

# September 2019 Newsletter

## Operation Christmas Angels...



With Christmas just around the corner, it reminds us to look back over this past year and take note of all that has been done. Our staff, whom we like to refer to as the Care Centre's "angels", have worked tirelessly and selflessly to care for those who cannot care for themselves. Many of our staff face their own personal challenges, but when they come to work they put those aside and focus on the patients and their needs. In a community where poverty is rampant, it's not just the patients who come to us that suffer from this. As a non-profit organisation, where financial benefits are so few and far between, we would love to be able to bless our staff and their families this Christmas with gifts that can make their Christmas happy, special and memorable.

## Can you help our Angels this Christmas?

Please follow this link to watch a short video... <https://youtu.be/6w9eUso2FpI>



# Farewells

Saying farewell to people can come in many forms.

This past month we said farewell to three incredibly special and faithful volunteers who went home to be with Jesus. We miss them, but we know their joy is now complete.

Frank Honey was a spiritual volunteer at the Care Centre. Graham Henry and Barbara Johnson were faithful prayer partners for many years. Their contribution to the work of the Care Centre was immeasurable and we cannot fully express the gap that has been left by them.

We said goodbye to two staff members...

Staff Nurse Elizabeth Nzama and Caregiver Carson Nzimande retired at the end of August. We thank them for their hard work over the years and wish them the very best for their future.



# Visitors

We've had many visitors over this past month, both local and international.

A team from the International School of Zug and Luzerne in Switzerland visited us bringing with them food parcels for each staff member. They also spent time with the patients and gave attention to so many who don't have anyone to visit them. This team of high school students was a pleasure to host.



Every year we have the privilege of hosting about 90 learners and their leaders from the Rotary Youth Leadership Course. Sharon has the opportunity to speak to these ambitious young learners about the concept of “Servant Leadership”. Afterwards, the group visits with the patients and they always bless us with their beautiful singing. Every year it touches not only the student’s lives, but that of the patients and staff as well.



We were thrilled to have Amie Gimon, all the way from America, volunteering with us for a few days. With high qualifications and a lot of experience in the medical field, she was a real asset to our nursing team. She assisted Lucy Morrison, our Nursing Services Manager, as well as conduct in-service training for our nursing staff.



Due to the funding of two generous donors, we were able to install a few new light fixtures into the wards. We were also able to purchase new kitchen equipment and utensils for our catering staff.



It was an exciting moment when Busi walked in. Busi used to be a patient at the Care Centre and due to the treatment and care she received here, and the skills she developed, Busi is now healthy and has her own skills business, making and selling beadwork. What a testimony she is to the work of the Care Centre.



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