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**FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK**

It is with a very heavy and sad heart that we share with you the loss of 4 Cheshire Family members.

**Keith Syce**, a very frail member of our Home, passed away very peacefully at Cheshire on 10 June. Keith had been at Cheshire for 18 years, and we will fondly remember his great sense of humour, his enjoyment of music and his smile which lit up a room.

**Isabella Nel** sadly left us the following day, very suddenly, after a long illness. Isabella's laugh was larger than life, and she brought much joy to the Home over the last 5 years. Isabella loved music and visitors to the home and loved the monthly lunches. She will also be sadly missed.

**Rina Coetzee** joined us in 2014 after her diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. Rina, with her naturally caring teacher talent, was a mentor to many, an inspiration for her strong will and determination, and a warrior. Rina sadly passed away after a short time in hospital.

One of our staff members, **Gift Mnapu** (Care Worker), who had given 33 years of amazing years to Cheshire, outstanding dedication and loyalty to our Home, passed away very suddenly from a heart attack. She will be lovingly remembered by all at the Home, and we pay tribute to her outstanding caring work over the many years.

Although we have had Covid-19 positive cases at Cheshire (staff and residents), our recoveries are at 100% and the symptoms extremely minimal. We pray to God that no others become ill, and that all our members, extended family and friends remain safe and well.

I would like to mention that the dedication and loyalty from our staff during this time has been phenomenal. Thank you to you all.

A special mention to be made of donors who have assisted with much needed running costs, donations of food and toiletries, donations of masks and sanitizer, fogging etc. – your partnership in the support of our resident's health and well-being is appreciated. Every cent, every item and every gift is a blessing.

We have not received our Government funding yet, and fundraising is still a no-go, so we continue to appeal to you for your partnership and assistance to care for our family here at the Home.

Lots of warm wishes,

**DEIDRE BURGER**



## THIS & THAT

- \* **Staff member on leave** this month: **Dinah Simakhule** (Care Worker) – wishing her a well-deserved rest!
- \* **BOOK SHOP:** The little red container next to the charity shops will soon undergo a facelift – **renovations will be** generously sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Algoa Bay** – and it will be transformed into a book shop! We are appealing to **anyone interested** to **paint some murals on the outside** of this container once all the renovations are complete.
- \* **CONDOLENCES:** Our sincere condolences to **staff member Edith Lamani** on the passing of her **husband** in June. We pray that God will comfort the family during their time of great sadness.
- \* **COFFEE SHOP:** Watch this space for more info on a coffee outlet at the Home!!!
- \* We would like to thank all the **Echo Foundation** residents involved for the donation of **knitted beanies** – what a wonderful initiative. Our residents just love the colourful variety of beanies!
- \* We had a very exciting Sunday morning on 7 June – the **Eastern Cape President Council** organized a **charity run** to the Home! Residents and staff were so surprised to see and hear the revving of motorbikes – what a sight! We would like to thank all the **clubs and members of the PE biker community** involved with the generous donations (financial – R17 410, toiletries, fruit, vegetables, nappies, food etc.).
- \* Thank you to **Westering Methodist Church** and everyone involved with the wonderful donation of **food parcels** for the 23 children at **Khaya Cheshire** in Walmer Township!
- \* Special thank you to the “**Lorraine Neighbourhood Watch Covid 19 Food Relief Store**” for the donation of **various supplies of groceries etc.** We are so blessed to have such wonderful support!

### DONATIONS (MAY/JUNE 2020):

- \* NUMEROUS DONATIONS OF “**GIFTS IN KIND**” FROM **VARIOUS DONORS** FOR THE RESIDENTS AND CHARITY SHOPS
- \* **DIESEL** FROM **SASOL SUMMERSTRAND**
- \* **VARIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS** FROM **COMMUNITY CHEST PE**
- \* **WEEKLY MILK DONATION** FROM **ST LAWRENCE TRADING**
- \* **HANDMADE FACIAL MASKS** FROM **VARIOUS DONORS**
- \* **GROCERIES** FROM **VARIOUS DONORS** THROUGH **CHECKERS GREENACRES AND GREENACRES SHOPPING CENTRE**
- \* **VARIOUS GOODS FOR WOT NOT SHOP** FROM **CHECKERS GREENACRES**
- \* **SOUP** FROM **CAPE RECIFE HIGH SCHOOL**
- \* **KNITTED TEDDY BEARS, BLANKIES ETC.** FROM **THE HUMWOOD GOLF LADIES**
- \* **ORANGES & NAARTJIES** FROM **SUNDAYS RIVER CITRUS COMPANY (SRCC)**
- \* **aQuelle FLAVOURED SPARKLING WATER** FROM **ZSPORTS**
- \* **ORANGES & NAARTJIES** FROM **VARIOUS DONORS**
- \* **HAMBURGERS FOR RESIDENTS** FROM **THE FITCHETT TRUST**

### 300 CLUB 2020

Our 300 Club fees for 2020 are a **once-off payment** of **R120 per year**. There are **monthly draws of R300 (1st), R150 (2nd), and R75 (3rd)** for members! At the end of each year one lucky member stand the chance of winning **R1 000!** Our aim for 2020 is **to have 300 members**...we already have **147 members** to date (1 July)! Please support this worthy cause – see attached 300 Club form for 2020!

#### MAY WINNERS:

1. CHARIS BEUKES (133)
2. PAT RHEEDER (138)
3. JIMMY ASPELING (42)

### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”

~Nelson Mandela~

## **IN MEMORY OF KEITH SYCE**

**1959/03/22 - 2020/06/10**



Our dear Keith sadly passed away peacefully at the Home on 10 June – he had been a resident of the Home for almost 18 year. Born blind, he lived in a world of his own and very much relied on his sense of hearing to “colour” in his surrounds. Not being able to participate in various activities, the staff always included him by pushing him close enough to enable him to hear and “feel” everything that was happening. He loved music mornings, movie days, special visitors to the Home and lunchtime when volunteers assisted him as he would listen to all the conversations going on around him and very often smiled and laughed out loud to express his opinion! His wide smile and silent presence at the Home will be sorely missed!

## **IN MEMORY OF ISABELLA NEL**

**1968/08/30 – 2020/06/11**



Isabella, fondly known as Bella, passed away very unexpectedly just after lunchtime on 11 June. Residents and staff were so shocked when they heard of her passing as she still enjoyed tea and lunch in the dining room earlier that day.

Bella, born with cerebral palsy and also born deaf, was one of a kind with proof that where there is a will, there is always a way! When she moved from a residential facility in Gauteng to Cheshire in 2015 to be closer to her sisters in PE, she was the happiest person alive, and when her special friend Petrus, from the same residential facility in Gauteng, joined her at Cheshire a few months later, her life was complete!

She had so many interesting eye and hand gestures, as well as certain sounds, which she used to communicate her needs etc. with. Staff and residents were introduced to her little book of “communication” and soon everyone knew how to understand her better! She has left us with so many treasured memories and we will miss her dearly.

## **IN MEMORY OF GIFT MNAPU**

**1959/08/10 – 2020/06/18**

Staff member (Care Worker) Gift Mnapu passed on unexpectedly from a heart attack on 18 June. Family, friends, fellow staff members and residents of the Home, was extremely shocked by her sudden passing as she had been in good health while on duty earlier that week. Gift would have celebrated her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday in August and was looking forward to having her family and friends together to celebrate the occasion.



She joined the Cheshire Family almost 33 years ago, and always had stories to tell about the olden days as she had seen many changes to the Home and residents that had come and gone over the years! Gift’s loving and caring nature, friendly smile, and always willing to help out where needed, was just some of her many attributes that made her a great care worker at the Home. She always joked and said that when it was her time to retire, she too would need a care worker to care for her during her retirement years! Gift has left us all with so many fond memories and her presence at Cheshire will be sorely missed. Rest in peace dear Gift!

## **IN MEMORY OF RINA COETZEE**

**1968/08/01 – 2020/06/28**

Beautiful, kind-hearted Rina sadly passed away on 28 June while in hospital with a chest infection. She joined our Cheshire Family at the beginning of 2014 after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis a few years before. She loved meeting volunteers and visitors to the Home and was always interested in listening to their life stories. She was one that hardly ever complained; even on days when her physical MS body wasn’t in sync with her mindset...she would always look at the positive side of things and bravely tackled every obstacle she was dealt with. She was such a determined fighter and touched many people’s lives during her time at the Home – a wonderful inspiration to staff and residents. We know that she is now soaring high with angel wings free from pain and discomfort!



**PLEASE DIARIZE AND KEEP US IN YOUR THOUGHTS!  
POST LOCKDOWN FETE!!!**

**CHESHIRE HOME SUMMERSTRAND'S ANNUAL FETE**  
is scheduled for **Saturday 28 NOVEMBER**  
at **7 Gomery Avenue, Summerstrand**

We firstly thank you for the generous support you have given Cheshire Home Summerstrand over a number of years through our Fete - you have been a wonderful friend to the Home. The importance of a **successful fete** is essential for the Home as fundraising continues to be difficult. We so plan to have a **bumper fete** for the direct benefit of our 57 profoundly disabled residents and 23 disabled children at Khaya Cheshire.

We kindly ask for your support again and a **formal appeal to follow shortly!** As a registered PBO, we are able to provide an **18 A receipt for any donation** (financial) received and this allows for tax benefit for the donation. Please feel free to request such a receipt for your donation.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Twani (Care Worker)  
6<sup>th</sup> Carol Blyth (Shop Volunteer)  
6<sup>th</sup> **Jacorine Kriel**  
11<sup>th</sup> Vee JV Rensburg (Shop Volunteer)  
11<sup>th</sup> Judy Sparks (Shop Volunteer)  
13<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Kew (Shop Volunteer)  
14<sup>th</sup> Sandy Oliveto (Volunteer)  
15<sup>th</sup> Monica Peter (Care Worker)  
23<sup>rd</sup> **Mandisa Balani**  
23<sup>rd</sup> **Evan Davies**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Kelvin Zhuwawo (Care Worker)  
25<sup>th</sup> Mari van Rensburg (Shop Volunteer)

**FUNDRAISING REPORT (MAY 2020)**

**FUNDRAISING:**

WOT NOT SHOP	R 7 077
CLOTHES GALORE	R 0
DEIDRE BIRTHDAY	R 3 300
GUEST ROOM	R 250
PHILLIP J V RENSBURG (BACK-A-BUDDY)	R 12 520
LUNCH-EDGE FINANCE	R 960

**DONATIONS:**

KEVIN'S BIRTHDAY	R 1 000
MAXIE JACHENS	R 5 000
BERYL	R 250
PHIL SNYMAN	R 500
MARK RUDD	R 2 000
STANLEY FAMILY	R 500
BOB & LIZ BULLOCK	R 6 000
ROSSER CHARITY TRUST	R 3 974
MY SCHOOL CARD	R 807

**WELCOME TO OUR CHARITY SHOPS:**

Our shops are currently closed  
until further notice.

We thank all our **dedicated shop volunteers**  
for all their hard work and wish them a safe  
lockdown period at home.

**CLOTHES GALORE & WOT NOT SHOP**

We gladly accept **donations** of unwanted  
items, pre-loved clothes, linen & any household  
items **AND WILL COLLECT OR YOU ARE**  
**WELCOME TO DELIVER BY PRIOR**  
**ARRANGEMENT.**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY 10 – 2PM**  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE HOME ON**  
**041 583 2183 for more info!**

**“WOKS FOR WHEELS”**

**A WELFIT ODDY PROJECT**

MADE BY  
RESIDENTS OF CHESHIRE HOME  
SUMMERSTRAND  
MADE FROM  
**316 STAINLESS STEEL**  
**WITH 3 DETACHABLE LEGS**  
**R400 each**

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