



**Winter Miracle Child: Nonnie**

Nonnie is 16 and has been in our care since 2006. She was admitted with Chronic Lung Disease and Rheumatic Heart Disease. At the time it was felt that Nonnie may not be able to walk given her medical condition. Today Nonnie is able to walk. Thanks to the help of the Red Cross Memorial Hospital Nonnie she has received a portable oxygen tank, freeing her from the large oxygen tank that restricted her movements. While Nonnie knows that her lungs will not improve, the portable oxygen tank has given her a new freedom of mobility.



Nonnie can now participate in various activities like cooking classes with the rest of her friends. She was also able to attend field trips and she even participated in a local radio show. Today Nonnie can do a lot of the activities any teenager can do.

Nonnie's one wish for as long as she could remember was to "get a drivers license and a dream car." What was once impossible is now possible! Nonnie is determined to not let her medical condition stand in her way. Nonnie is a vibrant, extraordinary teenager who has a confidence in herself that you can feel as soon as you meet her. Nonnie has endured much in her short life, giving her a wisdom and outlook on life beyond her young years. We are confident that Nonnie will continue to overcome all obstacles in her path. For all that she has achieved we honor Nonnie as our Winter Miracle Child.

**Happy International Nurses Day**



Nurse's day honours the contributions made by nurses. The nurses at St. Joseph's protect the children from the risks that occur when illness makes it difficult for them to perform the activities of daily living -- ordinary acts like breathing, turning, going to the toilet, coughing, or swallowing. We honour our 43 nurses for the loving care they provide.

**OUR FIRST GALA EVENT A MAJOR SUCCESS**

Thank you to all the wonderful friends who came out in support of our "Mind the Gap" Gala. The event was a fun evening for all, and helped to raise the Home's profile, while also netting R65 000 in support of St. Joseph's 'Mind the Gap' campaign. Archbishop Henry accepted the "Legacy of Healing" award bestowed on an individual who best reflects the values and commitments of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters. We present the Corporate 'Legacy of Healing' award to PetroSA. PetroSA was the first corporation to sign on as a corporate sponsor of a medical ward in 2008-2009. We also presented the Corporate 'Legacy of Healing' award to Xstrata. Xstrata provided support to help renovate the medical ward playgrounds and our front entrance. Mr. Ratshikhophu who accepted the award on behalf of Xstrata, made an unexpected announcement sharing Xstrata's intent to be a corporate sponsor of a medical ward in 2009-2010. Next year's gala event will honour a 75 year legacy of service on behalf of St. Joseph's Home by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters, who, through the strength of their commitment to medically fragile children are responsible for all that St. Joseph's has achieved and will achieve in the years to come.

**"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."  
Mother Teresa**

