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THIS & THAT

- * **Staff member on leave** this month: **Doris Bruintjies** (Staff Nurse) – wishing her a well-deserved rest!
- * We are so excited to announce that another one of the items on our **wish list** has been fulfilled – an anonymous donor generously sponsored **R60 000** for a new **nurses bell system** in the toilets!
- * **WELL DONE: Resident Robert Zeelie**, 2nd year BSc student at UNICAF, got a full card of distinctions for 2019 – what an achievement and inspiration, congratulations! Robert was involved in a motor vehicle accident while in boarding school in Zimbabwe in 2015 at the age of 17, which left him an incomplete quadriplegic. He moved in to Cheshire in November 2018. We wish him well with his future studies!
- * **BOOK SHOP:** The little red container next to the charity shops will soon undergo a facelift – **renovations** generously sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Algoa Bay** – and 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.
- * We would like to thank the **Serfontein Family, Annelie** and her two young boys **Daniel and Etienne**, for their incredible donation of regular **food parcels** for the children at **Khaya Cheshire**. The boys also included beautifully written **personalised letters** to each child with encouraging messages re the lockdown period!

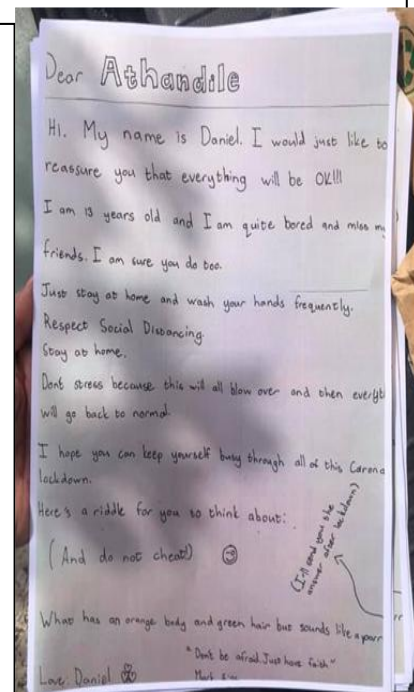
WELCOME TO OUR CHARITY SHOPS:

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 AFTER LOCKDOWN!**

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



Dear Athandile

Hi. My name is Daniel. I would just like to reassure you that everything will be OK!!!

I am 13 years old and I am quite bored and miss my friends. I am sure you do too.

Just stay at home and wash your hands frequently. Respect Social Distancing. Stay at home.

Don't stress because this will all blow over and when everything will go back to normal!

I hope you can keep yourself busy through all of this Corona lockdown.

Here's a riddle for you to think about:
(And do not cheat) 😊

What has an orange body and green hair but sounds like a pair?
* Don't be afraid. Just have faith!
Hint: s =

Love Daniel

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Lockdown 2020 was initially implemented for a 3 week period. As the nation faced the unknown, some people stocked up on excessive amounts of toilet paper and some asked why? And then another 2 weeks were added to the national lockdown and a certain demographic, very unprepared, now face another 'dry' phase.

Had we known we could have bought less paper and stocked up on 'grape juice!'

We hope that you are all safe and sound during these unprecedented times. Who would have thought that this would happen in our lifetime? This kind of nightmare that usually unfolds on our TV screens, and not in reality?

The residents now joke about what used to be a sensitive term – the use of the word 'inmates'. We joke about it now, as we have been living behind bars for 6 weeks, and face another potential 2 months in this way. Phase 5 and Phase 4 are similar and have limited effect on our Home happenings. We will continue with strict rule enforcement – albeit 'prison style'.

As you know, we have been diligent with our rules at Cheshire. No visitors or volunteers sadly until further notice – and we **DO** miss you all! Thanks for the messages of support during this time! I need you to 'raise a glass' in recognition of:

- Our **STAFF** who have been committed and fidelity during this time. Attendance unaffected, and hugely respectful of regulations. EP Caterers staff, Engoza staff and Cheshire staff – **WE THANK YOU.**
- The **RESIDENTS** – some of whom are unaffected by lockdown. Some enjoy an outing to Spar or the beach, or a visit from family. They have been strong, they have been active in activities, they have handled this well. I am so proud of them and have loved spending more time with them. I secretly (wink wink) hope we can keep doing this, as I enjoy spending quality time with them.
- **DONORS** who support our initiatives such as the 21km run and Khaya Cheshire food parcels. Donors who make it easier, with donations of petrol and tyres. Donors who continue to donate money, and support with food and other essential items.

Our finances are severely compromised. We have had no financial support from any National Funders / Funds during this lockdown period (i.e. Solidarity Fund). Companies are taking strain, donors are feeling the pinch, our Annual Fete **very sadly** will be postponed and our charity shops (our bread and butter) are closed. So we also feel 'the pinch' and our limited capacity to generate funds is compounded by the lockdown extension and limited economic resources and support. We are brainstorming creative methods, maximising social media and fundraising platforms to raise much needed funds for our Home. Backabuddy and Facebook currently are being used. Your assistance will be appreciated by the usual increase in numbers of our R50 monthly debit order, 300 Club membership, or initiate a toiletry collection drive for our residents.

Thank you for your understanding. We wish you a safe Phase 4. We wish you comfort, peace and faith during these times. We are sending virtual hugs to all and look forward when we can all reunite with our friends, family and extended family.

Love always,

DEIDRE BURGER



FUNDRAISING REPORT (MARCH 2020)

FUNDRAISING:

WOT NOT SHOP	R6 590
CLOTHES GALORE	R9 240
ARGUS	R4 940
GUEST ROOM	R1 000
LUNCHEON	R4 110

DONATIONS:

PHOENIX HOTEL	R1 500
FRIENDLY CARING CLUB	R110
HANDHAAF AFRIKANER CLUB	R500
UNA HALL	R60 000
MY SCHOOL CARD (Woolworths)	R937

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 **146 members** to date (30 April)!

Please support this worthy cause – see attached 300 Club form for 2020!

MARCH WINNERS:

1. DEREK PRICE (41)
2. DEIDRE BURGER (112)
3. SHANE WESTERDALE (124)

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

CHESHIRE HOME SUMMERSTRAND'S ANNUAL FETE

is scheduled for **Saturday 28 NOVEMBER at Cheshire Home 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.

EXAMPLES OF TASKS FOR VOLUNTEERS WITHIN CHESHIRE HOMES DIRECT SERVICES:

- Hairdressing
- Entertaining
- Visiting residents on a one-to-one basis
- Leading activity/hobby groups, skills training
- Accompanying residents on outings (e.g. to sporting events, shows, the movies)
- Assisting with feeding at mealtimes
- Accompanying residents while shopping
- Accompanying residents on hospital visits
- Transporting residents to visit their families
- Serving as study mentor for those residents studying - to share ideas on relevant course issues

INDIRECT SERVICES:

- Serving on the Home's Board of Management Committee
- Assisting with fundraising events
- Adopting a room or a resident in a financial sense
- General maintenance work, gardening
- Assisting in Charity Shops, donating goods towards shops
- Leave a bequest through your will to Cheshire Home Summerstrand, or financial donation

DONATIONS RECEIVED (APRIL 2020):

- * NUMEROUS DONATIONS OF **"GIFTS IN KIND"** FROM **VARIOUS DONORS** FOR THE RESIDENTS AND CHARITY SHOPS
- * **EASTER EGGS** FROM THE **JOHN EDWARDS TRUST**
- * **EASTER EGGS** FROM **ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY**
- * **DIESEL** FROM **SASOL SUMMERSTRAND**
- * **SERVICE & PARTS FOR QUANTUM VEHICLE** FROM **FIX-IT HEUGH ROAD WALMER**
- * MONETARY DONATION FOR **MEDICAL SUPPLIES** FROM AN **ANONYMOUS DONOR**
- * A VARIETY OF **FOOD STOCK** FROM **FAMOUS BRANDS**
- * **MUSHROOMS** FROM **SNOWCAP MUSHROOMS**
- * **TOILETRIES** FROM **COMMUNITY CHEST PE**
- * **HAND SANITIZER** FROM **ENGOZA**
- * WEEKLY **MILK DONATION** FROM **ST LAWRENCE TRADING**
- * **BREAD** FROM **LUISTER FM**
- * **HANDMADE FACIAL MASKS** FROM **VARIOUS DONORS**
- * **APPLES, PEARS & BUTTERNUT** FROM **AN ANONYMOUS DONOR**
- * **TWO NEW TYRES** FROM **SOUTHPORT TYRES FOR QUANTUM VEHICLE**

RESIDENTS' ACTIVITIES (APRIL 2020):

Due to the national lockdown our residents are unable to participate in the regular activities...but at the Home there is always a Plan B...and C.

To keep residents' occupied and active, various activities have been and are still being organized. Arts & crafts activities included: **colouring in competitions, 3D beach scenes, Cheshire Family Tree, play dough prints, emoji paintings,** etc. Fun sports and games included amongst others ball & beanbag throwing, hot potato games and bingo! Special themed days with generously sponsored yummy eats were April Fools/**Waffle Day**, Crazy Hat Day, Braai Day, **Lockdown Cocktail Party** etc. Never a dull moment at Cheshire!



MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020

Every Mother's Prayer
I pray you'll be my eyes
And watch her where she goes
And help her to be wise
Help me to let go

Every mother's prayer
Every child knows
Lead her to a place
Guide her with your grace
To a place where she'll be safe

I pray she finds your light
And holds it in her heart
As darkness falls each night
Remind her where you are

Every mother's prayer
Every child knows
Need to find a place
Guide her with your grace
Give her faith so she'll be safe

Lead her to a place
Guide her with your grace
To a place where she'll be safe

www.mothersdaycelebrations.com

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd **Tanya Shelver-Smith**
- 6th Josephine Smokey (Carer)
- 8th Carol Venter (Shop Volunteer)
- 10th Maureen Morely
(Shop Volunteer)
- 12th **Shane Louw**
- 15th Doris Brintjies (Staff Nurse)
- 16th Rhonwyn Campbell
(Engoza Staff)
- 20th **Heidi Humpel**
- 21st Deidre Burger
- 21st **Robert Zeelie**
- 25th **Verne Mare**
- 26th Rose Tandani (Carer)
- 29th Carol Kaufmann
(Shop Volunteer)

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"A man who dares to waste an hour of time has not discovered the value of life!" ~ Charles Darwin