



Easter Newsletter 2009

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EASTER MIRACLE CHILD

In July, Marilyn, a mother of five children, living in East London, awoke to find her youngest daughter, Clareese, with a dangerously high fever. Clareese was ten months at the time. After many days and hours running between doctors and hospital, waiting for test results, she was referred to Red Cross Hospital in Cape Town. Clareese was suffering from liver cancer.



At the on-set of Chemotherapy

The condition is painful, and if not treated quickly, leads to severe complications resulting in death.

Clareese was placed with St. Joseph's Home where she received convalescent care, while undergoing Chemotherapy at the Red Cross Hospital. Because Clareese came from East London, we provided room and board for her Mom to stay with her daughter.

Mom was thankful for the support she received from the nuns and nurses at St. Joseph's. Mom shared how their support helped her cope with Clareese's cancer. On Monday, February 5th, Mother and child returned to East London, where the local hospital will monitor Clareese to assure her cancer remains in remission.

Clareese's Mom said "My daughter is a fighter, a real fighter" with such pride for her little girl's accomplishment.

We remain ever humbled by the grace of God. Clareese's healthy body is a vivid representation of what happens when people join hands to make a difference.



Ready to go...

AN EASTER MESSAGE



Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Pope John Paul II

Parent Accommodation Re-opens

Having a parent around while a child is receiving critical health care is one of the single biggest booster shots we can give a child. Thanks to a generous donation from the Catholic Relief Fund we were able to renovate our parent living quarters.



Sr. Silvia views plaque

With the support of the Catholic Relief Fund, we were able to improve the parent living area by adding a new shower area, a solar geyser, new windows, improved air circulation, new lighting, and an outdoor picnic table, and new furniture. Sr. Silvia was thankful for the improvement and believes we must provide parents and children with a facility that reflects the dignity and respect we have for them.

What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.

Mother Teresa



St. Joseph's Home Gala Celebration

St. Joseph's first ever Gala Event is taking place on April 30th at the Table Bay Hotel, Waterfront at 7 pm. The evening will be a black tie event with Marc Lottering and Shado Twala on hand to make the night extra special. This annual event will mark the Pallottine Sisters and St. Joseph's Home continued commitment to heal those most in need for years to come.

The purpose of the Gala is to help us to "Mind the Gap!". "Mind the Gap" is an announcement familiar to the ears of every commuter travelling on the London Underground; 'the Gap' being the distance between carriage and platform. In our case, "the Gap" is the difference between the actual cost of a medical bed and our limited government funding. In either case, bad things happen when we fail to mind 'the Gap'.

We will also be honouring Archbishop L.P. Henry with the "Legacy of Healing" Award. The Archbishop has dedicated his life to the service of all God's children. His life time commitment to service and to St. Joseph's reflects the highest values one can aspire too.

We also honour Petro SA and Xstrata, two corporations that made a generous commitment of resources to St. Joseph's Home, allowing us to continue to give children a life worth living. Because of companies like Petro SA and Xstrata we are able to make a difference. They will receive our Corporate Legacy of Healing award.

TO BOOK YOUR TICKET AT THE GALA, DOWNLOAD A BOOKING FORM BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK

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**"I thank God for my handicaps,
for, through them, I have found myself,
my work, and my God"**
Helen Keller

**PLEASE HELP US TO MIND THE GAP, BY
SUPPORTING OUR GALA CELEBRATION**



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Making a donation

1) Deposit a once-off or a re-occurring donation through your bank:

St. Joseph's Home for Children
Standard Bank
Account Number: 271 1666 14
Branch Code: 036 309
Swift Code: SBZAJJ (For international donors)

2) Mail a cheque, made out to St. Joseph's Home for Children.

St. Joseph's Home for Children
PO BOX 21
Howard Place, Cape Town
7450
South Africa

3) Remember us in your will and/or name St. Joseph's Home in your life insurance policy.

4) Donations of supplies and food produce are welcome.

We'd love you to visit

If you would like to tour the Home and see first hand the manner in which God expresses his love for his children, please call our Resource Development office (021-934-0352) to arrange your visit or e-mail us at:

▶▶ info@stjosephshome.org.za

We are also available to share the story of St. Joseph's Home with your club or organization.

"St. Joseph's Home for Children" is a private, registered Non-Profit organization based on the Non-Profit Organization Act (Act 71 of 1997). NPO # 002-908. We are registered as a "Public Benefit Organization" based on Section 18A of the Income Tax Act (Act 58 of 1962).

All donations received are used exclusively for and by "St. Joseph's Home for Children" in carrying out its mission to serve medically fragile and handicapped children. The names and contact details of donors are never sold or shared with other organizations. We are audited on an annual basis, and our statements are available on request or can also be viewed in the