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NTHANDO HOME OF SAFETY ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

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Letter from the Chairman

It's now our second year of running the Nthando Home of Safety and we, as a managing committee and staff, have been stretched, challenged, encouraged and blessed again over this past year.

We have implemented new protocols, structures and procedures in order to make the running of the home more effective and efficient. One example is what we call "the HUB", a central mother board in the home where every child's well-being and progress is captured and noted on a daily basis. This board captures staff suggestions, feedback, appointments and meeting dates that need to be made known. At the end of every week a staff meeting is held, and a report is drawn up by the general manager and sent to the managing committee members. This helps to ensure that at all times the team is on the same page. This has been instrumental in improving our overall communication and morale of the Home.

By early December 2013 each of the 7 children placed in our care were placed in more permanent homes, either foster care, adoption or more specialized placement. This would not have been possible without the buy in and support from our local social workers - who have been amazing.

As a managing committee, we are so blessed by the way God has brought people across our paths this year, often at just the right time and for a very important reason. So as we go into 2014, we are excited to see where God will take us, use us and bless others through our work.

God bless,

Caraleigh Otto

Managing Director

Our Managing Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nthando Home Managing Committee for their support, commitment, passion, perseverance and constant sense of humor. Thank you to Kelly Blair for managing our finances so well, and to Gregg Goddard for effortlessly managing logistics. Thank you and farewell to Aimee MacDonald for innovatively directing our public relations, and to Emily Mast for managing all our admin. I'd also like to say thank you and farewell to Pauli Geldenhuis, for managing the social wing of the organization, your efforts were clearly fruitful. May all three of you be blessed in the adventure God continues to lead you in.

As seasons change people move in and out our lives, and with that, I would like to welcome Rob Jones and Caroline Smit as they join our managing committee. May your time with us be blessed, fun and fruitful as we serve Him together.

Welcome too, to Jennifer Petersen, who is not on the Managing committee, but will be overseeing Public Relations, and to Etna Kotze, who has taken on the mighty role of our new Social Liaison.

Our Staff

Our House mom Trudy Jacobs joined us early in 2013. She has been with us for almost a year now and is doing a great job. Along with Privileged, our faithful carer, these two are a force to be reckoned with. Thank you both for the love and care you show each child.

Maggie, who is Trudys right hand carer on the weekends, joined our team as well, and brings much needed help into the Home. Leentjie is our superwoman, taking on the role of general manager and bringing organization and structure wherever she goes. You are a blessing and we thank God for you daily.



Our Children

We thank God for

the now 14 beautiful children He has placed in our care over the 2 years . In 2013 we had the privilege of looking after six beautiful children and here are their stories.

Kiara (our beautiful brown eyed girl) was placed with us early 2013 and is currently in foster care with one of our management committee member's family, where she celebrated her first birthday in January. Little Caleb, just a month younger than Kiara, then joined the Home and brought many smiles along with him. He was placed in the care of his granny 3 months later. We then received our first set of twins, only a few weeks old, little Luthando and Thandokazi. Luthando was unfortunately diagnosed with Epilepsy, and due to his high medical needs, and constant hospital visits, he and his sister were transferred to Cotlands for more specialized care. Just before they left, little cutie pie Imitha joined the family, born the same day as the twins, effectively making us a home to triplets. Imitha was taken home to live with his doting forever family in Johannesburg early December 2013.

Abby was the last child placed with us in 2013 and was a total joy. She was placed in her granny's care, in the Eastern Cape, in December 2013. So six little blessings, all living in homes where we trust that love and care is lavished upon them.

Our Home

Our Home underwent intensive renovations early in 2013. Re-wiring, painting, cleaning and the installing of a new geyser were just a few things on the "to do list". Thank you to our landlord who oversaw this process, our house looks great!



The house, undergoing maintenance.

Our partners

At the end of 2013, we welcomed **Kings Smile** onto the Nthando Home premises. Kings Smile is an organization that runs a feeding scheme to the younger children in Lwandle. Every weekday morning, our kitchen is laden with bread, butter, peanut butter and fruit, all being prepared for the daily drop off. Welcome Kings Smile team, we trust our time together will be powerful and effective, and a journey we look forward to walking with you.

Our Volunteers

Our extra hands and feet, we thank you! From those that regularly go to the house to play and love the kids, to those that drop off goodies for the kids and staff, and to those that helped with hospital runs, we thank you. 2014 sees us with fewer volunteers compared to 2013, mainly due to changes in volunteer's

commitments or work changes. But those that continue to serve with us, we are so grateful for you and pray that you would be increasingly blessed as you continue to serve and that our volunteer numbers would increase where needed.

Our Funders

Without you we would not be able to function. Your financial generosity has allowed us to care for six children this year, and 14 children in total thus far. We have made it through another tough economic year, where most NPO's and NGO's have been scraping the barrel for funding to keep themselves sustainable. We are blessed to be sitting without debt, and with food on the table. So thank you to all our independent funders and our corporate funders, who generously provide regular donations, we appreciate you deeply.

Events

Run for Hope Team



2013 Two Oceans half Marathon saw the Run For Hope Team supporting Nthando Home's cause. Every one of the 21 km's was worth running for the little lives we support and care for. It was a great race, with a great atmosphere and great exposure. Well done to our team!

Mandela Day

As part of Mandela day, we asked our community to join in our *Diaper Drop Off* challenge, and see if we could get 67 packs of nappies for 67 minutes of service. We were blown away by the 75 packs we received that day.

House Mother, Trudy, with all our nappies →



“Nothing for Mahala” Movie Premiere

It was amazing to see a cinema packed with those supporting this event. Thank you to Heartlines and Ster Kinekor for your generosity to host this event. To Simonsberg and Lourensford, for donating cheese and wine, and to Caroline Smit, the force behind the event. We raised over R16 000 at this event, and it was a great opportunity to network, catch up with funders, volunteers and local organizations.



Somerset College Outreach



Somerset College Prep grade 3's blessed the Home with several hand painted boxes filled with baby products, baby food and toys, as their annual outreach project. Along with this, one of the pupil's families donated their beautiful jungle gym, where we are sure many happy memories will be made.

“Make a Difference” Market

Our *Make a Difference Market*, held in September 2013, saw a great day spent with family and friends. Coffee was consumed, cake was eaten, shopping was done, funds were generated, and much fun was had by all kids playing on the jumping castle and being entertained by a fantastic clown.

MySchool Project

We have been amazed at



how many people have joined the MySchool Project. In this last year we have made R3259, well done shoppers. So if you haven't already done so, add Nthando Home as your beneficiary. Simply go to www.myschool.co.za and add Nthando Home as your beneficiary. No fees involved.

2013 was a year marked by love, digging deep, active team work and seeking Gods vision for the Home and in the lives of the vulnerable. We all look back at this year in amazement at “what love can do”, and we look forward to 2014 expectant at how God will use Nthando Home.