



Bethesda

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HOLLYWOODBETS



All the CYCC children received rain jackets!



Captain Courage

Bethesda recently embarked on a new partnership with "Reach for a Dream".

They are involved in making dreams come true for children with life-limiting/life-threatening illnesses. Their first project at Bethesda took 4 of our younger boys on a Captain Courage adventure to Sedgefield. During this day the boys were spoilt with special activities, snacks and treats. They enjoyed every minute and we are looking forward to many more dreams coming true for our little patients.

The **2014 NGO Games** was sponsored by our partners, Rotary Club of George. The day was filled with loads of fun for one and all. NGO games 2014 was a combined event this year with the 85th Birthday Celebration of our Child-and Youth Care Centre. The results of the Games were as follows: **Runners Up** - Netball - **SEVEN PASSES**/Touch Rugby - **BETHESDA**/Tug-of-War - **LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICES**
WINNING TEAMS - Netball & Touch Rugby - **SPORTS ACADEMY GEORGE**/Tug-of-War - **BETHESDA**



ESKOM Funding - Changes



We utilised this funding for some changes and upgrades in our Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). A dry wall was put up and the new area is now being used for Meetings/IDT's & Family Conferences, thus addressing a big need in the ICF. The Children's Ward was also renovated with a new coat of paint, varnished floors and a cozy corner filled with educational toys to be enjoyed by all the young patients.



+ Glenwood House = School Clothes

Glenwood School donated part of their My School reward to Bethesda. We decided to use these funds to purchase school clothes for our children in the Child-and Youth Care Centre for 2015.

FHSSA now Global Partners in Care

Global Partners in Care is the reimagined, redesigned & re-inspired organization that was formerly known as FHSSA. They are dedicated to improving access to hospice & Palliative Care worldwide where the need is great & the resources are few. We are glad to be part of this network, specifically linked to our hospice partner VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Miami-Dade. This network creates partnerships in other countries which allows us to engage, learn & provide support to each other.

We were very fortunate to receive a wheelchair from the International Police Association, Garden Route. This wheelchair will be used in our ICF.





Christmas Blessings



Father Christmas aka Renaldo Coetzee, along with some friends visited our CYCC. Each child received a "shoe-box" gift, was treated with delicious curry & rice, cake & an entertaining program. This is the 2nd project Renaldo did in 2014, the 1st was a fun-filled "Braai-day" for all the children. We received bags full of donations & the kids played games the whole day.



DISCHEM OLD MUTUAL

The staff from Dischem brought each child in the CYCC a special gift for Christmas. They also enjoyed cupcakes after they opened their gifts.



A group from Old Mutual ensured that all the clients of Bethesda were spoilt for Christmas. The Patients, CYCC & Wikkeldurms. Funding was used to purchase various items for all the divisions. The CYCC & Wikkeldurms were also treated with cake & ice lollies during the visit.



WIKKELWURMS TREATED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY TO REMEMBER



A very special group of ladies, who have been involved with the Wikkeldurms for years, made sure all the kiddies end the year with a huge BASH! They hosted a wonderful Christmas party at the Eden Congregation. A plate of colourful, delicious treats awaited all the kids, followed by a "show", gifts from Santa & then train rides, fun & games. Each child received a bag of groceries to take home & the mummies of the kids also received a special bag filled with pamper items. What a blessing!!



During the 4th Term a Parent Meeting was held for the Wikkeldurms parents. 32 parents attended & various matters of importance were discussed.

BETHESDA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize winner
Johann Winterbach



2nd Prize winner
Hester Terblanche



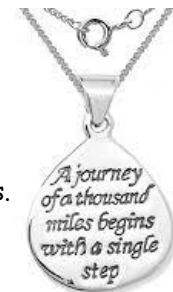
3rd Prize winner
Ricardo Botha



A TRUE STORY OF A BRAVE LITTLE SOLDIER'S JOURNEY WITH BETHESDA



"In the community of George a little 7 year old girl resides. Our Home Based Care program dedicated to visit her and see her grow old. Due to her development delays they feel to refer her to Wikkeldurms is the only way. Here the opportunities were so much more and the need for intensive medical and psycho-social interventions are identified. So her journey continues and placed in our Intermediate Care Facility she lives with us. Here her needs are clearly seen.....the next step we are at the end of this hill..... Medically stable and happy as can be she is now placed in our CYCC for residential, therapeutic care, growing each day due to a true example of the continuum of care."



Mission accomplished as our vision is **TO PROVIDE HOLISTIC, COMPASSIONATE AND SUSTAINABLE CARE THAT IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE**

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