



Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre

Newsletter

January 2012

Greetings in the name of the Almighty.

It is with pleasure, that Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, has once again pledged to make a difference in each child's life that has been placed in our care.

Offering shelter and food does not fully constitute the essence of what a child needs. It is with this understanding, that Ethelbert staff uphold the significance of loving, caring, providing security and offering programmes which are geared towards the holistic development of children.

"Children need models more than they need critics", so said Joseph Joubert, hence Ethelbert embraces the leadership style which is based on role-modelling, to channel and redirect our children towards value-driven lives.

We sincerely thank all who have contributed in making a difference in our children's lives in 2011, and as we celebrate 105 years of child and youth care this year, we pray for your continued and heartfelt support.

God bless you.
Weekend Ngubane

Back to School

Excitement could be felt in the air, on the first day school's reopened.

This year we have four children who started Grade 1 and five children who have moved up to High school.

With pride and jittery nerves, they made their way to their new schools, eagerly anticipating the first day in %big school+.

It was with particular pride that one of the children embarked on his High School career, as he has been awarded a full bursary to attend George Campbell High School. An achievement that can be attributed to his star performance on the Rugby field.

We wish all the children here at Ethelbert all the best for the year ahead!



Each year we get all 65 children ready for school. We ensure that they have all the stationary and uniform requirements needed.

This is always a very costly endeavour. If you are able to donate towards stationary for the children, please contact *Adrienne van der Watt*.
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Christmas Cheer - A Caring Gift

Once again, we have been blessed by the members of the Methodist Churches.

Each Christmas day these Churches pledge to donate their collection offering to Ethelbert, so that we can continue to care for the 65 children placed here.

We have received : **R216 195.06**

For this generous donation, we extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU**, to the following Churches:

Baynesfield Methodist
Bethlehem Circuit
Bluff Methodist
Cedarville Methodist
Darnell Methodist
Despatch Methodist
Grace Baptist Church
Harrismith Methodist
Hillcrest Methodist
Hilton Methodist
Ixopo Methodist
La Lucia/Trinity Methodist
Merebank Methodist
Mooi River Methodist
Musgrave Road Methodist

Newlands East Methodist
Phoenix Methodist
Pinetown Methodist
Richards Bay Fellowship and Outreach
Scottsville Methodist
St Aiden's United Church
Vryheid Methodist
Wesley PMB
Waterfall Methodist



We would also like to **THANK** all the people who donated presents and groceries for the children, over the Festive Season.

Your generosity ensured that the children were able to have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Goodbye

It was with heavy hearts that we bade farewell at the end of 2011 to Delia Crafford, Sharon Smorenburg, Lucia Mathe and Thembi Nxumalo. Four ladies who gave many years of tireless service to the children here at Ethelbert.

We have also had to say goodbye to one of our loyal volunteers, Kathe Gouws.



Kathe has run the Arts and Crafts Lifeskill programme, for many years. It was with great sadness that Kathe decided to retire from running the Arts and Crafts Lifeskill.

Thank you Kathe, for all the time and effort you put into your sessions, your creativity and selfless service will be dearly missed.



Hello

On a happier note, it is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new staff members:

Khanyisile - Senior Social Worker
Maritza - Receptionist
Xolile - Child Care Worker
Zandile - Child Care Worker
Melusi - Child Care Worker
Sakhile - Child Care Worker

May your time here at Ethelbert be filled with joy and happiness, as you give of yourself to better the lives of the children placed in our care.



Maritza



Khanyisile

Volunteer or become a host!

You can invest in a child's life by becoming a host or volunteering at Ethelbert Children's Home.

Volunteers

Volunteers fulfil a myriad of roles at Ethelbert. They assist with home work, teach art and craft, provide cooking lessons, come in and play with our toddlers, coach gymnastics, and much more! If you have a skill or talent you can share with our children, or even just want to spend time playing with our toddlers. please contact us.

Hosts

Hosts introduce our children to healthy, functional families by including them in their own families. Host families host one or two of our children over weekends and holidays, whenever possible. It provides the individual attention and positive care that our children so desperately need. Should you feel that you want to become a host, please contact us.

For more information on Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, please visit our website:

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