

A VERY PROMISING START FOR US

In 2009 we are planning to continue to make a positive change to the lives of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in the Gauteng area! These are our plans:

- We are continuing our occupational therapy and assessment service at Mother Teresa's Home, The Love of Christ Ministries, Lambano Baby Sanctuary AND we are in the process of establishing a regular service at Ethembeni in Doornfontein.
- Our Training is fully booked for the next 12 months. This includes training to educators and community workers from the communities of Ekurhuleni, as well as to care workers from 10 different Children's Homes.
- Our Adoption Clinic is going to run twice a week with two therapists involved at every clinic.
- We have received many donations of Educational Toys and are busy distributing them.
- We also have our regular outings scheduled to The Glen Shopping Centre, taking children from the different Children's Homes to the Wimpy for lunch and to the Magic Company for a fun filled afternoon.

Indeed a year to look forward to!

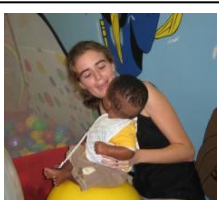
We are proud to introduce you to our new staff members and a regular volunteer.



Basheera is with us full time and will be developing the service at The Love of Christ Ministries (TLC). She is also involved in therapy at Lambano Baby Sanctuary, Mother Theresas Home, The Adoption Clinics and Training of Care workers. She did her elective block at Thusanani in 2006 and graduated from UCT in 2007. She is passionate about children and is excited to be working at Thusanani.



Heather is with us one full day of the week. She is overseeing the program at Mother Theresa Home where there is a huge need for early intervention. Heather has the privilege of working with Val who volunteers and acts as assistant to Heather at Mother Theresa. She is also working in a Private Practice, specializing in children and teenagers. She is in the process of completing her Sensory Integration Qualification.



Bridget also joined us at the beginning of 2009. She is involved with our School Readiness program, the Adoption Clinic and oversees the program at Lambano Baby Sanctuary. She also works in a private practice.



Val, our volunteer, is with Thusanani one day a week and assists Heather at Mother Theresa with the therapy program. We are very grateful to have her on our team.

We have had some staff changes at the end of 2008, but are happy to welcome back the 'old' staff, Becky, Heleen and Jacky.



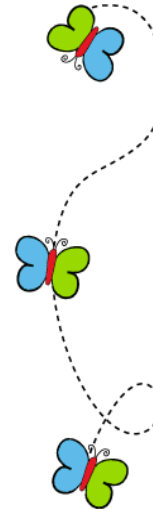
Jacky is our Administrator. She assists with admin for the Occupational Therapists, keeps statistics up to date, collects stories for the newsletter and keeps the office running. She finds working at Thusanani rewarding and loves getting involved in all aspects and thinks 2009 is going to be a good year for us.



Heleen is our Therapy Manager. She co-ordinates all the therapy programs, training programs for careworkers, Adoption Clinic bookings and visits to the Childrens Homes and keeps everything running smoothly. She is also involved in fundraising for Thusanani. She is excited about what we can achieve in 2009.



Becky is an Occupational Therapist working 24 hours a week and has the major task of developing our training. She is also involved in the Adoption Clinic. Becky is an experienced staff member here at Thusanani and shares the vision that Thusanani needs to expand and reach out nationally.



Wish List :

Educational toys: Construction sets like Duplo or Megablocks

Other: Large Notice Board (felt covered pin board)

Office equipment: Thin, coloured copy paper (less than 80gm)

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