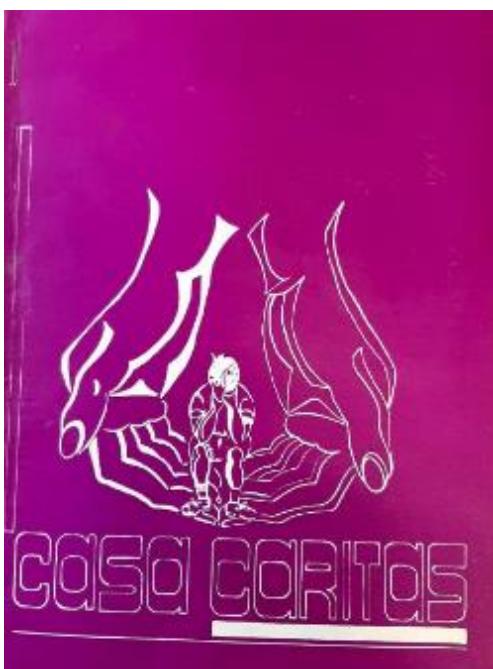
We are happy to confirm that our trademark has been registered at the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC). This means that for 10 years we have the exclusive right to this trademark.



Casa Caritas birthday on 1 October 2020

Our Home celebrates its 47th birthday soon. Every year conversations of gratitude for the blessed history of Casa Caritas take place and this year is no exception. **We would like to invite anyone who has an interesting photo or story about Casa Caritas over the years to sent it to Olga Coetze for next month's edition of Casa News.**

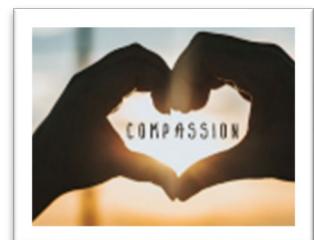
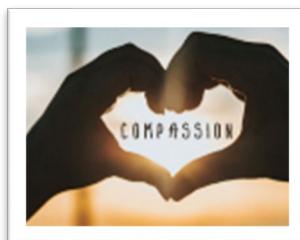
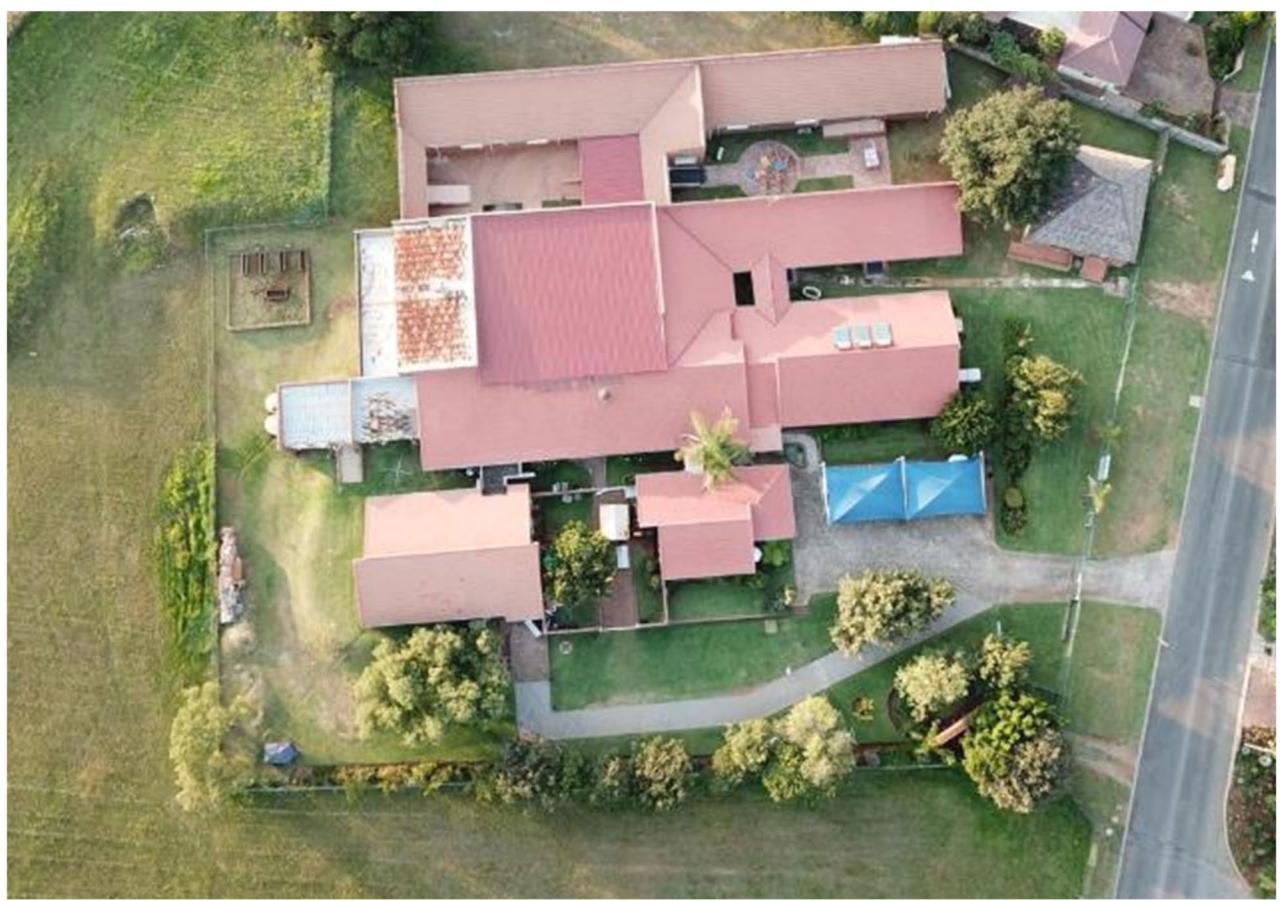
Adri Kruger started going into the archives and found the first ever Casa Caritas newsletter, dated January 1978. It features the first representation of the Casa Caritas trademark which has since been modernised and registered as a trademark last month (see above).





Adri took a trip down memory lane. The home was initially established in Maxwell Street and moved to the current premises at 6 De Villiers Street in 1985. Adri found an early picture of the current premises (left).

Today there is great access for cars and wheelchairs and the Home is much expanded from its original floorplan. Street view below and drone photo view far below (courtesy Leon Grobbelaar).



Heritage Day

Our beautiful ladies love to dress up in traditional clothes for Heritage Day. They looked stunning! Back from left is Connie Duze, Violet Bosii, and Dalsy Manyane. In front are Lolly Shihaxu and Paulinha Mampuru.

President Cyril Ramaphosa asked South Africans to join the Jerusalema Challenge on Heritage day. People around the world are sharing videos of themselves dancing to the hit song Jerusalema by South African musician Master KG, featuring the voice of South African songstress Nomcebo.

The lyrics are, “Jerusalema, ikhaya lami
Ngilondoloze, uhambe nami
Zungangishiyi lana
Jerusalema, ikhaya lami”

Translated into English it means,
“Jerusalem is my home
Guide me, take me with you
Do not leave me here
Jerusalem is my home”

Of course our staff joined in and there is a cute video about it. Still frame below.

