



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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Farewell letter from Adri and Johan

Dear Casa Caritas family and friends

It is a privilege to write this letter to you in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer of Casa Caritas. Johan and I already crossed paths with the Home in 2003 with the care of a young resident and then again in 2009 when I started working here. My 14 years at Casa flew past and we have enough memories to last a lifetime.



Thank you to my husband Johan for his prayers, love for Casa Caritas, and support during my time here. Together we experienced a significant and precious journey.

Since my appointment as Operations Manager in May 2009 and then as CEO in 2013 the support and help from the Board helped me to fulfil my role. I learned and grew the whole way, and I am grateful to all the Board members for their guidance.

I would like to give my sincerest thanks to Sister Bongki and the employees for your cooperation and love over the years, and the compassion with which you care for our residents. Each one of you fulfil a role that makes

Casa Caritas the exceptional Home it is today. Please continue to strive for excellence.

Thank you to our parents and guardians for the trust you have put in me and the Casa Caritas team to care for your loved ones. Life took us through good and bad times. Difficult decisions had to be made at times and changes had to be implemented. Together we braced the COVID pandemic - praying, laughing, crying, and growing together by the grace of God. It is during difficult times that people and institutions are defined. My heartfelt thanks for your love, friendship, inputs, and contributions to my life.

An institution such as Casa Caritas cannot function without the support of the community, donors and sponsors. Thank you for making it possible for Casa Caritas to do provide quality care and to become a 50-year-old monument in our region.

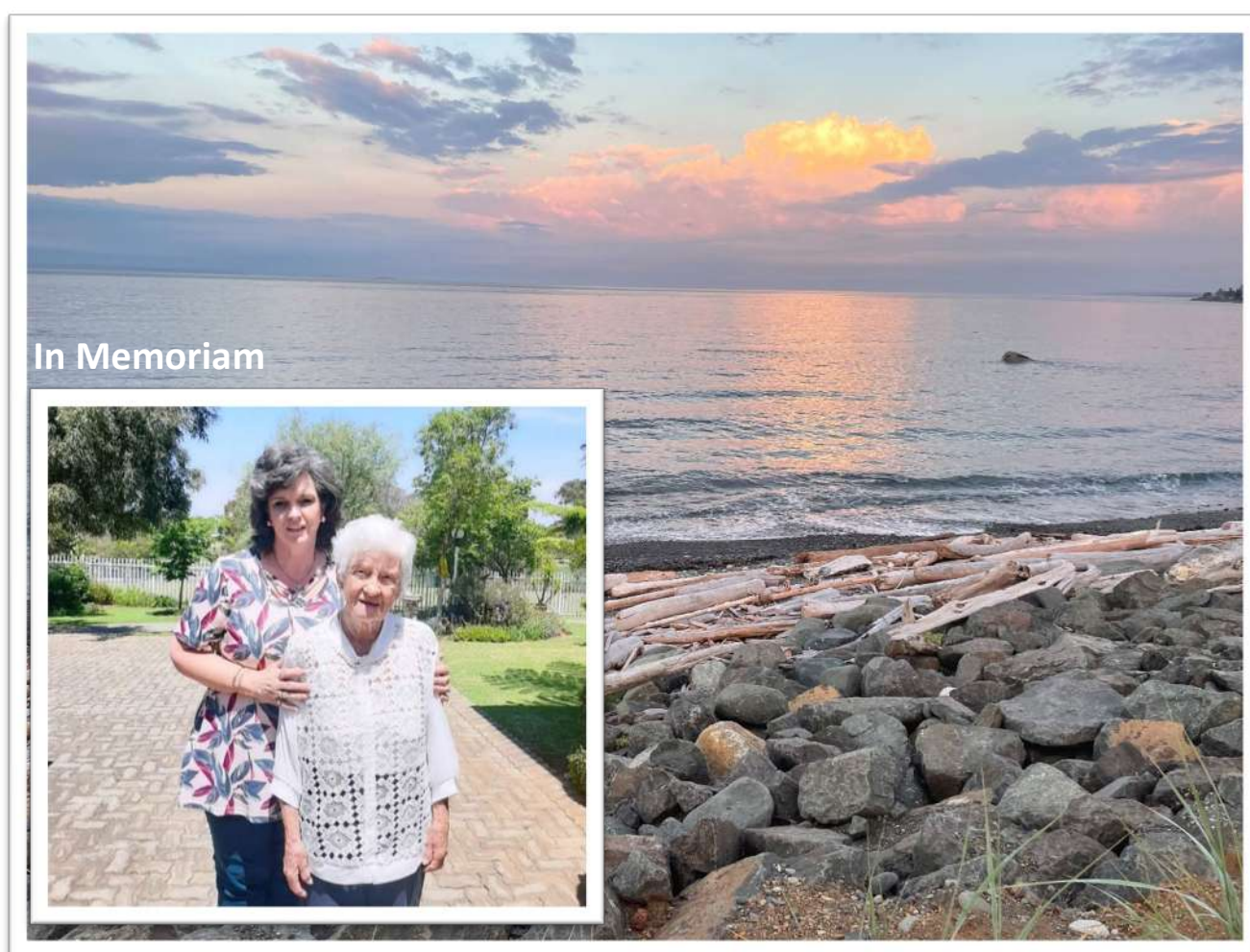
I wish Chantell Kriel, Casa Caritas' new CEO who is taking over the leadership of the team, all of the best. I am looking forward to seeing you take Casa Caritas to new heights.

May the love and peace of our Heavenly Father stay with all of you. We say goodbye and thank you. It was a privilege!

Adri & Johan

Adri is retiring and leaves Casa Caritas at the end of August 2023. We are sad to see her go after such a long time of dedicated and selfless service. At the same time, we are happy to celebrate her success as CEO and to wish her and Johan the best for their future.

Chantell Kriel will take over as CEO.



In Memoriam

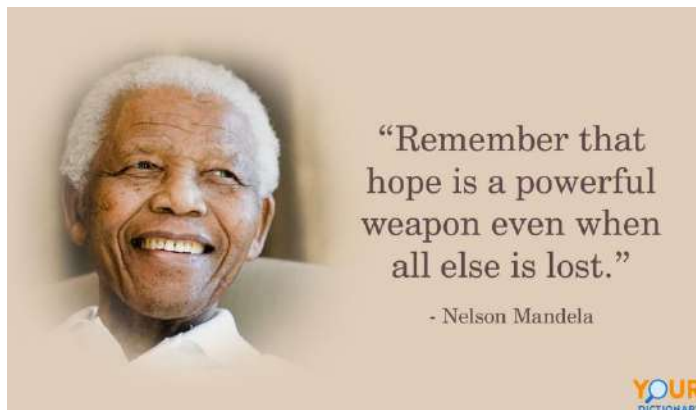
The first Superintendent and CEO of Casa Caritas, Mrs Joan Muller, passed away peacefully on 26 July 2023. Mrs Muller continued to visit Casa Caritas regularly and she attended many events. We remember her with great respect. Above: Adri Kruger with Mrs Muller.

Casa Carita has vacant rooms for residents as well as space for day visitors. Applications for individuals 14 years and younger are welcome. They must be both physically and mentally handicapped. Each applicant is evaluated on merit. Apply to ceo@casacaritas.org.za.

Mandela Day, 18th July 2023

Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated each year on his birthday. The day was officially declared as a day of remembrance by the United Nations. It is an annual global reminder of Madiba's values that created transformation not only in South Africa, but globally.

In South Africa the day is a call to action for individuals, communities, and organisations to donate 67 minutes of their time to make a difference.



As an NGO we are the grateful recipients of visits, projects, and donations on Mandela Day. We hope to mention all the initiatives. If we missed anyone, please be assured of our deepest gratitude for everyone who cares for Casa Caritas.



Cash donation challenge

One set of parents donated R670,00 and challenged other parents and board members to do the same or better. Eight parents and board members responded to the challenge and a total of R10 000,00 was raised.

The biggest donation that resulted from this challenge was from Ettienne Coetzee (right), father of resident Wickus, who donated R5 000,00. Thank you very much!



Thank you very much to the companies below for their Mandela Day donations:



Steris came to introduce their new employees Thabo Sangweni, Tumelo Ralekgoggo, Tshina Ramanyimi, and Thabo Mokoena. They brought a donation of toiletries and groceries. Thank you very much!



Sky Washing Powder donated much needed detergent for our ton-a-week washing. Below: Shandr  Sund, Adri Kruger and Dianne Van Zyl.



Expert Cleaning Services washed our carpets and loose mats. Thank you to Albert Herbst.



Expert Pest Control donated their time and chemicals for pest and rodent control in and around the Home. Thank you to Sean Grobler.

Thank you very much to GIG Motors for their donation of food from Makro. Below: Rieke from GIG (middle) with Adri and Natanya from Casa Caritas.



FFS Refiners staff always show up with lots of balloons, groceries and toiletries. They are a happy bunch of people who always bring sunshine to Casa Caritas. Thank you!

Left: Phelalani Mpungose, Rhulani Mnyuku, Nozipho Mohale, Nic Daniels, Modula Damane and Treasure Mahlangu.



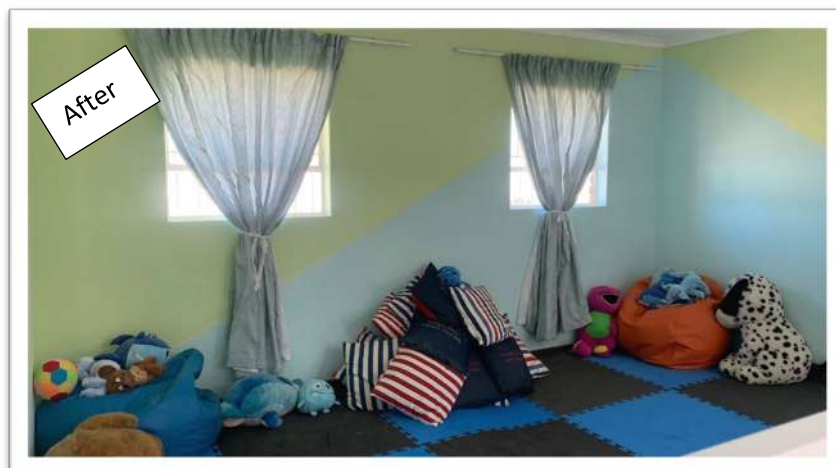
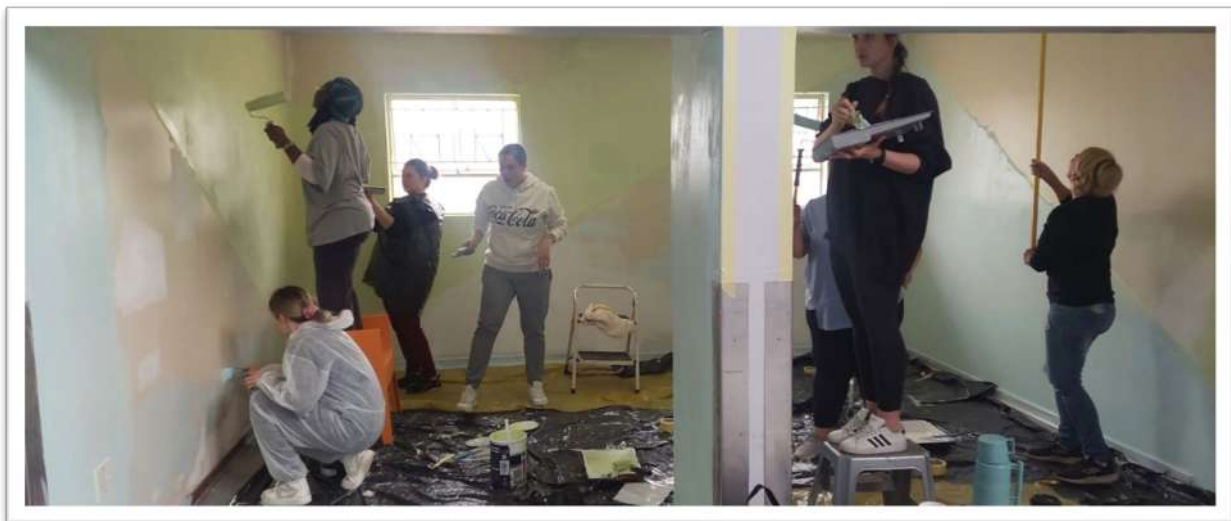
Casa Caritas received the long-awaited help to renovate our soft room when Spark Media took it on as their Mandela Day project.



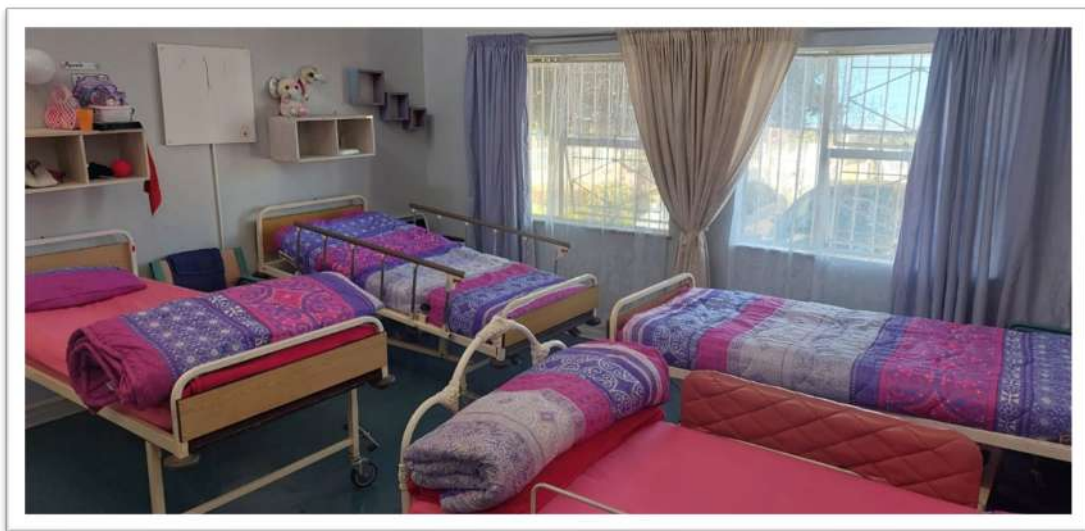
Contractor Brian Bridle, his wife Shandr , and two sons Luke left and David (seated in the wheelchair) offered their family time to do the demolition that was needed to prepare the soft room for Spark media. Thank you!



Below: Leigh Uys, Phillippa Schaefer, Bridgette Manamela, Tracy Schloesser, Mariette Coetsee and Nastassja Erasmus hard at work. Thank you!



Windscreen distributors' employees brought their families to redecorate Ilonka Steyn and Ronele Pubalaken's rooms with beautiful results. Thank you, we are deeply grateful. In the back is Julian, Brittney, Marlene, Elizabeth, Milton, Hannes, Elaine, Elizma, Charl, Jaco & Nelmarie. In front is Chantal, Esme, Tanya, Bronwyn.



Casa Caritas 50th birthday celebration

Our 50th anniversary is on the 4th of October. The official celebration will be held on 4th October 2023. Invitations to parents, guardians, benefactors and board members will be sent out personally. Please keep the date open.

SISTER VACANCY

Casa Caritas currently has a vacancy for a full-time qualified nursing sister. A medicine dispensing licence is essential. Previous experience working with mentally and physically handicapped people will be an advantage.

Please apply to ceo@casacaritas.org.za.

World Chocolate Day

Our staff were each treated to a slab of chocolate on 7 July 2023 to celebrate this special day. From left to right are Florence, Friedda, Salaminah, Jeanette, Albert, Sister Bonggi, Johanna Temo, Margaret, Rejoice, Josephina Mabona and Rose.



Welcome

We would like to introduce Albert Shoba who has successfully completed his probation and is now a permanent member of the Casa Caritas family. He replaced Grace Ramaripa who retired in April. Albert received care worker training at Arwyp hospital and did his practical work at Casa. Growing up he always wanted to work in the Health Services industry. He lives in Tembisa with his parents and brother. Welcome, Albert!



Farewell

Sister Bonggi Ndlovu has resigned and will be leaving Casa Caritas at the end of August 2023. She has been our Nursing Sister for the past two years. She will be remembered for her optimism and energy. The residents loved her dance moves and fun and joy she brought into the Home. We are all going to miss you!

We have an urgent vacancy for a full-time Nursing Sister. See the advertisement on the previous page.



Jumble Sale

Our first jumble sale of the year took place on 1st July 2023. We had a variety of patrons on the day, and we are satisfied with the funds raised.



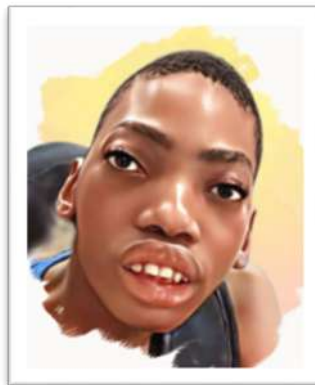
We would like to request donations of second-hand household items. Our store, Something Blue, is currently low on stock.

Happy Birthday

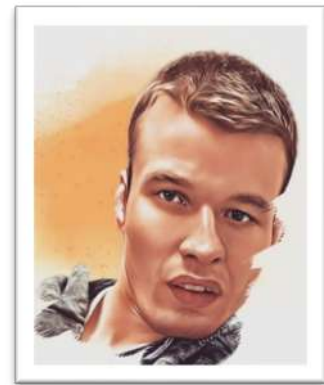
Johan Boersema (37)
8 June 2023



Lizizi Ndima (15)
14 July 2023



Wickus Coetzee (26)
25 July 2023



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Angie Diedericks Suicide Prevention Program

“THIS TOO SHALL PASS”

(King Solomon-1852)

This free program assists South African adolescents aged 12 to 18 years who have suicidal thoughts and are in crisis. It is dedicated to Angie Diedericks, who was only 16 when she, sadly, took her own life. Visit our website if you need help – you will find WhatsApp and E-Mail links to counsellors. Remember:

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with Persons with Disabilities

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