

SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2014



Wishing you a blessed 2014! May you be successful in your endeavours, and experience good health and glorious breakthroughs in your life where needed!

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to everyone for each and every contribution made this past year of 2013 – for the cash donations, the clothes and goods that were dropped off at the Shelter, the emotional support and love extended to everyone on site. We truly appreciate your good will and pray that you will be richly blessed!

During 2013 we have seen a great number of abandoned and neglected babies being delivered to our doorstep. This increase has brought the total to of 35 babies and toddlers since November 2009. Our aim is always to receive loving permanent homes for these babies as soon as possible. Therefore Barnswallows has started to focus on small/newborn babies. In order for them to bond with their new families, we link registered social workers, Social Services, the abandoned baby and new families who are interested in adopting. We also of course still take in special needs babies, who stay long term.

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A baby with no name – Christine's journey

Each and every baby has a unique story. A baby girl born in December was signed off for adoption by her mother and was only 2 days old when she was placed in our care. A week later we were contacted by a couple who merely enquired about the adoption process and said that they would be interested in adopting a baby sometime. They had heard about our social worker who placed this baby girl with us from someone in Turkey. When they contacted the social worker, she referred them to our Home and suggested they visit us in connection with the newborn baby girl. When I put the baby in their arms, I told them 'We call her Christine'. After an interview with these parents, they decided to visit again and 3 days later they discussed their situation with me. They told me their story of how they believed God had told them to 'fetch their baby', on the exact day this baby was born. The couple had decided on a name for the baby before they came to Barnswallows. When Christine was put into their arms, they could hardly believe their ears, as that was the name they chose beforehand!

We believe that every baby placed at Barnswallows is divinely matched with the new parents and we are so happy to see how our babies turn into princes and princesses within weeks after leaving the nest!



We were really touched by the way Christine came into our lives and was placed into her new family.

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Fundraising

The first major fund raising event to diarise is the Golf Day that will take place on 27th May 2014.

The venue for the day will be the CMR Golf Course and as many as 120 golfers will be able to play at R2000.00 per 4 ball game.

Required support for the day is the following:

Sponsored goods for 120 goodie bags for the golfers

Sponsorship of R1000.00 per hole. Sponsors will be allowed to advertise (i.e. have a banner erected at the sponsored hole).

Sponsorship of prizes for the 1st four placements (16 Prizes)

Sponsorship of prizes to be auctioned

As a tribute to the late Nelson Mandela we have been receiving R67.00 per month from sponsors and urge others to join.

Our banking details to follow at end of Newsletter.

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Volunteers

Volunteering requirements have been altered and any future volunteers are required to have some form of qualification in the following: Early Childhood Development and/or Special Needs Education and/or Psychology and/or experience in these fields. This is to ensure regular commitment towards the babies as anything else only makes the home less stable. If you are an IT specialist, a handyman or are an expert in your field (please check our [needs list](#)) and would like to donate your time/services, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our next training date for prospective volunteers will be on 8 February 9-1. Please contact René by email if you are interested in committing for 6 months. This is sure to be a life changing experience!

Household goods

We redistribute ALL items in good working/usable condition that you donate, including household goods, adult and children's clothing. Outreaches are done into poor areas across the country, and even across the border to places like Malawi and Zimbabwe. When you clear out your cupboards, please remember Barnswallows. Patrichea who is on our Board is in charge of these projects and has been doing amazing work this past year.



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Our Thanks

Thank you for your donations and sponsorships. *Together we are making a difference – changing society one baby at a time!*

"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passer-by leaves a mark" – Confucius

Our Banking Details

Barnswallows Baby Shelter

FNB Clearwater

Cheque Account

Account Number: 623 7955 9027

Branch Code: 251 141



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