



# Newsletter

## A Christmas Miracle

In December, 2008 Nolvuyo sang with the choir during our Christmas show. She was a sweet and loving girl, who was suffering the ravages of cancer. Nolvuyo died in August having lived a life knowing she was loved. Nolvuyo is now transformed from a life of bodily pain to a higher calling with the Lord.



We know that death is an integral part of living. Our time on earth is not measured by how long one lives, but rather by the quality of one's life. Nolvuyo enjoyed her childhood and she left us in a state of grace.

Nolvuyo participated in life affirming activities, receiving love and respect from her family, from the little patients that lived in her ward, from the staff, who cared for her, and from the support and prayers of the Pallottine Sisters. Nolvuyo's suffering may have been unknown to many, but she was never invisible! Her transition from this life was made as comfortable, and as joyful as possible. We are proud of Nolvuyo and glad for the difference we were able to make in her life, but we are most grateful for the difference she made in our lives. Christmas, is a time of new beginnings. We do not struggle with the mysteries of death, we have our faith and remain affirmed that Nolvuyo is on a path to a new beginning.

May God bless Nolvuyo and may the Lord keep all his children in an embrace of love. We are proud to honour Nolvuyo as our miracle child.

***If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.***

*Mother Teresa*

## A Christmas Message



**We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice.**

*Pope Paul VI*



Thank you Xstrata, you are our first corporate sponsor of a medical ward for 2009 -2010. The Protea boys send you a big thank you.

***In the quiet of our hearts we reflect on the mystery of our lives and the great love that God has for us.***



... be ever grateful for a Christmas gift under your Christmas tree. A re-occurring donation on behalf of all the little patients who need St. Joseph's Home is a selfless, life affirming gift. It is only because you care, that we are able to make a difference.





## Suggested levels of "Mind the Gap" support

- Level one: R166 per month
- Level two: R1,000 per month
- Level three: R2,000 per month



We are grateful for the support from DG Murray Trust, from the Joan St. Leger Lindbergh Charitable Trust, and from the Soroptimist Society, Cape of Good Hope for providing the needed funding to renovate the Sunflower Medical Ward Bathrooms. We still have four more medical wards that need your help. With your help we can make it happen.



Newly renovated Sunflower bathing area

A Zulu Proverb:

"Umuzi ngumuzi ngokuphanjikelwa" "A home is a home if it is visited."

St. Joseph's Home is blessed with wonderful visitors. For us it is a sign of the generous heart and open arms that embrace the lives of our little patients. If your feet have not yet walked down our path, perhaps it is time to make our home, your home.

*Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everyone, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat. Mother Teresa*



Merry Christmas and God Bless You!



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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: SBZAZAJJ (For international donors)

2) Mail a cheque, to St. Joseph's Home.  
 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 are welcome.

Tel: 021 934 0352 Fax: 021 934 7404 Email: [info@stjosephshome.org.za](mailto:info@stjosephshome.org.za)

Website: [www.stjosephshome.org.za](http://www.stjosephshome.org.za)

Pallotti Road, Montana 7491, P O Box 21, Howard Place, Pinelands 7450

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

[info@stjosephshome.org.za](mailto:info@stjosephshome.org.za)

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

"St. Joseph's Home for Children" is a registered Non-Profit organization based on the Non-Profit Organization Act (Act 71 of 1997). NPO # 002-908.

Donations received are used for and by "St. Joseph's Home for Children" in carrying out its mission to serve medically fragile and handicapped children.

We are audited on an annual basis, and our statements are available on request.