

## Needs and projects at Bethesda:

### **1. Projects of Bethesda Child and Youth Care Centre:**

- Day Care Programs: Pre School children of Bethesda Child and Youth Care Centre, Hospice and Home Base Care who have developmental shortages and have been evaluated by an Occupational Therapist, a day care programs, two mornings a week to stimulate their developmental growth.
- Building of Cottages: We are currently using the hostel system, and would like to move to the cottage system. It will be of great benefit to the children to move to smaller houses in smaller groups where more personal attention, can be given. We need at least four houses which can accommodate eight to ten children. We are currently raising money for the building of these houses. One house will cost approximately R700 000. (\$70 000)
- Treat a child on his/her birthday: Benefactors take each child out for his/her birthday and treat the child with a present, cake and lunch or a movie. The children feel that they are important and love the individual attention.
- Development programs: Children can participate in dancing, karate, modelling, arts and sports to explore their talents and build their self-esteem.

#### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

- Renovating of building: We would like to renovate our building to make it more child friendly. We also need money and other building materials like paint, wood, locks, curtains, and a lot more.
- Media Centre: We would like to equip a media centre where the children can explore working on computers and finding their own information for projects and assignments. This of course will also cost a lot of money.
- Cottages: Donations of money, building materials, other supplies, furniture, etc will be greatly appreciated.
- Vacation families: Bethesda Child and Youth Care Centre is always in need of families who can take children out for weekends and holidays if their parents are not in a position to do so themselves. People can also make themselves available as foster parents.
- Training: Child and Youth Care Workers as well as other professional staff need continuous training. Training is expensive and resources are limited. Funds are needed for staff members to be trained as well as for staff wellness programmes.

#### **SPONSORSHIPS**

- R 60 / \$6 per month pays for a child to go to karate classes.
- R 200 / \$20 per month pays for a child to go to a crèche.
- R 200 / \$20 per month pays for a child to attend modelling classes.
- R 500 / \$50 pays for a primary school child's new school uniform.
- R 1500 / \$150 pays for a grade 12 learner's farewell party.
- R 600 / \$60 pays for the children's monthly pocket money.
- A bursary will help a child with further education.

#### **WISHLIST**

- School stationery
- School uniforms
- School shoes
- Good quality school bags

- Clothing (girls and boys) ( age 2 – 18)
- New underwear (girls and boys) (age 2-18)
- Pajamas (girls and boys) (age 2-18)
- Slippers
- Shoes (girls and boys)
- Rain coats/jackets
- Socks (girls and boys) (age 2-18)
- Toiletries
- Disposable nappies for babies and toddlers
- Sunscreen
- Hair products ( dark and lovely/cream relaxer/oil moisturizer/hair food)
- Food
- Games
- Educational toys and games
- Afrikaans and Xhosa story books for primary school children
- Table tennis
- Sleeping bags
- Cot covers and linen sets

## 2. Pastoral Care

### Priorities for 2009 – 2010

- Recruiting and training of volunteers
- Visiting the different fraternal to involve churches.
- Building of a chapel. (this is a huge need)
- Marketing – our annual Remembrance day in December to celebrate the life of their loved ones who passed on.

### Our wish list:

- Funding to build a chapel – building material and finances.
- Donations
- Volunteers – or funding to appoint staff to improve current services

## 3. Hospice

### WISH LIST AND FUTURE PROJECTS IN HOSPICE

#### CHILDREN:

#### (CLOTHING)

- Two new sets of clothing to wear on Christmas day and special occasions
- Pajamas (boys and girls)
- Flaps (boys and girls)
- New underwear e.g. vests, panties, briefs, spencers
- Hats, sandals for boys and girls

#### STATIONARY:

Colouring pencils, colouring books, black board, crayons

**VARIOUS:**

Aqueous cream

Burn cream

Face cloths

Milton solution

Baby bottles

Pull up training, nappies, wet wipes

Vaseline

Toiletry bags

Cot covers & linen sets

Wooden educational blocks

DVD player and suitable children's DVD's

Dolls, tricycles, scooters

Classroom carpets

Fantasy toys e.g. hairdresser sets, hospital set, play make-up sets

**ADULTS:**

TV in dining room for patients

Craft working items

Dominoes, play cards, board games, table tennis, chart board

**HOSPICE STAFF:**

Tearoom furniture:

Lazy boys

Microwave

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Table

Carpet

Crockery: tray, mugs, teaspoons, milk jug, sugar pot

Television

Wall heaters for tearoom as well as wards in Hospice

## **4. Community based care**

### **WISH LIST**

- Children & Adult clothes
- Toys
- Food
- Wheelchair donations
- Petrol
- Nurse uniforms
- Medical equipment

## **5. Other needs**

- Petrol
- Electricity
- Painting of buildings
- Building of chapel
- Building of cottages for children
- Building material
- Industrial washing machine
- Computers and software
- CCTV cameras
- Marketing material (eg. Banners, t-shirts, brochures etc)

## **6. Volunteer opportunities**

- Volunteers needed at:
  - Daycare centre to help with arts and crafts in Themba lethu – Thursdays 10 am- 12 pm
  - Creche on Thursdays 8:30 – 10:00 & 10H00 – 12H00
  - Hospice – to play games with patients (dominos etc)
  - To play with children in children's ward
  - Children's home – one on one time with a child on a weekly basis to connect and build relationships
  - Homework help with children
  - Pastoral care volunteers

