

Epworth Childrens Village

May Newsletter: Strength and Courage in Challenging Times

Dear Friends of Epworth,

As we enter May, we reflect on the themes of strength and courage that resonate deeply within our community. This month serves as a reminder of the incredible resilience our children demonstrate as they navigate their unique challenges, especially during these uncertain times.

At Epworth, we understand that strength comes not just from the absence of adversity but from the ability to face it with courage and determination. Our dedicated staff continues to support our children with compassion and understanding, helping them develop the tools they need to overcome obstacles and thrive.

In these challenging times, let us honor the courage displayed by our children and staff. Together, we can inspire one another to face difficulties with grace and resilience.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Epworth Children's Village. Together, we will navigate these challenges and emerge even stronger.

In light of the impending closure, Epworth Children's Village sought legal recourse to challenge the systemic issues that are crippling the NPO sector. The court has granted us a temporary reprieve, allowing us to stay open until September 24 and to sit with DSD and to negotiate a SLA, this grace period offers us a small window to continue serving our children, but the future remains uncertain.

Many other organisations are joining forces and trying to shed light on the crisis facing welfare homes nationwide, with several institutions, being part of the collective fight for survival with Webber Wentzel

Despite the overwhelming odds, the Epworth community has come together in ways we could never have imagined. Our children, staff, partners, and donors are standing with us as we navigate this precarious time. While some support has trickled in, it's clear that the road ahead will require more than just financial aid—it will require systemic change.

How to Get Involved with Epworth Children's Village

There are many ways to support Epworth and make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Volunteer Your Time:** Share your skills, talents, and energy by volunteering with us. Whether you can mentor a child, help with daily activities, or provide administrative support, your time will be invaluable.
2. **Support a Project:** Help us continue our essential services by sponsoring a specific project. From education to therapy programs, your contribution can help fund the critical resources our children need.
3. **Join Monthly Giving:** Become a monthly donor and provide consistent support. Even small contributions can make a huge impact, helping us cover essential costs like groceries, clothing, and therapy services.
4. **Donate Monthly Groceries:** Partner with us to supply monthly groceries, ensuring our children have nutritious meals. You can also coordinate with your company or community group to provide bulk donations.
5. **Contribute to Our Wishlist:** We always need items like toiletries, school supplies, and clothing. Check our website for an updated wishlist and see how you can help with essential day-to-day needs.

Every bit of support helps create a safe and nurturing environment for the children in our care.

A Heartfelt Thank You to The Norman Wevell Trust

In May 2024, we were incredibly fortunate to receive much-needed support from The Norman Wevell Trust during a challenging time. Your generous contribution toward essential day-to-day items has provided relief and helped us continue to care for the children at Epworth Children's Village. We are deeply grateful for your swift response to our urgent call for assistance, and your kindness has truly made a difference in our daily operations.

Thank you for standing with us in trying times and for helping to sustain the work we do.

Thank You to Our Generous Donors! -From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our sincerest gratitude to all our donors who have contributed this month.