

February Moments



Our Angels and Birthdays Celebrations



Our 2025 Interns



2025 Back 2 School



Waco AFRICA



SA Harvest and the South African Rugby Legends



Lucchini SA



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The Month of Love, Gratitude, and Growth

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” - Anne Frank

As we reflect on the month of February — the month of love — we’re reminded of the incredible generosity that surrounds us. Every act of kindness, every donation, and every moment of support has allowed us to keep moving forward with hope and purpose.

From all of us at Epworth Children’s Village — thank you for standing by us.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Donors

As we near the end of the financial year, we pause to acknowledge the amazing donors who have supported us throughout 2024. We are truly blessed to walk this journey with individuals and organizations dedicated to making a lasting difference in the lives of our children.

Honouring Oncomax Cancer Centre

Our deepest gratitude goes to Dr. Sylvia Rodrigues, the dedicated team at Oncomax Cancer Centre, and their wonderful patients for their continued support. Based at the Medimix Centre in Johannesburg South, Oncomax is a beacon of healing, hope, and heart.

We were honoured to host Dr. Rodrigues and her team at Epworth in December. Their visit brought joy, warmth, and unforgettable memories for our children.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Mogie, whose passion and initiative brought new supporters like Lauren and her mom Sandy into our community. Your collective compassion has made a meaningful impact in recent months.

Thank You, Lucchini SA

Thank you to Lucchini SA for helping to equip our children with essential school stationery. Your support ensured that our learners started the year with everything they needed to succeed — confident, prepared, and excited to learn.

Wheels of Change: Thank You, Waco Africa

A long-time wish has come true! Thanks to Waco Africa, Epworth now has a Quantum vehicle to support our daily school runs across 13 different schools in the East Rand and Edenvale.

With our previous vehicles over 21 years old, this new addition is a game-changer, ensuring safer, more reliable transport and smoother school transitions for our children.

A special thank you also goes to Waco Modular for your:

- Ongoing monthly support
- Staff health and safety training in January
- Regular grocery donations for our homes

You are helping to uplift and sustain our community in powerful ways.

SA Harvest & SARLA: Fighting Hunger Together

This February, SA Harvest and the South African Rugby Legends Association (SARLA) teamed up once again — delivering an incredible 2,835kg of food and essential items to Epworth.

Spearheaded by Martin Van Staden (former MMA fighter) and Gavin Varejes (SARLA President), and supported by Boxer Superstores, this initiative was not only rapid (delivery within 48 hours!) but filled with heart.

Rugby legends Mac Masina, Elton Jantjies, and Derick Minnie joined the children for an unforgettable visit — and we were especially touched to welcome MMA fighter Igue Kabesa (Smiley), a former Epworth child himself.

These partnerships are essential in addressing both immediate needs and the long-term fight against hunger in our communities.

Education Milestones

We are proud to share that every child at Epworth is now enrolled in school, including five toddlers in crèche!



This year, we're supporting:

- 4 new Grade 1 learners
- 8 learners in Grade 8
- 2 Matriculants
- 2 newly appointed Prefects

We also welcomed two new children in February — a 5-year-old girl and a 10-year-old boy — and we are excited to support them as they settle in and grow.

Celebrating Our Superstars

Let's celebrate some of the remarkable achievements of our children:


-  Princess S brought home four medals in athletics – our rising star!
-  Madam C made the school swimming team – a big splash!

- 🎓 Princess K continues to excel academically – she’s now a prefect, received a certificate for outstanding behaviour, and is being considered for scholarships from four top high schools


We are so proud of you all!

January & February Birthday Celebrations

In January and February, we embraced joy and togetherness by celebrating our cherished children and staff birthdays — because every life in our Epworth family deserves to be honoured.

 In January, we celebrated the birthdays of:

- 3 children
- 4 dedicated staff members

 In February, we lit the candles for:

- 3 children
- 2 wonderful staff members

To our incredible birthday angels — thank you for making these moments extra special. Your love and thoughtful gifts brought smiles, laughter, and warm memories to our home. Every birthday celebration reminds our children how loved they are and how much they matter.

How You Can Help

We’re currently in need of:

- Volunteer tutors for homework and academic support
 - New prescription glasses for 5 senior children (public health waiting time: 14–20 months)
 - Support our wishlist - email for more details
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**With love and deep appreciation,
The Epworth Children’s Village Team**

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