

EPWORTH CHILDREN'S VILLAGE NEWSLETTER: GRATITUDE TO ALL

FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we step out of September, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the remarkable individuals and organizations that make a difference in the lives of our children every single day. Your unwavering support is the backbone of Epworth, enabling us to provide essential care, love, and opportunities for growth to those we serve.

In this month's newsletter, we will highlight some of the incredible contributions from our supporters that have had a profound impact on our children and the community. Your generosity and commitment are what allow us to continue our mission, and we cannot do it without you.

Thank you for standing by us and for believing in the potential of every child at Epworth. Together, we are creating a brighter future!

A Special Thank You to Our Champions

At Epworth, the heart of our mission is fuelled by the dedication and compassion of remarkable individuals who go the extra mile to uplift the children in our care.

We would like to extend a heartfelt **special thank you** to **Dhari, Karen, Otto, Neurice, Kate, and Lauren** for the invaluable roles you've played throughout the year.

Your input, effort, and dedicated commitment have made an extraordinary impact on the lives of these children, helping to provide the love, care, and essentials they need.

Your contributions, whether through time, resources, or expertise, have not gone unnoticed. You've been an integral part of ensuring that Epworth continues to be a place of hope, stability, and growth for all the young lives we touch.

Thank you for being such a vital part of our community and for making Epworth's mission your own. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership, and we look forward to continuing this journey together!

Your dedication is truly appreciated, and you are making a lasting difference. **Thank you for everything!**

Epworth provides over 250 nutritious meals daily, ensuring that each child receives three balanced meals and two snacks or school lunches. These meals are crucial for the children's overall health and well-being, especially in a home where many children face challenges like HIV. Proper nutrition helps keep viral counts low and strengthens their immune systems, giving them the best chance at leading healthier lives.

Thanks to the support of our partners, such as the Waco SGB- CAPE CSI team that adopted Epworth this year, and kept our shelves stocked with groceries. These monthly donations ensure we can continue to provide for the children's needs, from meals to basic care essentials.

Healthy food plays a vital role in their physical and emotional development. When children are nourished, they are better equipped to focus, learn, and thrive in their daily activities. The impact of these meals is not just immediate—it shapes their long-term growth, development, and resilience.

A heartfelt thank you to all the donors and partners who have stepped up to help us provide this essential care. Your generosity ensures that we can continue giving these children the foundation they need for a better future!

Thank you to CSI team at Waco, staff, suppliers, and shareholders who have helped, Providing HOPE for up to 84 beneficiaries at Epworth, Waco CSI Amazing Race is a Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiative organized by Waco International and SGB Cape one of its divisions, as part of their community engagement and support efforts.

Thank you to all at WACO Africa, WACO International and WACO Modular for your partnership and support.

Epworth Update

As we move into the final months of 2024, we wanted to provide an update regarding our ongoing discussions with the Department of Social Development (DSD). Our meeting, initially scheduled for early September, was unfortunately cancelled due to other priorities from the Premier's office. We have made several requests for a new meeting, but as of now, no discussions have occurred regarding the Service Level Agreement (SLA) required by the court. However, we have received documentation from the local office to sign the SLA, which extends until the end of March 2025.

As we approach the end of the year, our children are focused on their exams and final assignments, creating a busy and sometimes stressful environment. Alongside these academic pressures, we have welcomed two new young ladies aged 10 and 7 years into our home, who are adjusting well and have begun attending school.

We're pleased to report that our project to upgrade and restore Epworth is progressing smoothly. This month, we received new mattresses for Tamarisk from a generous individual donor. Additionally, **Box Boyz Boksborg** has joined our challenge and agreed to sponsor the monies to assist with the setup of new houses for the children,

addressing the growing demand for our services. We are currently conducting many admissions assessments to support this initiative.

In another exciting development, the Epworth Therapy and Assessment Centre was invited to participate in a Wellness Day at City Power. We had the opportunity to share the day with various suppliers, focusing on health and mental well-being. We are exploring the potential for developing a relationship that could provide services while also acting as an income generator for Epworth.

We also had the privilege of celebrating **Uncle Jeff's 50th birthday** with him. Jeff began his journey as a childcare worker and has since progressed to a senior role, taking on various responsibilities from driving to childcare. His commitment and growth are a testament to the supportive environment at Epworth.

Lastly, please note that our Annual General Meeting has taken place. If you haven't received your booklet or need any information, please reach out to us. We have experienced some loss of data, so if you haven't heard from us or need records, contact us at admin@epworthvillage.org.za or call us at 011 825 5732.

A Special Thank You to Our Medical Angels

This month, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our medical angels for their incredible support. Thanks to their generosity, two of our teenagers received glasses, significantly improving their vision and overall quality of life. Access to proper eyewear is essential for their education and daily activities, and we are truly grateful for this timely assistance.

Your contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children at Epworth, ensuring they receive the care and support they need to thrive. Thank you for being there for us and for the children

Thank you to all our supporters for the month of September.

Epworth Current Needs

At Epworth Children's Village, we are currently working on several important projects, and we need your help to ensure their success. As we approach the busy months ahead, your support could make a tremendous difference in the lives of the children we care for.

Our Current Needs:

Seasonal Giving (Summer Clothing): We are collecting summer essentials such as clothing, shoes, sandals, pajamas, gowns, slippers, and underwear.

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Back 2 School Projects: We are preparing for the new school year and are in need of school bags, stationery, school clothing, white PT takkies, book fees, and tablets (x10).

December Festive Season : To make the festive season special, we're looking for support to fund activities, sponsor an event, or assist with groceries, treats, and meals, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Braai. We can provide lists and sizes for clothing, as well as more specific information on our needs.

Wishlist – Monthly support of groceries - You can support us on monthly basis
Projects and upgrades for houses – Adopt a house – lists attached

Any assistance, whether big or small, would be greatly appreciated. Together, we can ensure that the children at Epworth Children's Village have what they need for a bright and hopeful future.

Thank you for considering supporting these important projects. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to get involved. You can reach us on – 011 827 5732 and admin@epworthvillage.org.za