



BIRTHDAYS



Easter



Welcome May

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SMILE KEEPERS



SASOL LAMBTON

Epworth Children's Village – May Newsletter

Honouring the Hands That Hold Us

"Partnership is built on shared purpose—where hearts, hands, and hopes unite to create lasting impact."

As May draws to a close, we take a moment to reflect with deep gratitude on the many people who walk this journey with us. This month, we honoured **Mother's Day**—celebrating mothers of all kinds: by blood, by bond, and by choice. We know a mother's love comes in many forms, and we salute every caregiver, nurturer, and protector who brings light into a child's world.

It is only through the dedication of our **donors, volunteers, and community partners** that we are able to do what we love: **make a lasting difference in the lives of children.**

We know times are tough—businesses and families are facing immense challenges. And yet, you continue to show up. **Your kindness, generosity, and unwavering support have carried us**, especially over the Easter period. To the amazing souls who heard our unspoken prayers and responded with love: **thank you.**

A Fresh Start to the Term

Our children began their **second school term**, we had 80% pass rate and super proud of all our children, energized and ready to grow. We also had our **annual health check-ups**, thanks to our friends at **Smile for Joy**—thank you for caring for our children's wellbeing.

True Partnership in Action

"Partnerships are the heartbeat of sustainable change—when we walk together, we go further, reach deeper, and uplift more lives than we ever could alone."

Here are just a few incredible acts of support this month:

- **G and his wife**, thank you for **nominating Epworth** as your chosen charity for **Million in Change**, and to **NHR Mines** for **matching the donation**. Your generosity inspires and uplifts us.
- **Waco International**, we are truly grateful for the donation of **ten tablets** for our high school children. Each tablet has been fully loaded with textbooks and essential educational tools. This kind of support provides more than access to learning—it empowers dreams and builds a path to success.
- **Andrew Gardner and the Sasol Lambton team**—thank you for walking beside us for the past three years. Your donation of much-needed household items and **school winter shirts** kickstarted our winter drive. You've brought warmth, dignity, and hope to our children. We are grateful to know we do not walk alone.

♥ Thank You for the Joyful Visits

- **Smile Keepers and Ian**, your visit filled us with joy! Your beautiful gift bags—with warm blankets and sweet treats—brought so much comfort. We've truly missed you.
- **Fagrie Osman from Romans Germiston**, thank you for the delicious **pizza pies and juice**. Nothing brings smiles like a warm meal and a generous heart!
- **Chrissie and family**, thank you for the **special KFC treat**—a real highlight for our children.
- **Joyce and friends**, thank you to your group of **40 amazing community service volunteers** for your visit and for the donation of **toiletries**—an often-overlooked but vital need.
- **Vladimir**, thank you for the warm **hot dogs and juice**—you brought smiles and full tummies.
- To our dear friends at **Alberton Methodist Church**, thank you for your ongoing **Hot Dog Friday treats**—a tradition our children look forward to every week.
- **Dhina**, your time with our children was deeply appreciated. Thank you for your presence, care, and connection.

🧸 Weekend Joy and Relaxation

Did you know that we care for **45–50 children every weekend**? These children remain with us during weekends and holidays. For them, weekend **outings and activities** are more than just fun—they're a chance to **relax, unwind**, and just be kids after a structured week of **school, therapy, and homework**.

Your support makes these moments of joy possible. Whether it's a hot dog, a warm blanket, or a surprise outing—it all says the same thing:

“You matter. You are seen. You are loved.”

💬 Closing Words of Gratitude

To our old friends and new ones—we **cannot do this without you**. Every donation, every visit, every kind word reminds us that we are not alone in this mission.

Whether you're giving time, treasure, or talent—**you are part of our story**. Together, we are building something that lasts: hope, healing, and home.

With heartfelt thanks,

The Epworth Children's Village Team

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We'd Love to Hear From You!

Whether you're looking to get involved, donate, sponsor a child, or simply want to learn more about what we do, there are many ways to connect with us:

Website:

www.epworthvillage.org.za

Visit our website for more information on our programs, donation options, and how you can make a difference.

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