



# 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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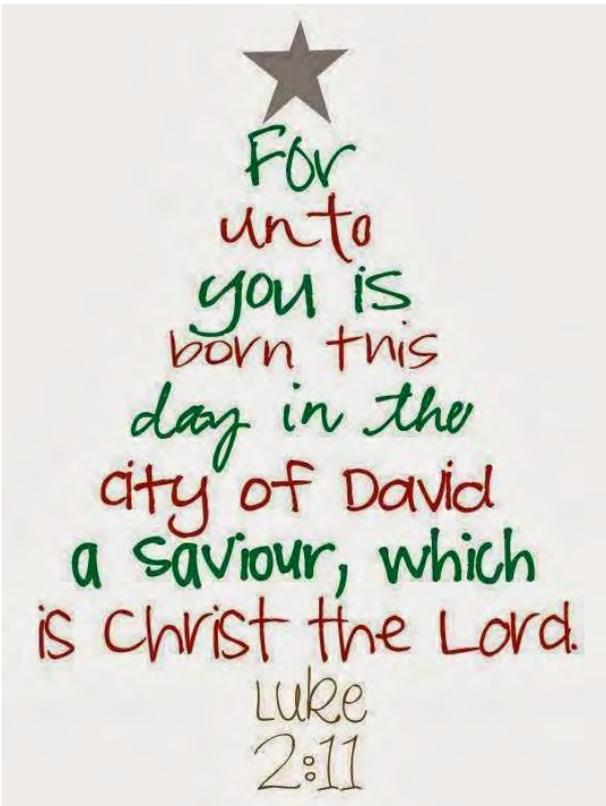


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## Message from Casa Caritas CEO

2020 has been a year with many highs and lows. Instead of reflecting on the negatives I would like to remember with gratitude how we managed the coronavirus. I thank God for keeping our residents and staff safe. I thank parents and guardians for their wonderful support and collaboration.

I want to pause for a moment to express sympathy for everyone who lost a loved one this year. Our thoughts are with you.

Have a blessed Christmas filled with peace, joy, and gratitude. Be safe and enjoy the time with your loved ones.

I am looking forward to our collaboration in 2021, a new year that is filled with promise and the blessings of our Lord.

With love

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## The Box hamper winner

Board member Naumi Sithole did the draw for the winner of The Box hamper on 27 November 2020.

Congratulations to lucky winner Marietjie van Heerden, mother of resident San-Mari. We hope you will enjoy your new fashion accessories!

Remember everyone, you only get lucky if you participate!

## Christmas celebrations

Casa Caritas residents had a wonderful Christmas tree event on 11 December 2020 despite parents and family not joining in this year. Nick Grobbelaar from Remax was a most engaging Santa. Thank you very much! Appearing below with Santa are Giada, Stiaan, Katherine, Devon, Jason and Lizizi.



Cornel, assisted by Rochelle, receives her gift.



Staff members catching the spirit



Jayden Rinke (above)

Giada di Siena (left)



Stiaan Hatting assisted by Rochelle Bekker



Aimee Bagley



Marzanne Grobbelaar (above)



Ronelle Pubalakan (right)



We would like to thank the following people who contributed to the Christmas tree function:

- MS Oil Trap Solutions donated Malva Pudding and R5 000,00.
- Kemin Industries donated a variety of goodies for the Christmas party for the residents and they sent each staff member a small Christmas gift.
- Remax Dazzle made up Christmas gifts for our residents and arranged for Nick to hand out the gifts.
- Mark Naidoo and his family baked cupcakes for our residents.



Marius Bekker



Katherine Scholtz

## Coronavirus update

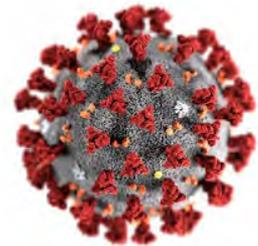
Due to the rising number of COVID-19 infections taking place in the second spike of the pandemic and President Cyril Ramaphosa's speech on 14 December 2020 the Casa Caritas board took some difficult decisions to keep the residents and staff of the Home safe.

From Thursday 24 December until Thursday 7 January 2021, we will not be allowing visits at the Home. Parents who wish to take their children home during the festive season will need to contact Adri Kruger directly. Residents may only return if parents are able to provide a negative COVID test for the resident at the end of the home visit.

The last visits by appointment will be allowed from Friday 18 December to Wednesday 23 December. These visits will be limited to an hour.

Casa Caritas also reverted to stricter COVID-19 protocol from 15 December, which means residents are once again restricted to their respective passages.

Any queries can be addressed to Adri Kruger, contact details on the front page of the newsletter.



**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.**

## Staff Year End Function

The staff year-end function took place on two dates for different shifts. The following long service awards were made:

### 20 years – wow, what an accomplishment!

- Rebecca Mokubela
- Sarah Chauke

### 5 years – well done!

- Nancy Mamabolo
- Salfie Kgaphola
- Sophie Jiyane
- Violet Kgadima
- Fredda Maluleka



Above: Rochelle Bekker with Fredda Maluleka.



Left: Rebecca Mokubela, Nancy Mamabolo and Salfie Kgaphola.

The staff had a tasty lunch in the courtyard where they could keep an eye on the residents. Thank you to **Edleen Butchery** for donating braai packs consisting of 2 pieces of chicken, steak, and boerewors for each staff member.

**Claus and Olga Coetzee** gave each staff member a copy of Naumi Sithole's recently published book, *Reflections of an African Woman*. Naumi attended the functions, spoke about her message to women, and signed the books. Below left she is signing a book while Mark Naidoo, Casa Caritas chairman, is addressing the staff.



Below: Adri Kruger expressed deep gratitude for the attitude with which staff members showed up during one of the most challenging years ever.



## Life at Casa Caritas

Multitasking is the name of the game! Operations Manager Rochelle Bekker came to the rescue of the many residents who needed a haircut. Here she is playing barber to Wickus Coetzee. Thanks, Rochelle!



## Departmental inspection

The recent inspection by the Gauteng Department of Health was led by Hanna Jacobs, second from right in the photo below. Casa Caritas once again had a positive response from the team and a successful outcome.



## December birthday

Morné Smal (23)  
18 December 2020



## Thank you very much

Kemin donated snacks for the Christmas Tree and gifts for the staff. Lynette from Kemin (right with Chantell Kriel, Casa Caritas administrator) made the delivery. Thank you very much! Kemin is a supplier of ingredients for animal feeds.



Casa Caritas also received a donation of medical supplies to the value of R5 000,00. It was organised by **John Beare** who contributed with **Richard and Estelle Westley**. Sister Retha Pienaar appears below left with a part of the donation.

The nappy changing beds at Casa Caritas were in desperate need of restoration (below right). **Robbie Robbertze** organised for it to be done free of charge. Thank you Robbie, and please pass our deep gratitude on to whoever your contacts were.



Generosity

Staff from **DZanetech (Pty) Ltd** had planned to come out on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December to paint the playground equipment. It had to be postponed due to the rain and they eventually came on 16 December, the Day of Reconciliation. They seemed to have loads of fun. See the before and after photos below. Thank you very much!



**Arrow-Chem** donated our chemical order once again. They have looked after us during this year and we are extremely grateful for their donations which exceeded R10 000,00 this year.



**La Chateau** donated groceries to the value of R2 500,00. Thank you!



**Ettienne Nienaber**, a friend of Morné Vermeulen from Disu CCTV who maintains Casa Carita's monitoring system, donated 150 bags of chocolate puff chips to Casa Caritas. Thank you!



## Congratulations

Hannes van der Walt who recently donated groceries to Casa Caritas, was crowned Mr South Africa on 28 November 2020.

Congratulations Hannes!