



# Bethesda



## NEWSLETTER

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# CHANGES

There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the **right direction**. -Winston Churchill  
To **improve** is to change; to be **perfect** is to change **often**. -Winston Churchill

With the every-present focus on sustainability Bethesda has made some small and some radical **CHANGES** during the years. We have tried to keep all our friends, partners and staff updated as we implemented these **CHANGES** and explained the benefits of it. Today we thought to take a simple example and highlight these **CHANGES** on our NEW "Fact Sheet" below. It seems like small words and figures but at Bethesda we get to experience and see the **SIGNIFICANT** difference every day. All these **CHANGES** are to the benefit our community and clients, creating the opportunity to truly broaden our **VISION** to provide *holistic, compassionate and sustainable care that IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE.*



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Intermediate Care Facility – Home Based Care Program – Child and Youth Care Centre

**"The vision of BETHESDA is to provide holistic, compassionate and sustainable care that improves quality of life."**

### ~ Facts ~ Facts ~ Facts ~

Bethesda was established in 2000.  
We are **NPO** (nr: 020-521-NPO) and a **Section 18 (A)** company.  
We have a **5\*\*\*\*\*-recognition** from the Hospice Association of SA (HPCA) for Patient Care and Governance; as well as intermediate accreditation from **The Council of Health Services Accreditation of SA (COHSASA)**

**We deliver services in George and Uniondale.**

We have **135 staff** members.

We have a **Board of Directors** that oversees the organization, governance, decisions and planning.  
The **CEO and a Management committee** are responsible for the day-to-day operational aspects.

We have more than **6 000 patient/community member contacts on a monthly basis.**

We do more than **1 800 home/community visits a month.**

More than **40%** of our interventions are towards **children.**

More than **30%** of our beneficiaries are **infected** by HIV/AIDS/TB.

More than **60%** of our beneficiaries are **affected** by HIV/AIDS/TB.

More than **50%** of our beneficiaries have **cancer/life-limiting- or life-threatening illnesses/diseases of lifestyle.**

We have a **Holistic Care** approach: medical, rehabilitative, developmental, spiritual, psycho-social and family support.

We have **3 MAIN divisions:** **Intermediate Care Facility (ICF); Home Community Based Care (HCBC)** in George and Uniondale; **Child and Youth Care Centre (CYCC).**

The **ICF** has 36 beds (including 8 children's beds) and delivers in-patient Palliative-, Sub-acute- and Rehabilitation/Restorative care.

The **HCBC** division visits community members in their own homes to do Household Health Screenings and to promote Comprehensive Health, Wellness and Self-Management.

The **CYCC** delivers Developmental- and Rehabilitative services to **38 children** legally placed in our residential care.

Our **Support Service divisions** include a Kitchen, Laundry, Maintenance, Transport, Security and Admin.

We have a **Wheelchair repair workshop** that repairs and services government-issued wheelchairs.

We have a **Development/Early Intervention Program** for 18month- to 6yr-olds that is called the Wikkeldworms.

We **care for our patients with-out cost** to the patients or their families.

Our total **operational costs** are more than **R 10,794 million** per year.

Even though we do receive some **funding from the government**, we cannot survive on it alone.

We have an active **Fundraising Initiative and Projects Department**; and we raise **funds/donations/CSI allocations** from the general public, corporate donors and other funding partners. All **Donations** are appreciated.

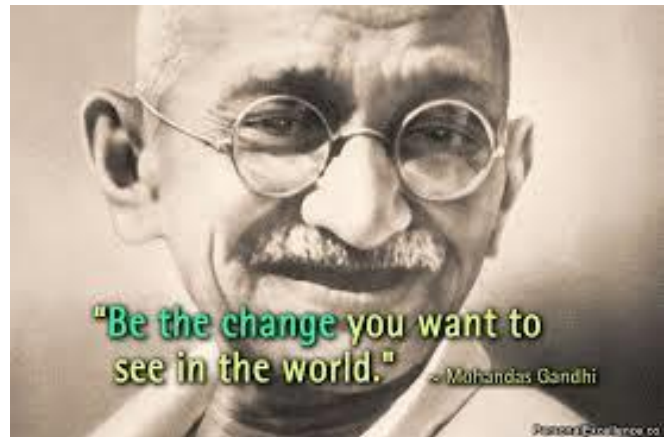
We have a Comprehensive **Needs List** that indicates urgent needs per division and thus guides Fundraising.

We have a **Charity Shop** on the premises that sells secondhand-goods and also provides some additional income.

We encourage people to remember Bethesda in their **wills**.

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