



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear extended Home from Home Family,

As we reflect on the past few months, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible achievements and heartwarming stories within our community.

Karli Fourie, inspired by a climb up Table Mountain three years ago, has been dedicated to helping orphaned and abandoned children. This year, she combined her annual clothing donations with a fundraising goal by swimming the 7.4km Robben Island crossing. On 23 August, Karli achieved her dream, becoming the youngest person to complete the crossing and raising over R50,000 for Home from Home. Her determination and commitment are truly inspiring.

In October, we invite our extended international Home from Home family to join us for an exciting fundraising auction at Saint Jacques restaurant in London. This event, featuring Bob Skinstad as our guest speaker, will offer a selection of South African items for auction. The proceeds will benefit Home from Home, supporting our mission to create a second chance at family for the most vulnerable children in our communities.

The growing number of developing young adults in our organisation continue to inspire us and are a true reminder of the important work that we do. Each month we share incredible stories with one another about the remarkable achievements of these young people. The story of Mzi which we share is a good example of this.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission. Together, we are assisting the most vulnerable children in society to become healthy, well-adjusted adults who contribute positively to their communities.

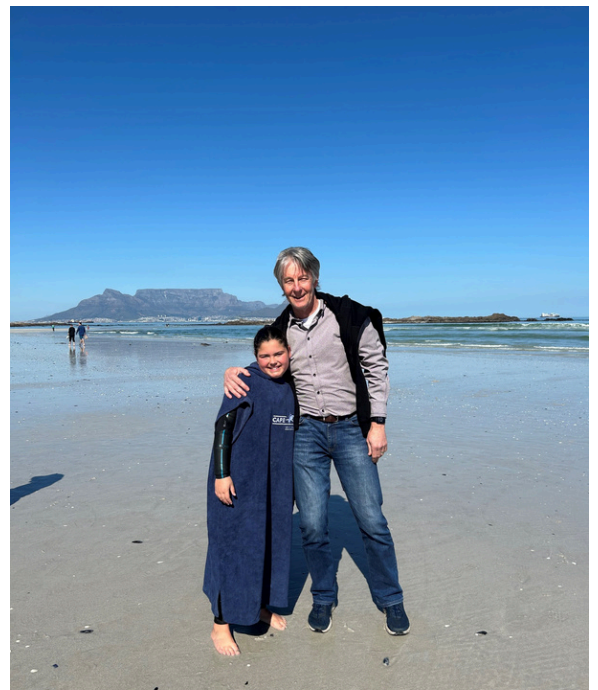
Warm regards,

Peter Marx

### GRATITUDE:

CONSIDERING THE MANY ADVERSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXTS IN OUR WORLD, WE APPRECIATE AND VALUE OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOURCES. WE ACTIVELY SENSITIZE OUR FAMILIES TO THESE CONTEXTS TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THIS VALUE IN OUR ORGANIZATION. WE SHOW GRATITUDE BY THANKING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT OF OUR VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR HUMAN ENDEAVOURS, WE RECOGNISE THE ROLE OF A HIGHER POWER TO ENABLE OUTCOMES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR OUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED.

-HOME FROM HOME VALUE



## COURAGEOUS KARLI

Karli Fourie from Melkbosstrand, 30km north of Cape Town, planned to swim from Robben Island to Blouberg beach, aiming to become the youngest person to do so.

Three years ago, Karli and her family climbed up Table Mountain via Platteklip Gorge in support of charities through the JDI Cableway Charity Challenge. It was during this climb that the idea to help orphaned and abandoned children was born. She spoke to Peter Marx and learned about the many children who no longer had biological parents to care for them.

"I felt heartsore for these children and wanted to help Home from Home make a difference," said a softly spoken Karli. Shortly thereafter, Karli packed a parcel of her clothing to donate to us and continued to do it every year on her birthday.

This year, Karli's dream was to combine her clothing donations with raising funds for Home from Home by swimming the Robben Island crossing (7.4km).

On the morning of 23 August, Karli turned her dream into reality. This phenomenal young girl successfully completed the crossing, and officially became the youngest person to swim the Robben Island Crossing! She was accompanied by family friend, Howard Warrington an experienced open water swimmer and world record holder for having swum the famous crossing more than 200 times.

In addition to her amazing swimming achievement, Karli raised over R50 000 for Home from Home. Her determination to achieve this goal was remarkable. She was motivated and committed to the training (5km per training session, four times a week) to meet this challenge and make a difference in the lives of foster children.

These are the actions that change the world for the better!

Thank you, Karli!





# FOSTER MOTHER WELLNESS DAY

Our dedicated foster mothers play a crucial role in providing essential care to their foster children. They are the key to the success of our care model, creating a sense of family within this non-biologically linked group. Each parent is expected to unconditionally love all the children in their care, fostering an environment where everyone feels like part of a family—siblings and parents alike. This strong foundation of belonging empowers the children to overcome past vulnerabilities and embrace positive opportunities in society.

Our foster mothers tirelessly create loving family homes around the clock. To express our immense gratitude, we arranged a wellness day for them. On 29 July, our foster mothers gathered at Christ Church in Kenilworth for their annual wellness event. The day kicked off with warm coffee and muffins. Next, they attended a financial wellness presentation facilitated by Old Mutual. Health checks, conducted by local nurses, followed, along with indulgent treats like hot chocolate and head, neck, and shoulder massages.



WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONORS AND SUPPORTERS WHO MADE THIS DAY POSSIBLE.



## MZI'S INSPIRING JOURNEY

On 19 December 2011, nine-year-old Mzi was admitted to Home from Home's care and placed with Foster Mother Beauty's Loving Family in Masiphumelele. Mzi and his siblings were removed from their parents' care due to severe neglect, as they were left unsupervised for long periods of time. Initially placed in a safety home, they were later transferred to Home from Home.

Mzi is generally a quiet young man who enjoys his own company, but engaging with him quickly reveals his great sense of humour! As he grew up, Mzi showcased his talent and passion for soccer. However, in 2021, challenges arose in the foster home, leading to his move to Baphumelele. Home from Home has a partnership with Baphumelele, working together to support vulnerable children and youth.

Fast forward to today, Mzi is now staying at our Khayelitsha Transition Support Home. Recently, he was appointed as the house leader, reflecting his growth and leadership qualities. Our Transition Support Team has great faith in his ability to guide the young men in the house and help them uplift one another.

Currently, Mzi is undertaking a one-year learnership in our Head Office as part of the Operations Team. We are incredibly proud of how far he has come despite his challenging start and look forward to seeing what else he will achieve as we continue to support him.



### COMMITMENT:

WE RECOGNISE THAT OUR WORK IS A LONG-TERM JOURNEY AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO WALKING THE PATH WITH OUR FAMILY MEMBERS. WE KEEP OUR WORD, AND WE FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR PROMISES. WE GO THE EXTRA MILE, WE EXPLORE ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES AND WE DON'T GIVE UP.

- HOME FROM HOME VALUE



## FUNDRAISING AUCTION IN LONDON

We would like to encourage our extended international Home from Home family to join us for an exciting evening at Saint Jacques restaurant in London for a fundraising auction benefiting Home from Home. Rub shoulders with the legendary Bob Skinstad and bid on a fun selection of South African items, big and small. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference!

This fundraising auction follows on from the Royal Parks charity half marathon which will take place on Sunday 13th October with a team of fit and enthusiastic supporters of Home from Home.

We are delighted to welcome Bob Skinstad as our guest speaker and are excited about the luxe, quintessentially South African brands on offer as auction items. Each one is designed and manufactured in South Africa and include: Kirsten Goss, Fieldbar, Pichulik, Mungo Textiles, Skinny Laminks, A Love Supreme, Eryca bespoke knitwear, Yellow Duck leather and more!

Each ticket purchased includes canapes, welcome drinks and a free entry into our lucky drawer with some great proudly SA prizes.

# FUNDRAISING AUCTION WITH BOB SKINSTAD & HOME FROM HOME

17 OCT 2024 | 18H00 - 21H00  
SAINT JACQUES RESTAURANT  
5 SAINT JAMES'S STREET LONDON,  
UNITED KINGDOM

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OUR AMAZING TEAM OF RUNNERS ARE GEARING UP TO TAKE ON THE ICONIC ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON ON SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER IN LONDON. THEY HAVE COMMITTED TO RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR LOVING FAMILY-STYLE FOSTER HOMES. THE SCENIC ROUTE STARTS IN HYDE PARK AND WINDS THROUGH SOME OF LONDON'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS.

# MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR OUR FOSTER CHILDREN

Christmas is a magical time of year, and at Home from Home, we strive to make it extra special for our foster children. This year, we are reaching out to our extended family to help us ensure that every child in our care receives a Christmas present. Your support can bring joy and warmth to their holiday season. Join us in making this Christmas unforgettable for our foster children. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



WITH A DONATION OF JUST R250, YOU CAN BRING A  
SMILE TO A FOSTER CHILD'S FACE THIS CHRISTMAS!

## BANKING DETAILS

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