



Bethesda Newsletter



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From their point of view.....

Introduction:

"My name is Jan Houtman. I am a Dutch/South African Psychologist. I started as a volunteer in May and am now temporally employed here at Bethesda."



What was your first impression of Bethesda?

"My first impression was CARING PEOPLE - with care for the patients. A group of DEDICATED staff members."

What did you learn since you started at Bethesda?

"Interestingly as the name suggested from the Biblical bath of Bethesda, I haven't met anyone without problems from clients to staff, which actually makes it a good place to be - where people are people."

Identify a strong point of the organization.

"You are neatly positioned in the community, where you are able to render desperately needed specialized care and services."

In conclusion (from OUR point of view):

"Regarding the children in the Child-and Youth Care Centre I can honestly say that Jan's input is of great value. In the past when evaluating or doing sessions with the children the only input I had was from the Child Care Workers and often my opinion/experience of the child was different. Now by being able to refer the children to Jan and getting his professional input we can work on a program together which is in the best interest of the child."

Jo-Anne Kleynhans - Social Worker



Introduction:

"I am Dr AW de Villiers, Medical Officer and I assist Bethesda two days a week."

What was your first impression of Bethesda?

"After years of private practice Bethesda was really an eye opener. It was very clear from the beginning the effort that the people can put in for the physical, psychological and spiritual well-being of the destitute people. Everybody leaves thankful."

What did you learn since you started at Bethesda?

"At first it was just a building you pass by or hear of. Now by being involved makes one realize that a living organism - such as Bethesda - has got a beautiful insight."

Identify a strong point of the organization.

"The community based support for George and the Eden area."

In conclusion (from OUR point of view):

"From the day Dr de Villiers started at Bethesda he naturally fitted in with the whole team. His understanding of the concept of Bethesda was immediate and spot on. This is a doctor with a bedside manner and knowledge that is invaluable. He communicates with patients and families on a level like no other and it's clear that he does not only treat the sickness or body but has a holistic approach. We are very lucky to have such a dynamic doctor as part of our team."

Sr Louw - Clinical Manager

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