



THE Goed NEWS

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YOUTH DAY FOR ALL!



Goedgedacht hosted a successful youth day for ALL on 16 June. We are grateful to all our sponsors for making this community health day such a success. So many people came through and enjoyed the day with us. It was a tremendous blessing as all those who attended wouldn't have otherwise had the chance to get the health checks and treatment they received at our health day.

Partnering with us to make the day a success was Malmesbury HIV & TB Care and Khetimpilo. Thanks to this partnership 60 people had their blood pressure and sugar levels tested. In addition, breast examinations and TB and HIV tests were conducted.

We are also very grateful to our local SASKO MILLS for their generous support.



Save the date: 30 September!

30 September marks the launch of our Harvest Market at Goedgedacht. Come and experience Goedgedacht with your family. Fresh produce, organic market, local art and craft on sale, wine experience, street games for the kids and so much more! Don't miss out!

MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR



Deon Snyman

Dear Friends,

Time is flying by – I can't believe that we're already at the end of July. In a few short months it will be time for the festivities of yet another year!

There's still so much to do – and even more that we've already done at Goedgedacht these past few weeks since our last newsletter. You'll read all about the many different projects on the go in this latest edition – but as you do so, I want you to know that every story is possible only through the generous support of our loyal donors. Thank you for your investment to Goedgedacht and the rural communities we work with. You are a blessing in more ways than I can describe.

An upcoming highlight for me is our 30th Anniversary Charity Auction which is taking place in September. We're asking all our friends to help – perhaps you can too? If you have antique furniture, paintings or art that you would like to donate to us, it would be hugely appreciated. Perhaps you're an artist and would like to create something especially for the occasion. Please do get in touch with us.

Sending you much strength for this second half of 2023.

Blessings

Deon Snyman



CHARITY AUCTION

Please donate paintings, art or antique furniture to help us raise much-needed funds in our upcoming charity auction. Email fundraising@goedgedacht.org

Crank Handle Club Visit

Thank you to the Crank Handle Club for their invite to Goedgedacht. Our fundraising manager Valerie Govender shared about our work and learnt about the club too. It was interesting to learn how the club was launched in 1955 and today has more than 500 members, who between them, own around 1000 older vehicles.

The Club displays two of the oldest cars in South Africa, a 1901 Benz and a 1902 Wolseley in its clubhouse, which also houses an extensive motoring library with publications going back to the dawn of motoring in Cape Town, 1898. If you are a fellow enthusiast, get in touch and see for yourself. If you're part of a social club in the Western Cape, please get in touch with us – we would love to share the Goedgedacht story. You can email fundraising@goedgedacht.org





SEF contributes to stronger communities

Our Care for the Planet's lead extension officer and shining light of the Care for the Planet programme Jafta Hendricks briefing the potential SEF participants for the second phase of the Social Employment Fund in Riverlands. The community of Riverlands is beginning to thrive. Self-reliance and agency in the community has been catalysed through the Social Employment Fund.

The Champions!

Care for the Planet champions setting up a community garden in Reibeek Wes. Focusing on the soil preparation for the first crop that will be ready for harvest end of September. Local Food security is so important at the moment with rising cost of food impacting the most vulnerable. Setting up gardens at schools to bolster the feeding schemes, ensuring the youth have access to nutritional produce is what our key focus is in this season.



Iconic Help the Rural Child Bookshop closes its doors after 25 Years



It's with sadness that we share the news that after 25 years Mowbray Bookshop closed its doors at the end of July. It's been a very good innings and we are forever grateful to the hundreds of donors and customers that have crossed the Mowbray bookshop threshold. Over the years it became affectionately known as "the best little bookshop in town or "Cape Town's best kept secret.

It was loved by all because of its nooks and crannies and creaky stairs, it's wide variety of books lovingly donated by Cape Town's public and of course, the spectacular view of the mountain – a real oasis in the midst of chaos.

"We are so grateful to our donors for their support, our wonderful band of volunteers that graciously and willingly assisted in keeping the shop such good

condition and most of all to our staff who have worked like trojans to keep the shop ticking over. To all those who have been part of the bookshop, its long and successful existence would not have been possible without you. And most importantly 25 years of such dedication has brought many blessings into the lives of our rural children who remain in great need of our love and care." Nicky Antonie

The Mowbray Charity Clothing Shop is still open, and donations can be dropped off at the Drop off Zone in Gordon's Lane behind the building. The bookshop in Kirstenhof is waiting to welcome any forlorn Mowbray customers with a fine selection of books and lots of TLC! For any information, please visit www.ruralchild.org.za or call 0216852810

Thank you Constantia Catholic Church!

We are always grateful for the support from our caring friends. We were delighted to receive 100 blankets thanks to the Outreach Committee of Constantia Catholic Church.

Their generosity and love made all the difference to the children in our Pre-school who now have an extra layer to keep them warm this winter! "Truly this generosity is an answer to prayer," said Principal Reyanah. We are always grateful when we receive donations from kind supporters who want to make a difference where it's needed the most. Donations of blankets, food, nappies and formulae are always welcomed. There is an urgent need in the surrounding communities and often the preschool is the only hope for struggling families. Should you wish to make a difference with a donation in kind, please reach out to our fundraising department fundraising@goedgedacht.org

Thank you so much!



Highlights from the many UK schools that visited us this July. We are grateful for the love and support! For more pics checkout our Facebook page.

KARATE LESSONS BY KYM



Our POP Centres are not just places of hope – but learning too! We are so grateful for the support we get from friends who give off their time and skills to see our children thrive. Kym Prytz is one of our loyal friends who regularly visits our POP Centre in Riebeeck Kasteel to teach karate. Every lesson is fun, and our children enjoy the interaction that comes with these lessons. More than the lesson, the youngsters have an opportunity to learn about life and be motivated for a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you to all our many volunteers we continue to visit our POP Centres to share their skills and time – and make a difference in the lives of our children. We love you!

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