

The year seems to be whizzing by, and we're already wearing our winter woollies in Cape Town! There have been a few comings and goings at Home from Home, and loads of very exciting new developments!

NEW STAFF

We are happy to welcome Gillian to our Home from Home team as secretary/receptionist in our Wynberg office. She complements a new position at Home from Home, which is that of Manager in Khayelitsha. As we continue to expand and open new homes in a wider geographical area, it has become imperative that we have someone in a supervisory role based in Khayelitsha. We hope that our new manager will start in July and we will introduce you to her in our next newsletter. Liz Stigling has left our Wynberg office and we wish her all the best and every success for the future.



A warm welcome to Gillian!



Princess joins the team!

We also welcomed Princess as an Assistant House Mother to Nicky, Helen and Catherine and Nicolette who has joined Nomonde, Ellen and Ethelina as our fourth educator at the Lizo Nobanda Day Care Centre.



Our fourth EduCarer - Nicolette!

KIDS

Two new children have joined the Home from Home family, a four-year-old boy who has become a part of Catherine's home and a two-year-old girl who is finding a new home with Mary Jane. Both children have had a traumatic time and we know with lots of love and care they will settle in their new homes.

The children are generally all in good health and looking forward to the mid-year school holidays, when some of them will be going on the Fresh Air Camp. In the coming weeks, we have special outings and treats planned for the children, such as a Teddy Bear's Party and an ice skating outing for some of the older children. We also have a Dutch couple visiting the homes on a regular basis and doing Bible studies at the weekend with the children, which they really enjoy.

XENOPHOBIA

Most of you, whether local or international, will have been aware of the terrible incidents of xenophobia occurring in some of our townships. Although it seems to be a much calmer situation now, we were exposed to this when our new educator at the crèche, Nicolette from Zimbabwe, was targeted. She had to escape to the local police station for safe keeping.

We also had several Zimbabwean children at Lizo Nobanda, some of whom have not returned since the attacks. We are happy to say that none of our children were directly threatened, and we pray that this appalling situation has now come to an end.

NEW HOMES

There has been a tremendous amount of activity in the last few months with regards to our new homes. Construction commenced in June on the home in Khayelitsha which we are building for twelve disabled



A new home in the making!

children, and is progressing well. The two homes which we are building in Kayamandi, Stellenbosch, are also well underway and should be ready by mid-September. We have also interviewed and screened Audrey as a new House Mother for the St Alban's House in Goodwood, which will be opening in July. There are several other new homes on the go too, which we will tell you about in future newsletters.

LIZO NOBANDA

Members of our staff have been trained by some wonderful young music therapists in order to hold regular music groups with our children. As a result, the children put their musical skills into practise by holding a small open afternoon, to which families were invited to see them perform.



Our young artists

Meet some of our House Mothers



Lizo Nobanda open day

WISH LIST

With several new homes opening soon, we are going to be in need of household items and furniture for our children.

If you have any items which you wish to donate for these new homes, please contact the Home from Home office and we'll let you know if we can use them.



Our children on the playground



Climbing is fun!

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Many of you receiving this newsletter are already child sponsors – and again, we'd like to thank you. Through our child sponsorship program, you are able to make a meaningful difference in a specific child's life. For committing to a monthly amount of R150 / \$20 / £15 / EUR20, you will receive a picture of the child, their background details and a 6-monthly update on their progress. This is the perfect opportunity to see how your kindness can really improve a child's life!

If you'd like to consider this practical and personalized way of donating to Home from Home, please contact Nicky at the Home from Home office: nicky@homefromhome.org.za



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