



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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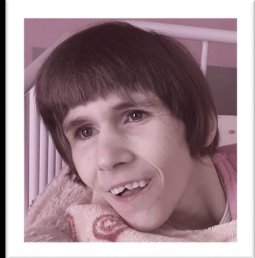
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Bianca Booyesen
(26 April 1990 – 6 April 2023)



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of resident Bianca Booyesen. She lived in Casa Caritas since June 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

In Memoriam

Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome new day visitor **Kurhula Mashele** to Casa Caritas. She joined us at the beginning of April 2023.

Khurula is 11 years old. She loves attention and always wants to be carried around.

Welcome Khurula! We trust that you will adjust well and enjoy your home away from home.



Happy Freedom Day

On April 27th we celebrated Freedom Day.

It commemorates the day of the first elections held post-Apartheid in 1994. We are reminded of Nelson Mandela words, "...to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."



Farewell

Grace Ramaripa retired at the end of April 2023 after 27 years' service with Casa Caritas.

Chantell Kriel, assistant CEO, describes Grace as a small stick of dynamite who always has a welcoming smile.

Note from Editor:

Grace was the Casa Caritas mom to our son Gussi. She was there to receive him with great empathy in March 2008 and she became the one with whom he connected most. When he refused to cooperate, others would call Grace and it would take just two words of encouragement, "Kom Pappa" to get him to do whatever was needed. Thank you for being such an angel, Grace. Gussi will miss you and we will too. May you be blessed with health and happiness in this next phase of your life.

The staff gave Grace a hero's send-off (below)



Thank you

We were blessed this month by **Koekie and Corrie van Rensburg** surprising us with a new deep freezer. Thank you very much!

Norkem Park Primary School arranged personal care kits for Easter this year. We appreciate the loving support of children from our community!

An **anonymous donor** delivered two hospital beds to Casa Caritas. Thank you very much!

Elize and Brandon van Eeden from **Uzwela Foundation** (below left) made up Easter parcels for our residents. With them are residents Devon Moss, Stiaan Hattingh and Marius Bekker. Thank you very much!

Carel Janse van Vuuren once again donated mince to Casa Caritas this month. Meat is a huge expense for us, and we are sincerely grateful.



Uzwela
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We were also blessed with a donation of several boxes of Easter eggs by a mother and daughter (below). Unfortunately, delivery took place during a traumatic event and although we took a picture (below) we didn't write down their names. We appreciate you very, very much.



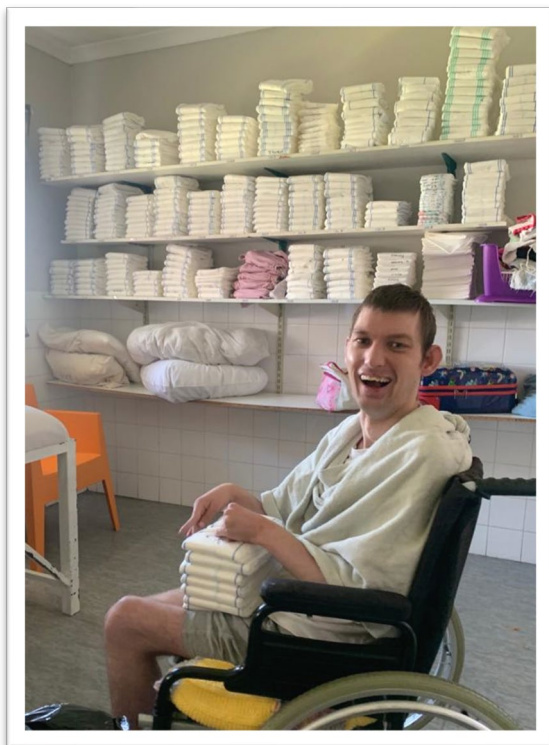
Life at Casa Caritas

“Casa Caritas is always busy and has ups and downs, but staff find their strength in the Joy of the Lord”, says Housemother Wourene Roux who captured these precious joyous moments:

Jayden du Toit likes to keep her company while she packs cupboards in the bathroom (right).

Devon Moss helps her to pack the nappies (below).

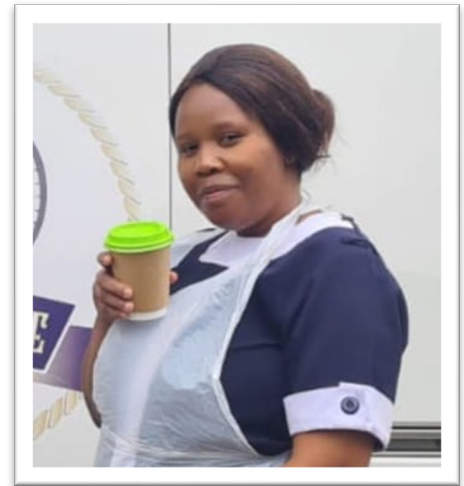
Assistant CEO Chantell Kriel sets the work ethic example of humbly sitting on the floor to tidy up cabinets (below right).



Celebrations!

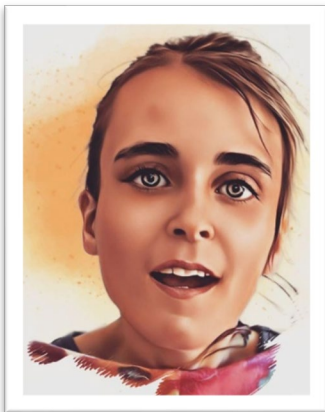
Care worker Thembi Nzombela gave birth to a darling baby girl on 25 April 2023. Her name is Skwandokuhle Aulander. Mother and daughter are both doing well.

Welcome to the Casa Caritas family,
Skwandokuhle!

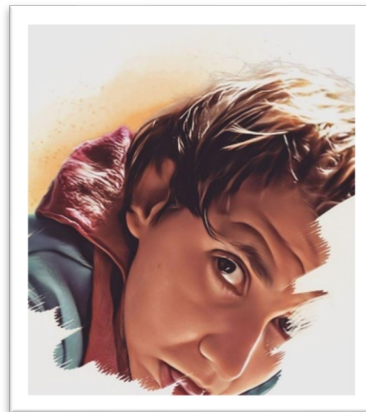


Happy Birthday!

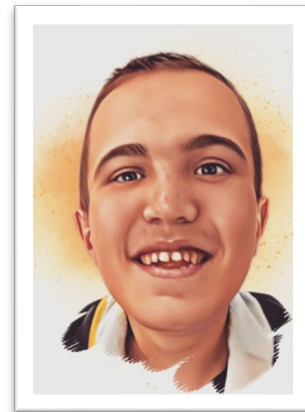
Lene Steynberg (19)
4 April 2023



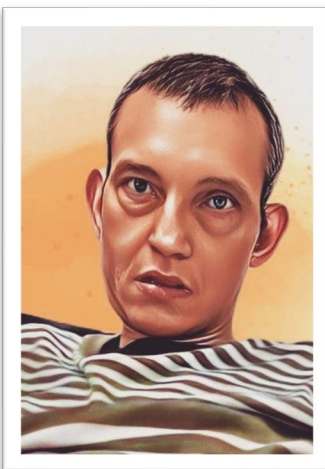
Samantha Gray (32)
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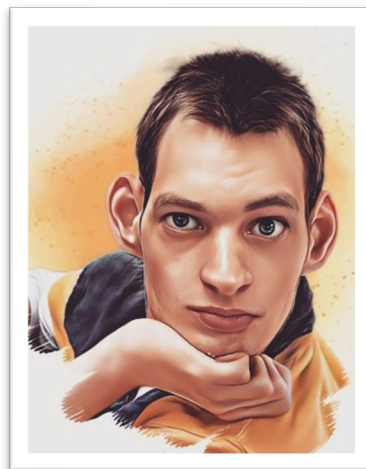
Jayden du Toit (15)
15 April 2023



Phillip Vercueil (45)
20 April 2023



Stiaan Hattingh (25)
25 April 2023



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Casa Carita has vacant rooms for residents as well as space for day visitors. Applications for individuals 14 years and younger who are both physically and mentally handicapped, are welcome.

Each applicant is evaluated on merit.

Apply to ceo@casacaritas.org.za.



There will be a jumble sale at Casa Caritas on Saturday 27th May 2023. Pre-loved clothes, books, household and other items will be marked to go. Please support us on this day. You are also welcome to donate those useful items in your home you are not using anymore to be sold on the day.