

## 2010 COMMUNITY TRAINING

We are so enjoying having our own training room on our new premises! We are only able to take up to 12 trainees at a time, but the smaller group enables more personal interaction and as the therapist, we are able to really get to know the community careworkers. We are also so pleased with our donation of chairs and tables as it gives a more professional feel to our training room.

We run 2 types of training, at present. We have community careworkers on three consecutive Wednesday mornings. They are predominantly from the Ekurhuleni areas. They are usually an enthusiastic group who learn about play and development and the appropriate toys and activities that they are able to do with their children that they work with. The 3<sup>rd</sup> week is always a hit, as they learn to make toys from waste and for some of them, it is the first time they are doing painting themselves! They go home with a bag full of painted toys that they can use, as well as a toy-making starter kit. The smiles on these ladies faces, is reward enough!

The second group that we train are the careworkers working with children in homes or places of safety. They also attend 3 consecutive mornings, but their training is a lot more indepth as they learn about stimulation for the appropriate ages on all different levels. We have seen the difference that this training makes as we go and visit the homes. We are also able to build on this basic knowledge as we give exercises for specific children.

We are also hoping to start a volunteer training programme in order to help their volunteering to be more specific and focused.

It is a privilege to be able to make a difference in the communities and homes by educating these dedicated and hardworking careworkers!





**Our Beautiful New Walls**  
 Thank you so much to Sofia and the Northridge Lady's Circle for painting our walls so beautifully!



**DONATIONS... DONATIONS .....**

We have been very fortunate since moving into our new premises on the third floor. With so many offers of help in the form of donations and people's time and skills, the move has been made much less stressful. We have also been given some heaters to warm up our therapy rooms.

A Special thank you to:

- 🦋 Gregory Gomez and Emergent for the wonderful office furniture (see below)
- 🦋 Transvaal Burglar Proofing for gates, locks, and electric buzzers
- 🦋 EbSphere for covering our increased rental

Smaller donations are also pouring in of soft toys, baby clothes and educational toys. Our children's homes are always grateful to receive these donations. Thank you so much to all these people for caring and supporting Thusanani Childrens Foundation.



**Homes Training**

Our next training course dates for our Children's Homes Care Workers/volunteers are as follows:

- 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010
- 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Starting time 9am,  
 Closing time approximately 12:30.

The training runs over 3 consecutive Thursdays and the cost of the entire course is R150.00 per person.

Tea, coffee and refreshments are provided as well as a basic therapy kit. Please contact Fiona on 011 484-3128 if you would like to book a place/s or if you have any queries.

We look forward to hearing from you.

If you would like to support us, you can make a secure Credit Card Donation via our website (click on the green button on our home page). Alternatively the following are our banking details:

**Bank:** Nedbank  
**Name of Account:** The Thusanani Children's Foundation  
**Branch:** Melrose Arch  
**Branch Code:** 196-605  
**Account Number:** 1966 466226

**Wish List:**  
 2 Litre ice cream tubs with lids for our training  
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