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CARE CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Inspirational story of the month

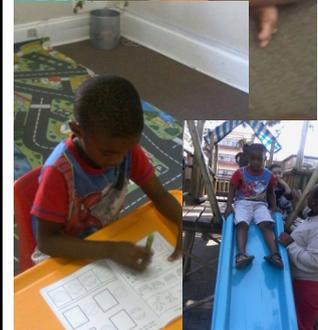
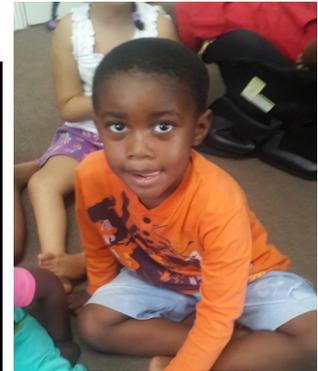
Nhatisonke Jebe is a little man who started attending His Hands in 2015. He was diagnosed as being on the Autistic Spectrum, although his symptoms were very mild.

Autism is a condition, present from early childhood, characterized by great difficulty in communicating and forming relationships with other people and in using language and abstract concepts. Although Nhatisonke followed the daily routine, he still struggled with communication and would go through each day without saying a word. The only time we ever heard him speak was when his granny came to pick him up in the afternoon. As Nhatisonke was a selective mute, he would choose to only speak to her and would have no problem in labelling animals and telling her some of the things that happened during the day. No matter how much we tried to prompt him to talk, he would just stare at us with his big brown eyes, not yet very sure if he would want to speak to us.

The start of 2016 we started the new year with higher expectation of this little man as we saw the potential he had to communicate and it was clear to us that his skills definitely improved since he joined us. We worked extra hard on nurturing his speech skills and combined this with Speech Therapy sessions once a week. As Nhatisonke is such a bright little boy we started doing some academic work with him - teaching him colours, numbers and introducing letters and sounds. Nhatisonke thrives on the one on one interaction and really grew into such a superstar!

After many months of hard work Nhatisonke felt comfortable enough to start speaking at school! First in just a little whisper voice but with some encouragement he finally found his own voice. Nhatisonke is such a little chatter box now that we have to ask him to be a bit quieter sometimes! Even though he doesn't communicate in full sentences yet, this was an amazing step in the development of his communication skills.

We see such a bright future for this little guy and we are so proud of our staff members for all the hard work they have put into nurturing this little soul to become his own self. What a blessing it is to see God's hand in our daily lives and how He touches our little Angels one by one. And once again we realise no matter how big or small our obstacles seem, we are all in God's hands and He is moulding us day by day. We just have to be patient and thankful for each little change He makes as God has already paved out our future paths!



Well done!!

We are so proud of little Cheslin who started to name all his classmates names this week—even the very difficult Xhosa names & is now starting to name numbers from 1-10! Well done big boy—keep up the good work!



A Huge thanks go out to the ladies from Helping Hands Cambridge for the goodies they delivered! Not only does your kindness warm our hearts—but your knitted items are keeping our bodies warm too!

Thank You!!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our centre manager, Martinette, on the birth of Zandrè! Enjoy your rest & we can't wait to have you back!!



Weekly Themes

Our kiddies have weekly themes they follow to enable the staff to be fully prepared to teach and follow the program to the best of their ability. This also provides structure & routine for our kiddies!



Feel Good Moment!

Big Boy, Ethan, taking a spin on the kick-bike! Such a blessing to see that little face light up when he can also do something the other boys do!



May 2016 Project Highlights	
3-6 May *Flowers* - TUESDAY -	- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - FINE MOTOR Finger drawing in the shaving foam
3-6 May *Flowers* - TUESDAY-FRIDAY -	- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - CREATIVE Painting & colouring all the backgrounds, flowers and stems of the flowers
9-27 May *Wild Animals* - WEDNESDAY -	- SPEECH THERAPY - Using the Tablets to look at all the different animals we get & listening to the sounds they all make
9-27 May *Wild Animals* - FRIDAY -	- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - FINE MOTOR Using puzzles we matched the animals to the pictures

May 2016 Fundraising!

Our May fundraising events were all about that special man in your life - your **SUPER-DAD!**

Auction Alert!



We had the privilege to auction off a SUPER DAD cake that was sponsored by **FOR THE LOVE OF CAKES!** Well done to David for winning this awesome cake, that he is planning to give to his SUPER awesome sons-in-law!

Thanks for your support!



What a HUGE success we had with our **SUPER DAD T-Shirts!** Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser! A SUPER HUGE thanks go out to Daryll, Margie & the staff at **SEWKOOL EMBROIDERY** for the stunning work! We know we can ALWAYS count on you guys!

"If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies how very different our ideals of beauty would be."

In stock NOW!!



Show your support by getting your own silicone armband at only R20 each! To order contact Tiani 0726334420



Currently His Hands have 16 special angels. As with every Non-Profit Organization, funding is our Biggest need! If you are able to assist us in any way, being financially, food or just your time, we would love to hear from you! A needs list can be sent on request where our individual needs are specified.

His Hands Care Centre
ABSA Savings
Account Number: 9302277497
Br Code: 632005

Giving Back!

His Hands Care Centre LOVES giving back to our community! Although we cannot always give HUGE amounts of money or goods, we can always flood you with LOVE!



A MEC Community Services Project (NPO 033-821)

Ray of Sunshine House, a home for abused & abandoned babies & children, as well as *Ray of Sunshine Horse Haven* is a loving & safe environment for vulnerable children & animals alike.

Our Mission is:

- ◇ To provide a stable, loving family home to babies and children in need.
- ◇ To love the unloved.
- ◇ To give hope to the hopeless.
- ◇ To bring healing to the brokenhearted.
- ◇ To feed the hungry.
- ◇ TO SEE THE LIGHT & SPARKLE return to EMPTY. LIFELESS EYES.
- ◇ To be a family.....



Ray of Sunshine House is situated on a smallholding in Dassenberg, Atlantis, where children in need live and play to their hearts delight in a safe and loving environment. Our aim is to integrate these children into our family, so that for the time that they are with us they can experience a normal family life. Therefore we treat them as our own, and at no time do we want them to feel as if they are just in a home. They share bedrooms with our own children & they share the same toys. We have our own two children as well as three adopted children—aged between 8 and 17 years old. We home school all the children in our care and our home school is registered with the Department of Education. We have four foster children in our care and five other children who are either children in safety care whom we are hoping to either re-unite with their families, find foster homes for or even have adopted. Rounding off our very extended family, is our staff: Esther, who was a “throw away” baby herself, was picked up and raised by a family that abused her and never allowed her to go to school and Elzette who helps with the teaching of the kindergarten class.



On the 7th of December 2012 – *Ray of Sunshine House* suffered a terrible loss – our home in Mikpunt, Klipheuvel burned to the ground!!! For the past three years we have been looking for a new home, a place we could make our forever home and create a safe haven for the kids in our care, children that comes from terrible situations and backgrounds. We have finally found such a place in Dassenberg, Atlantis. However, the property is extremely neglected and needs a lot of work, but it is perfect for our needs.

We also home school the children as they are all affected by FAS and learning in a normal school will be almost impossible but we VERY URGENTLY need to purchase the ACE Preschool Kit as we lost our kit in the house fire.

Ray of Sunshine Horse Haven currently cares for 11 horses, two ponies and 1 donkey. These animals and the other farm animals are all rescued animals and most are so old or damaged, that rehoming them is not really an option. We use the horses to effect Equine Assisted Learning & have had great success. The animals in our care comes to us normally in such a state of neglect and distrust in human beings, much the same state in which the children in our care arrives. We “connect” such a child to a horse and then it is absolutely amazing to see the healing process take place. It is absolutely wonderful to see what good shelter, food and love can do. Every child and animal becomes part of our family. Part of our dream is to teach the ‘locals’ of this community, where horses are so mistreated, how to properly care for the animals. Teach the youngsters to ride and cultivate a love for horsemanship, rather letting them get involved with gansterism and prostitution.

Some of our major needs are:

- Food for our children and animals
- Indoor-Play area
- Grass
- Fruit-Tunnel
- Borehole pump



If you would like to get involved in any way, please get hold of us on the following details:

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Our Banking Details are:

Ray of Sunshine House - Bidvest Bank
Account Number: 1906178002
Branch Code: 462005

Financial contributions to R.O.S.H.H are also eligible to receive tax certificates