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NTHANDO HOME OF SAFETY ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

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Letter from the Chairman

As we look back at Nthando Home's first year, I am filled with many emotions. Pride in our successes, joy in the children we cared for, amazement at how God provided for our every need, and thanksgiving that we made it through the year.

Amongst the joys we have had our challenges; many learning curves were experienced, which we trust will guide our future decisions. It has been a stretching experience for me, personally, to be a part of leading this cause, at times overwhelming, but for the most part exciting. I thank God for the people He has put in my path and for my supportive husband and family, who cheer me on every step of the way.

May God continue to be glorified in this cause, and may we continue to play a small part in building healthy families who love their children.

God bless,

Caraleigh Otto

Managing Director

Our Board

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nthando Home board for all their efforts and commitment to this project. Without you, Nthando Home would not be what and where it is, today. So thank you to Kelly Blair for effortlessly managing our finances, to Aimee MacDonald for creatively co-ordinating our public relations, to Gregg Goddard for fluently managing logistics, to Norman Lawton for courageously managing Human Resources and to Emily Mast for naturally managing our admin. In addition, I'd like to thank Pauli Geldenhuis for passionately managing the social wing of the organization, your efforts are clearly fruitful.

At this point I would like to say a special thanks to Norman Lawton as he steps down from the board, we pray God would bless you for the time and the effort you ploughed into Nthando Home.

Our Staff

I would like to thank our House Parents / Family, Gareth, Bev and Luke Carroll for sacrificially looking after eight beautiful children this past year. We pray that as you move into a new chapter and season, that God would strengthen you and provide for your every need. All the best at Seminary Gareth, do well at school Luke and enjoy looking after Carol Bev.

Thank you to Privilledge, for your love and care you showed each child, and for the support you offered to our house family. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

To Letitia Fisher, who functioned as our general manager and resigned in December 2012. We pray that you have settled into a new job, that you are as passionate about it as you were for Nthando Home.

To Norma, our additional Domestic Carer, thank you for your smiles and help you provided for 3 months while you worked with us.

Our Children



We thank God for the eight beautiful children He placed in our care over the last year. Starting with Carol, our Christmas baby, who was first to arrive at the home at 4 months. It's been a blessing to see her grow and

come out of many doctors' appointments with positive outcomes. She is now 14 months, and will be living with her prospective adoptive parents.

Then we had little Naomi, who came to us at 6 weeks. She was not with us long, as her aunt took the responsibility to take over her care. We trust you are doing well little one.

We then welcomed 5 year old Michael and baby Dylan. Michael kept everyone on their toes and was a joy to engage with. His smiles captured many hearts, including his current foster parents who he is presently staying with. Dylan came to us as a grumpy soul, but with love and care he flourished, sharing smiles and learning to walk with us. He is currently living with his mom, who met our challenge to be all she can be.

Eli and Kerri entered our hearts soon after, our first set of twins, 3 years old. They were with us for a short period, and are now happily placed in foster care with their younger sibling.

Babalwa/Ruth came to us at 6 months old, and by 9 months she was walking. Her determination was something we had to laugh at, as well as be encouraged by. She was adopted earlier this year, and is in a loving family in Gauteng.

And last but certainly not least, Dominic, our lively 4 year old, who taught us how to "shuffle". He will be leaving us soon to stay in a more permanent home.

Our Home

We will continue staying at our current home in Lourensford road in Somerset West. And thank God for the landlord he has blessed us with. A man of generosity and kindness, thank you. Our neighbors, a pre-school, are always asking how the home is doing, for their ongoing support we thank them.



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, to those that help with hospital visits, thank you. We have about 18 volunteers for 2013, and are overwhelmed by the generosity of these willing hearts. We look forward to working with you in changing lives of the vulnerable.

Our Funders

Without you we would not be able to function. Your generosity financially has allowed us to care for eight children, all of which have received endless amounts of love, hugs and kisses. We have made it through a year, that some may say was an economic struggle. At the end of 2012, almost 30 NPO's in the Western Cape closed their doors due to a lack of finance. We were not one of them, thanks to you our faithful givers. So thank you to our independent funders and our corporate funders, who generously provide regular donations, we appreciate you.

Events

The Teddy Bear Project

We raised over R3000 in this project last year, and look forward to continuing



the project this year. Thank you to Somerset College Prep, which welcomed our cause into their school, and to the Somerset West Baptist Church for allowing us a table at your Christmas market in December 2012. You have been part of making a difference in children's lives, and that is priceless.

Volunteer Training

Our latest volunteer training, held on the 2 February 2013, boasted the attendance of 15 volunteers willing to give of their time. It was a great opportunity to meet and greet each other, and to see how each individual can get involved in Nthando Home.

Baby Shower

In the middle of 2012, we held Nthando Home's first baby shower, an event we hope to have on an annual basis. We were very spoiled with baby products, clothes, baby toiletries and children's books and toys. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared this day with us.



MySchool Project

We have been amazed at how many people have joined the MySchool Project. We have been able to make just over R250 in the last few months. It may seem small, but every cent counts and the more people who add

Nthando Home as a beneficiary, the more money we can raise. So join today, go to www.myschool.co.za and add Nthando Home as your beneficiary. No fees involved.

The Plan Ahead

We are currently in the process of recruiting new House Parents / House Mother, a weekend Domestic Carer and a Part time Fundraiser. We hope to have all these positions will be filled by the 1st April 2013. Once we have our staff in place, we will eagerly await the arrivals of new little lives that we can build into and shower with love.

For more news, information and our banking details please visit our [website](#). You can also like our [Facebook](#) page and follow us on [Twitter](#).

May 2013 be a year marked by success and positive change in the lives of the vulnerable, and may we all stand back in amazement at “what love can do”.