



Child Welfare Tshwane



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Dear Friends of Child Welfare Tshwane

The theme of Mandela Day this July was **#Unite against poverty**. In the words of Mr Mandela himself: **“Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.”**

What a special experience it was for staff from Child Welfare Tshwane's Head Office to also this year have an opportunity to reach out to the community with soup, toys and blankets. We visited the Elandspoor Community with hearty chicken soup, kindly donated by the Capital Hotel School, and offered warmth, a smile and hugs to a community in need. And it was indeed a blessing to see how this small act from a few people brought hope – albeit



for only one day - to people who live in a forgotten part of our City.

The challenge however remains. Will we be the generation to bring the change that will help people overcome poverty? Will we inspire the children to work hard and to achieve so they can bring great innovation, create new opportunities and give hope in time to come? At Child Welfare

Tshwane, we aim to create safe communities and safe homes where children can grow up and prosper. For when a child is safe and prosperous, the child will accept the challenge life brings. We a child grows up with love in a caring environment, they too will know how to care and give love.

Many beneficiaries of Child Welfare Tshwane were blessed this Mandela Day when several organisations – The Water Commission, Tax Ombudsman, Concerned Citizens, Hahn & Hahn, PSA, Rosebank College and others spent their 67 minutes at our service points. Blankets and soup, toys and clothes were distributed to those



vulnerable members of society that need it most.

But we have also been called upon to intervene in the lives of five new-born babies who had in the past week been abandoned by their mothers. Abandonment can be linked to many reasons, and poverty is one of these reasons. A young mother, who knows she simply will not be able to care for her young child, opt to abandon the baby with the hope that someone will find the child and give it a better life.

We also need to be the generation to educate the young ladies about the options they have in terms of contraception, the choice of what happens to the baby once its born and where to get help if you are in this position. Because only then will we effect change for the generation to come. We will help them start their time in a loving and caring home – because Child Welfare Tshwane is pro-life and our Adoption unit find suitable parents for abandoned babies.



I hope you spent time this July, spreading some hope and care around, to celebrate Mandela Day. I thank each member of the community who tried – as one you may not feel you have made an impact, but our joint efforts will certainly ignite a wave of change.

Until next month,

Linda
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Please join us in the

Enchanted Garden

for the 9th annual Titans Charity Ball

presented by

FIREFLY

FOUNDATION

in association with Tyger Valley College
in aid of

Child Welfare Tshwane

Sat 9 Sept 18:30 for 19:00

Tyger Valley College, Graham Rd Pretoria

Tables seat 10 at R10500

Dress code: Strictly Formal in 50 Shades of Green

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You're invited

Please join us with Dr Denise Muller that will present a talk on

Early Life Stress: Long term impact on health. Brain and body integration.

Thursday, 7 September 2017

NG Church Stella Street
158 Stella Street, Waterkloof

9:00

Please RSVP before/ on 30 August 2017
info@childwelfare.co.za/ 012 460 9236

Please note that a short Annual General Meeting will take place.

Annual General Meeting

Celest van Niekerk, Chairperson of the Board, takes pleasure in inviting you to the 99th annual general meeting of Child Welfare Tshwane. We will table our annual report and results of the year, inform you about the successful transition into a new business model within the Organisation and share with you our goals for the next term.

Nominations

Nominations for the Board of Management Members should reach the Nomination Committee of Child Welfare Tshwane, franco@childwelfare.co.za, before or on 30 August 2017 at 18:00. Please note: Only paid-up members may nominate members or be nominated to serve on the Board of Management (See attached forms).

Points of discussion

- Report of the Board • Financial Statements • Appointing of Auditors • Tabling and adoption of Annual Report.
- Resolutions for discussion should reach Child Welfare Tshwane, franco@childwelfare.co.za before 17 August 2017.

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Should you wish to make a donation towards Child Welfare Tshwane, you welcome to use the Zapper code