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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EPWORTH CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AND
THERAPY AND ASSESSEMENT CENTRE

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GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

Dear Esteemed Supporters, Sponsors, and Friends of Epworth Children's Village,

As we find ourselves in the last quarter of the year, it's astonishing to reflect on the remarkable journey we've undertaken together.

We've weathered challenges and celebrated triumphs, all thanks to the unwavering support of donors like you, who have stood by us through thick and thin, not only in 2022 but also in 2023.

At present, we are in the process of submitting our annual application to the Department of Social Development, a crucial step in ensuring the continued operation and welfare of our beloved Epworth Children's Village. Unfortunately, this means that we are once again in a temporary financial gap, as we await the necessary approvals.

We turn to you, our valued supporters, with a humble request. If you could spare a moment to peruse your contacts and connect us with potential new donors or sources of income, it would be immeasurable help. Your referrals have been instrumental in our past successes, and we are hopeful that your network may hold the key to sustaining our mission.

In addition to financial support, we are also seeking assistance with our day-to-day necessities.

From groceries to fuel for transportation, every contribution aids us in providing the best care possible to the children under our wing. Your support ensures that they can attend school, reach medical appointments, and navigate the legal processes that are part of their journey.

The impact of your generosity extends far beyond the immediate, reaching into the futures of the children who call Epworth Children's Village their home.

It is through your kindness and dedication that we can continue to provide them with a safe, nurturing environment, and the opportunity to flourish.

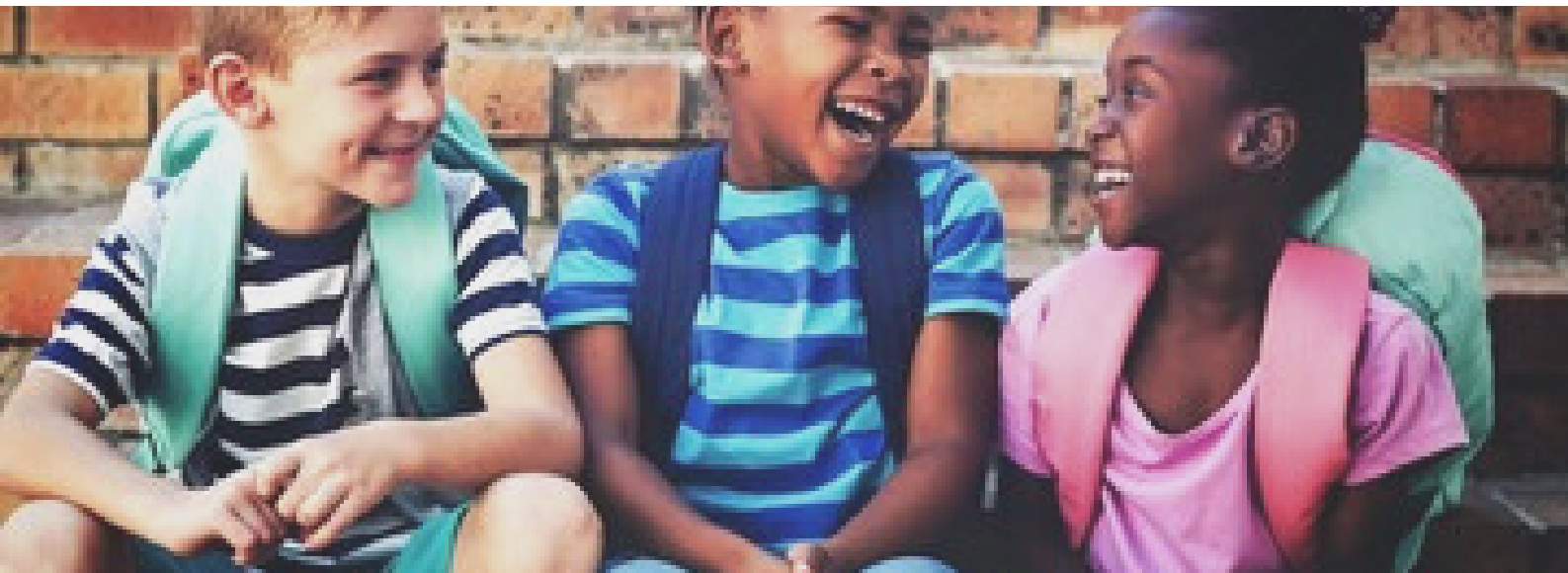
We thank you for being the driving force behind the transformational work we do. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of these children, one day at a time.

We are eagerly looking forward to sharing with you the latest achievements of our children, the dynamic happenings at our therapy centre, and the projects that are in need of your generous support.

Warmest regards,

Epworth Children's Village Team

P.S. If you have any leads or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Your input is invaluable to our cause.



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We are thrilled to share some heartening news regarding the health of our HIV/AIDS children.

After rigorous testing, we are delighted to report that all have tested negative for TB and their viral counts are undetectable, a testament to their robust health, good nutrition, and the dedicated care they receive.

Through the use of homeopathic immune builders, we have successfully maintained their well-being during the winter season, with only two children requiring antibiotics.

However, we are currently facing challenges with government mental health hospitals experiencing medication shortages. As a result, we are actively seeking funding to ensure continued treatment for these children.

4 children received much-needed glasses.

Your support makes these vital interventions possible, providing our children with brighter, healthier futures. Thank you for being a part of their journey toward a better, brighter tomorrow.

This year has been filled with milestones, growth, and moments of triumph that truly make us proud of our staff and children.

🌟Celebrating Epworth Achievements!🌟

- Cypress Girl - Siya- Your artistic talents at school are a testament to your creativity and dedication. Keep letting your talent shine!
- Jacaranda Girls – Kay - Receiving the Principal's Award is a testament to your hard work and dedication to your studies. Well done, Kay!
- Jacaranda Girls - Kamo, Judy, Ruth, Tara, Charne: Congratulations on making it onto the various sports teams! Your dedication and skill are commendable.
- Oak's Boys - Sandile, Nelly, Karabo, Lucian: Making it onto the soccer and cricket teams is a testament to your dedication and talent. Keep representing Epworth with pride!
- Oak's Boys - Tate, Siphamandla: Achieving success in karate is a testament to your discipline and skill. Keep up the great work!
- Oak's Boys - Denzel: Your spot on the running team is well-deserved. Your determination is an inspiration to us all.
- Oak's Boys - Lesedi: Meeting the passing standards is a significant achievement.

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- Oak's Boys - Tiaan, Karabo: Graduating with Tik Toc trophies is a wonderful accomplishment. Your creativity and innovation shine through! These achievements exemplify the dedication, talent, and resilience of our Epworth family. Each accomplishment is a step forward toward a brighter future. Let's continue to support and uplift one another as we strive for even greater heights.
- Sybil - Tamarisk House has shown remarkable dedication in keeping Tamarisk House in top shape. She's instilled a sense of pride in her boys, teaching them the importance of cleanliness and routine. Sybil, we salute your commitment!
- Syringa Girl - Dineo: Making it to the nationals for netball is a tremendous accomplishment. Your dedication to the sport is inspiring!



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🌟 Celebrating Epworth Achievements! 🌟

- Syringa Girl Rea - Being true to yourself, Rea, is an achievement in its own right. Keep shining bright!
- Tamarisk Boy- Kwanele - Achieving his Matric, becoming a renowned dancer, rapper, and the fastest runner in Epworth is nothing short of awe-inspiring!
- Tamarisk Boy- Nkosianthi - Your passion for reading is truly commendable. Keep nurturing that love for books!
- Tamarisk Boy- Tebogo acceptance into the soccer school team is a testament to his hard work and talent. Securing a top 10 spot in isiZulu further proves his dedication to excellence.
- Tamarisk Boy- Sboniso, your value badge for responsibilities and tolerance showcases your outstanding character. You're setting a remarkable example for your peers!

Our 2023 dedicated matriculants are diligently preparing for their final exams, navigating this crucial year with determination and resilience.

While nervous about the uncertainties ahead, their commitment to their studies is inspiring, and we stand behind them, ready to support their bright futures.

Our matriculants from last year have made remarkable strides in securing part-time positions within the community.

Innocent is now a valued member of a factory as a general worker, while Nixs has found her place in a salon, contributing to office administration and upkeep.

We continually seek support from community members who can provide employment opportunities for our children.

In 2024, we face the important task of finding suitable FET colleges for two of our children. They've reached a point where the traditional school system no longer meets their needs, and obtaining a qualification is the next step in their journey towards a bright future.

Join Hands with Epworth: Transforming Lives, One Child at a Time

At Epworth, we believe that every child deserves a chance at a brighter future, regardless of their past circumstances. With your support, we can make this vision a reality.

It costs R7700 per month to raise a child at Epworth. This covers a comprehensive program that includes a professional, multidisciplinary team of social workers, psychologists, childcare workers, and support staff. This dedicated team works tirelessly to provide the specialized care and attention each child requires.

Epworth shoulders almost 99% of the costs associated with each child, including 24/7 care, food, education, medical services, clothing, and other essential living expenses.

We partner with 13 schools within the Gauteng area to ensure every child receives a quality education tailored to their unique abilities and interests.



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Your support will not only provide immediate relief and care but also lay the foundation for a lifetime of success and well-being for these children. Together, we can help them overcome their challenges, heal from their past, and build a brighter future.

If you'd like to learn more about our programs or are interested in donating, please visit www.epworthvillage.org.za or feel free to contact us directly at 011 827 5732 or admin@epworthvillage.org.za.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to be a beacon of hope in the lives of these remarkable children. Your support truly makes a world of difference.

All donations made to the Epworth Children's Home are tax deductible under Section 18A of the Income Tax Act.

Your generosity can also earn you valuable B-BBEE points. The more you give, the more you can save on taxes.

While saving on taxes is a great benefit, the true reward of your donation lies in the positive change it brings to the lives of abused, neglected, and abandoned children.

Sponsorship Opportunities to Make a Difference

Holiday Transport (Operates within the old Vaal rectangle)

Description:
Responsible for transporting children home and back.

Cost: R6000.00

Home Visit (Supervision & delivery of medication)

Description:
Covers petrol and staff costs for necessary supervision.

Cost: R5500.00

Christmas Lunch (For 30-50 people)

Description:
Sponsor a festive lunch with all the trimmings.

Cost: R3500 – R 3800 per person.

New Year's Day Pool Party and Braai

Description:
Celebrate the new year with a fun-filled pool party.

Cost: R2500.00 – R 3000

Sponsorship Opportunities to Make a Difference

School Holidays

Description:
Sponsor activities or spend quality time with the children during school holidays.

All donations welcome

Back to School Supplies (60 children)

Preschool fees @ R 1000,00 per child
Stationery Packs
Book Fees: R5000.00+
School Uniforms and Footwear

General

Food Account R 35 000
Petrol R 18 000 – R 22 000
Water & Lights – R 40 000 – R 45 000

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." -
John F. Kennedy



THERAPY AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE

We are so excited to share an update on our dedicated team of interns and student psychologists at Epworth in 2023!

This year commenced with the arrival of four interns, consisting of one educational psychology intern and three counseling psychology interns, alongside two student psychologists.

They embarked on an extensive orientation program, followed by comprehensive 16PF training facilitated by Dr. Schwar, which provided them with invaluable insights into the field. In February, our interns officially commenced their roles, offering a range of psychological services including assessments, therapy, and learner support to our esteemed external clients.

They also began their placements at various vital sites, including Boksburg Child Welfare, Arbor Primary School, Summerfields Primary School, and Buccleuch Primary School, where their contributions have been invaluable.

The Solution Focused Training Workshop, led by Dr. Jacqui von Cziffra-Bergs, proved to be an enlightening experience, aligning perfectly with the solution-focused ethos we hold dear at Epworth.

In March, our interns took charge of planning and executing holiday programs for April and June, showcasing their dedication to fostering positive experiences for the individuals they serve.

Additionally, they have been working closely with referrals from Sunward Park Hospital, demonstrating their commitment to holistic and collaborative care. We applaud their hard work, especially in light of the significant demand for their services.

Their passion and diligence continue to make a meaningful impact on the lives of those they serve.

★ Join Us for "Confidently Me" Workshop! ★

Unlock Your Inner Confidence and Shine Bright!

Are you ready to boost your self-confidence and step into your full potential?

Join our upcoming "Confidently Me" Workshop and embark on a transformative journey towards self-assurance and empowerment.

Starts the 7th of October for 8 weeks for more information contact us on .

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OR email

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★ Upcoming Workshop ★

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Confidently Me....
RECOVERY WORKSHOP

TIRED OF	YOU WILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a doormat • Blaming yourself and others • Being afraid of taking risks • Feeling inadequate • Comparing yourself to others • Feeling lonely and isolated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop confident coping skills • Know and assert your rights • Cope with criticism and conflict • Identify abuse and put downs • Establish healthy boundaries • Communicate openly and honestly

Starts 7 October, 2 hrs a week over 8 weeks – Registration closes 5 October 2023. **BOOK NOW** to secure your seat.

For more information and to register, speak to your therapist or email practicemanager@epworthvillage.org.za



wish list

Urgent Appeal: Support Needed for Essential Supplies

We are reaching out to you with a heartfelt appeal for support during a time of pressing need.

At Epworth we are currently facing a critical shortage of essential supplies including groceries, meat, toiletries, and cleaning goods.

These items are vital to sustain the well-being of the individuals and families we serve.

Attached is our detailed grocery list, outlining the specific items urgently required. Your contribution, no matter the size, will have a profound impact on the lives of those who depend on us.

Your generosity has always been the driving force behind our mission, and we are immensely grateful for your unwavering support.

Together, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of those facing adversity.

If you are able to assist, please reach out to us at 011 8275732. Your kindness will provide much-needed relief and serve as a beacon of hope during these challenging times.

Thank you for considering our urgent request. We are deeply appreciative of your compassion and commitment to our cause.

Wishlist Groceries

Stock for birthday parties' packs monthly – chips, popcorn, mixed sweets, cold drinks,

Cleaning Goods weekly
 5 x 2kg Washing powder
 5 x 750 ml dishwasher
 5 x 750 ml toilet cleaner
 5 x 750 ml all purpose cleaner
 5 x 750ml jik
 10 x 5 toilet rolls
 5 x 5 sunlight soap green bar
 5 x 5 shoe polish
 5 x 5 bars soap
 5 x 5 shampoo
 5 x 5 conditioner
 2 x 5 toothpaste
 5 x 5 pine gel

Groceries Weekly
 5 x 5 Small polony
 5 x 5 cheese spread
 5 x 5 sandwich spread
 5 x 1kg Kellogg's
 5 x 48 weetbix
 5 x Morvite
 10 x 6 I litre long life milk
 5 x 2litre oil
 5 x 800g peanut butter
 5 x large jam
 5 x mayonnaise
 5 x tomatoe sauce
 5 x 2,5 kg sugar
 5 x 2kg rice
 10 x bully beef
 10 x tomatoe and onion tins
 20 x pilchards in tomatoe sauce
 5 x 750ml vinegar
 5 x 1 kg margarine
 5 x large curry powder

Wishlist Groceries

5 x barbeque spice
 5 x chicken
 5 x steak and chops
 5 x Bisto gravy
 5 x 1 litre fusion
 10 biscuits per week topper or marie
 100 x 2 minute noodles
 8 x 3kg Macaroni

Meat – 8 kg of mince ,beef or liver and chicken we use 10 kg per meal.

Wishlist Household Items

- 5 flip-top dustbins
- 1 large stain steel flip-top
- 5 laundry baskets
- 1 Invertor for the borehole
- 6 plastic bread bins

We've simplified the donation procedure, allowing supporters to donate online via our webpage www.epworthvillage.org.za,

if you prefer to talk to someone you can reach us by phone on 011 827 5732/33 /5860 or by email at admin@epworthvillage.org.za or via

EFT to FNB, Epworth Children Home
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 Number: 51120374255

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