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CHESHIRE HOME SUMMERSTRAND (like us on Facebook)

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

ONCE UPON A TIME...

A boy was watching his grandmother write a letter. At one point he asked: "Are you writing a story about what we've done? Is it a story about me?"

His grandmother stopped writing her letter and said to her grandson: "I am writing about you, actually, but more important than the words *is the pencil I'm using*. I hope you will be like this pencil when you grow up."

Intrigued, the boy looked at the pencil. It didn't seem very special. "But it's just like any other pencil I've ever seen!"

"That depends on how you look at things. It has five qualities which, if you manage to hang on them, will make you a person who is always at **peace with the world.**"

"First quality: you are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand guiding your steps. We call that hand God, and **He always guides us** according to His will."

"Second quality: now and then, I have to stop writing and use a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, he's much sharper. So you too, must **learn to bear certain pains and sorrows**, because they will make you a better person."

"Third quality: the pencil always allows us to use an eraser to **rub out any mistakes**. This means that correcting something we did is not necessarily a bad thing, it helps to keep us on the road to justice."

"Fourth quality: what really matters in a pencil is not its wooden exterior, but the graphite inside. So always **pay attention to what is happening inside you.**"

"Finally, the pencil's fifth quality: it always **leaves a mark**. In just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action."

Such profound messages in a simple story that speak to our residents, our volunteers, our staff and our extended family. Especially, the fifth quality of the pencil – leaving a mark.

I am often asked by a resident: Why am I like this? Why me? And I often say you have made your special mark in the hearts of everyone around you – you have purpose – in so many ways. Your mark is your uniqueness, your greatness, and the talents which you have learnt that able bodied persons don't always possess – like patience, tolerance, capabilities, skills, faith and acceptance. You are incredible!

You have been asked to bear pains and sorrows, but you can change the way you look at life by using your story to give hope and uplift others, who are fighting similar battles.

To all our loyal **donors**, far and wide, thank you for leaving your mark by always thinking of us, and always reaching out to make this life special, and for changing our lives. Without you this would not be possible. You are amazing!

To my staff – teamwork makes the dream work! We have come a long way in the last 15 months...and we still have a way to go. But thank you for your mark of loyalty, dedication and understanding when frustration levels run high, and doubt and fear runs deep. You are special!

As always, stay safe, and stay well! Love always,

DEIDRE BURGER

FUNDRAISING REPORT (MAY 2021)

FUNDRAISING:

WOT NOT SHOP	R 18 727
CLOTHES GALORE	R 18 685
BOOKS	R 3 092
COFFEE SHOP	R 1 611
SCRAP STEEL	R 159
LORENZO	R 250
WHEELCHAIR DONATION	R 200
LOCHNERS TIN	R 462
GOLF DAY	R 36 065

DONATIONS:

PATRICIA FOURIE	R 1 700
XEROX EC	R 8 500
K SUBRAMONY	R 100
FAT QUARTED (IMO MRS TZEMIS)	R 450
ESTATE LATE GOUWS	R 77 993
MAXI JACHENS	R 300
MY SCHOOL CARD	R 591
ROSSER CHARITY TRUST	R 4 379
GFM UNITED PRAYER	R 5 000

“WOKS FOR WHEELS” A WELFIT ODDY PROJECT

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R400 each



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As an able bodied person you are potentially a part of every disabled person's environment, an environment that can be as hostile, neutral or welcoming as you make it. Please make the adaptations needed to interact with disabled people in a positive way – it is well worth the effort.

COVID-19 LOCKDOWN LEVEL 4 RESTRICTIONS TO CONTINUE AT CHESHIRE HOME SUMMERSTRAND

- **No visitors allowed** to the Home – **only** at the **pedestrian gate**.
- Please maintain a **2m distance** when visiting at the gate.
- **No visitors allowed inside** the Home at all.
- Staff and residents are still to **wear masks and carry sanitizer** with them at all times.
- **Daily screening of staff** continues to take place. Entry processes still in place.
- Residents wishing to go out for **recreational purposes** – even for a few hours – will **HAVE** to quarantine for 10 days upon their return to the Home
- Only **medical visits will be allowed**
- Residents wishing to go out for a **holiday or a day** – will also need to quarantine for 10 days upon their return
- **Parcels** coming into the Home to be **handled only by Staff members** – so that the goods can be sanitized properly before entering the Home
- **Donations for the shops** very much **allowed** – the items will be sanitized and then stored for resale
- The **Charity Shops** will be **temporarily closed until Saturday 17 July**
- We are taking all necessary precautions, and ask that we all pray for the safety and protection of our Home – staff, residents and service providers.
- Thank you again for understanding our urgency and need to **protect our residents**.

THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **KLINICARE SUMMERSTRAND** AND **ROMAN'S PIZZA SUMMERSTRAND** FOR SPONSORING PRIZES FOR OUR BINGO MORNING WITH RESIDENTS ON 25 JUNE. IT WAS GREAT HAVING ALL THE BINGO RESIDENTS TOGETHER AGAIN FOR A FEW ROUNDS – WE JUST MISSED SEEING ALL OUR REGULAR BINGO VISITORS!

RESIDENTS' ACTIVITIES (JUNE 2021):

- * **Arts & crafts** on Wednesday mornings with Nicole and Sam.
- * **Rummikub** and **Dominoes** - a few residents regularly got together to challenge each other.
- * Weekly **Bible study** sessions on Thursday mornings with Gill and Denzil
- * **Golf lessons** with **Graeme Whale Golf Academy** on Monday mornings.
- * **Dolphin Gavel Club** meeting with Bob & Liz Bullock on 24 June.
- * **Bingo morning** on 25 June which everyone present thoroughly enjoyed!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Amanda Lupoko (Care Worker)
6 th	Carol Blyth (Shop Volunteer)
6 th	Jacorine Kriel
11 th	Vee JV Rensburg (Shop Volunteer)
14 th	Sandy Oliveto (Volunteer)
15 th	Monica Peter (Care Worker)
23 rd	Mandisa Balani
23 rd	Evan Davies
23 rd	Lafras Moolman

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"Helping others is rewarding. There is a joy that comes from being there when others have needs. There is a happiness that comes from making the difference between a problem and a solution."

~Jim Smoke~

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS PROJECT

Since late last year, **Rotary Club of Algoa Bay** has been partnering with **Bread Tags for Wheelchairs** to provide wheelchairs for the disadvantaged in our local community. Bread Tags for Wheelchairs is a Cape Town based organisation that has been recycling **bread tags** and **bottle tops** since 2006 and using the proceeds to fund wheelchairs.

Since 2018, collection and recycling of bread tags has been taking place in Australia and New Zealand as well, increasing the funds available. We heard about the organisation from Jenny Cooper, who grew up in PE, emigrated to Australia and later started Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. Jenny was the guest speaker at one of our meetings and it was great to hear how South Africans, Australians and New Zealanders are all working together to recycle plastic and to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Bread Tags for Wheelchairs would be interested in working with other Rotary clubs to provide wheelchairs to their local communities. To find out more, you can email Jenny on aussiebreadtags@gmail.com

See also <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/> and <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>
(ARTICLE BY VERNON NAIDOO – COMMUNITY SERVICE – ROTARY CLUB OF ALGOA BAY)

COLLECTION POINT

Cheshire Home Summerstrand is a collection point for **bottle tops and bread tags**, as this has bearing on the support of the physically disabled cause that we drive and support.

When a certain weight is collected, a **wheelchair is made available to a worthy recipient**. This is also driven and supported by the **Rotary Club of Algoa Bay**. Please support this wonderful project!

*** We have already collected about 6 barrels of bottle tops/bread tags for the Bread Tags for Wheelchairs project.

300 CLUB 2021

Our 300 Club fees are a **once-off payment** of **R120 per year**. There are **monthly draws** of **R300 (1st)**, **R150 (2nd)**, and **R75 (3rd)** for members!

We are aiming **to have 300 members for 2021** and we already have **105 members** to date (6 July)!

At the end of each year one lucky member stand the chance of winning **R1 000!**

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE & SEE ATTACHED 300 CLUB FORM FOR 2021!

300 CLUB WINNERS (JUNE):

1. E & M VAN DER VYVER (50)
2. LIZ BULLOCK (113)
3. JACO BUYS (36)

DONATIONS (MAY/JUNE 2021):

- * NUMEROUS DONATIONS OF "GIFTS IN KIND" FROM **VARIOUS DONORS** FOR THE RESIDENTS AND CHARITY SHOPS
- * **DIESEL** FROM **SASOL SUMMERSTRAND**
- * **YOGURT AND MILK** FROM **COMMUNITY CHEST PE**
- * **BIRD SEED** FROM **CAMPBELL FEED & SEED**
- * **VARIOUS GOODS FOR WOT NOT SHOP** FROM **CHECKERS GREENACRES**
- * **SHELVES AND CUPBOARD DOOR FOR BOOK SHOP** FROM **WORKSTATION**
- * **PEST CONTROL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE** FOR **KHAYA CHESHIRE** FROM **UBUNTU HYGIENE**

WELCOME TO OUR CHARITY SHOPS:

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SHOPS ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED AND WILL RE-OPEN ON 17 JULY!

OUR SHOPS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAYS ONLY!!!

**CLOTHES GALORE
WOT NOT SHOP
BOOK BARN
COFFEE SHOP**

**08:30 – 12:00
(CASH OR CARD)**

We gladly accept **donations** of unwanted items, pre-loved clothes, linen & any household items.

PLEASE CONTACT THE HOME ON 041 583 2183 for more info!

THIS & THAT

- * **Staff members on leave** this month: **Dinah Simakhule** (Care Worker) and **Gloria Sonyabashe**. We wish them both a wonderful well-deserved rest!
- * We wish to thank all the **companies** and **individuals** that support our Home through **monetary donations**...we are so grateful for the overwhelming support! Fundraising is so challenging, therefore funding is limited and yet expenses continue as normal.
- * **CONDOLENCES:** Our sincere **condolences** to **Estelle (Stella) Saayman (EP Caterers staff member)** on the passing of her sister last month in a tragic accident. We pray that God will comfort the family during their time of great sadness!
- * A **First Aid level 1 Course** was held for the **Home's nursing staff in May**, sponsored by **First Medical Response!** Special thank you to **Shawn Hartzenberg** and his team for the wonderful support! **Congratulations** to all the staff who participated on receiving their **competency certificates** last month!
- * We would like to **welcome new residents Gerry Wulffers** and **Isabel Lorenzo-Starbuck** to our **Cheshire Family** and wish them both a long and happy stay at the Home.
- * Thanks to the wonderful initiative of the **Eastern Province Caterers staff, National Doughnut Day** on 4 June and **International Picnic Day** on 18 June, were both celebrated at the Home with themed lunches, decorations and delicious sweet treats!
- * We would like to thank the **John Edwards Trust** for their generous donation of funds to purchase **chargeable lights, surge protection adapters** and much-needed **wheelchair parts** for our residents.
- * A very special warm thank you to all the **Humewood Golfer Ladies** for the generous donation of **knitted blankets and beanies** last month just in time for the colder weather!