



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Dear Extended Home from Home Family,

As we reflect on the first quarter of 2024, it's clear that our journey remains filled with both challenges and triumphs. From back-to-school preparations, an annual M&E audit by the Department of Social Development (DSD), to the Cape Town Cycle Tour and now gearing up to cheer the 30 runners who have taken on the challenge of running the Totalsports Two Oceans Marathon!

Despite the hustle and bustle, we've had many highlights and witnessed the ongoing miracles within our organisation. Here are some of these:

- Youth transitioning out of foster care: We're thrilled to announce that three of our youth who have successfully transitioned out of foster care, are now participating in a one-year learnership programme at our head office. This opportunity equips them with essential work readiness skills, setting them on a path toward a brighter future.
- Reunification with biological family: One of our children from the Winelands Metro has been reunited with their biological family. This heartwarming reunion reminds us of the importance of family bonds and resilience.
- Exceptional outcome of our M&E audit: For the past three years DSD has conducted this audit of our work covering the broad areas of Corporate Governance, Service Delivery, External Relations and Sustainability. As with the past years, we have again been rated in the top category for organisational performance in this audit, but especially heartening has been that our performance has improved in each of these years, now achieving a 98% overall score. Additionally, for the first time we scored 100% for Service Delivery, indicating the work evidenced as provided to the children. This is what it is all about!

As we move forward, we eagerly anticipate sharing more success stories and milestones with you. Our commitment to creating a nurturing environment for vulnerable children remains unwavering.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we can continue making a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most.

With gratitude

Peter Marx

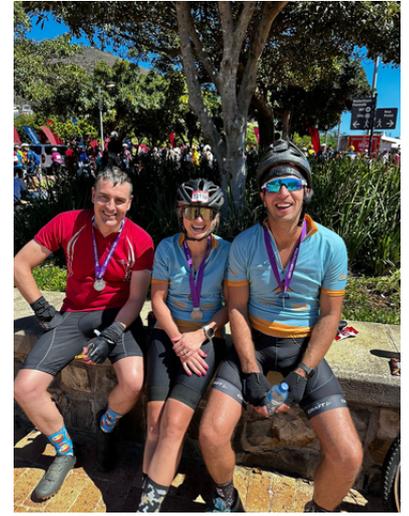


TRANSITION YOUTH LEARNERSHIPS

CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR

A heartfelt thank you to the amazing cyclists who fearlessly conquered the 109km Cape Town Cycle Tour in support of the children in our care. Your dedication and commitment have made a significant impact, and we are immensely grateful.

Additionally, we extend our appreciation to the generous sponsors who contributed items for our goodie bags. Your support ensures that our deserving athletes receive essential items for their races.



Thank you to Biogen, Blistex, Honest Chocolate and Ass Magic for your donations



EASTER BLESSINGS

Thank you to Lions Club Fish Hoek for the amazing donation of easter eggs for our foster families! And a special shout out to the families at Bay Primary School, Fish Hoek Primary School, Generation Schools Imhoff and Star of the Sea Convent School for their contribution to this special project.



To our wonderful donors in Switzerland and Austria, thank you for gifting extra treats for our foster families for the Easter weekend. These were truly enjoyed by all!



REUNIFICATION



Themba, born on 14 May 2012, has had a big change in his very young life. At just one and a half years old, he entered the care of Home from Home, where he was placed in one of our Loving Family Foster Homes within the Winelands Metro.

Themba's biological mother faced immense challenges - homelessness and substance abuse - that made her unable to provide the care he needed. In 2022, our diligent social work team traced Themba's biological father, only to discover that he, too, was unfit to care for the young boy due to his own homelessness and challenges.

The turning point came when we located Themba's aunt, residing in the Eastern Cape. Throughout 2022, thorough investigations assessed whether her living environment would ensure Themba's safety and well-being. In December of that year,

arrangements were made for Themba to visit his biological aunt, his father's sister. Immediately after the visit, she expressed her desire to take Themba into her care.

Today, we celebrate the successful reunification of Themba with his biological family. He now resides with his aunt in the Eastern Cape, attending school as a fifth grader. While it isn't always feasible for foster children to reunite with their families due to challenging circumstances, Themba's case stands out. His aunt, upon learning of her nephew's need for care, opened

her heart and home, granting him a second chance - a loving family, this time with his biological relatives.

Our commitment continues as we maintain contact with Themba. The state social worker diligently monitors his well-being, ensuring that his best interests remain at the forefront of this heartwarming reunion.

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WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT

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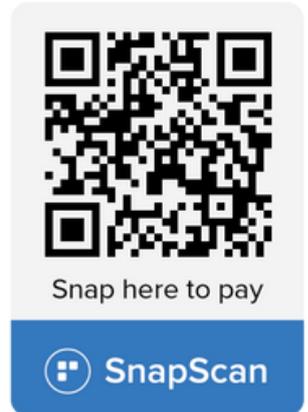


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