

Hello our readers. Time for an update on the happenings at the soup kitchen. We are managing to sustain feeding the destitute people of Ndlambe from week to week with the wonderful help of our community as well as from donations from overseas. The farmers who support us on an ongoing basis have been amazing despite the lack of crops they have had over the last few months. We have had several new sponsors knock on our door and for this we are eternally grateful. Thank you for the continued support of the many local sponsors—Feathers Farms, Debonairs, Spar, Pick n Pay, Woolworths, Wharf St Fruit and Veg as well as our local farmers to name but a few. Please support our local businesses who support us so obligingly.

THANKS STENDEN



A huge thank you goes to the team of students from Stenden Netherlands for handing over a cheque for a handsome amount. The team was led by Alina-Christina Matern, President of the Universities Fighting For World Hunger. They co-ordinate several events to raise the funds—an art project in collaboration with the International Student Association, a fast forwarding social media challenge, a run for hunger, Christmas concert hosted by the NHL Choir and a tip jar donation by the Notiz Hotel Group. We are always amazed by the initiative of these students and their commitment to the soup kitchen. You are all stars in our eyes!

FARMING GOD'S WAY



Our garden at the soup kitchen is flourishing and giving good sustenance to our soup. It actually saved us when we had no veggies for our soup. We have been introducing gardens within the townships, as is part of our vision for the year, and teaching people the method of Farming Gods Way. This has proven very successful to date.



AND THEY ARE OFF!

On 26th April we held our annual fun run from the Port Alfred Country Club, with all entries being a donation. With a large amount of enthusiastic runners waiting at the starting line, the 5km run/walk set off with laughter and smiles. Prizes were given for first male, first female and first under 13 years. The prizes were sponsored by Edge Finance along with the advertising which we truly appreciate. Couldn't have done it without you. Boerewors rolls were on sale after the run which went down a treat and raised further funds

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NEW POT SPONSORED



Our prayers were answered when Ryan Brown of Masterfull Maintenance offered to sponsor us a new gas pot for our kitchen. Our pots are as old as the soup kitchen itself and well in need of replacing but are expensive in doing so. Ryan, we are more than grateful for your generous donation.

SURPRISE VISIT



We were delighted when the learners from Shaw Park School told us they had some clothing and food items they would like to donate to the soup kitchen. They came for a visit to the premises where they were shown around and learned little of the history of what we do. In return they explained how their idea of giving came about. Liezel Willows, the Principal of Shaw Primary, had told them a story of a boy who had no food and this led the learners to want to do a good chore. They started a 'giving box' and items of clothing or food began to come into the school to be donated. These amazing children are so wise at such a young age. Thank you for your kindness.

HELP FOR HOSPITAL



On 1st June the hospital's kitchen was locked due to a strike and so the Soup Kitchen stepped in to help feed 55 patients. We pulled out all the stops making stew and rice. The community was fantastic with Debonairs donating as well as Pick n Pay donating bread, butter and cheese for sandwiches as well as tea and coffee. 'Fresh Deli' contributed some 50 quiches for lunch the next day. Finally porridge was made for breakfast the next morning from a delivery of pap we had received. Volunteers rushed into the kitchen to prepare all the food and eventually the patients were fed. Wow what a community we have.

From all at the Soup Kitchen – committee, staff and volunteers – we appreciate each and every donation of money, food, clothing and simply your time in helping. Any donations are always welcome and a big help. For money donations: **ABSA BANK, PORT ALFRED** Account Name: **PORT ALFRED CHRISTIAN UPLIFTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (PACU&DC)** Account No: 9173283376 Swift Code: **ABSAZAJJ** Sort Code: 632005



TOYS GALORE

Thank you to Winne Pugh, an 86 year old lady who took just four weeks to knit these wonderful toys for the underprivileged children. Diny Hartleb, a member of the soup kitchen provided the wool and from there, there was no stopping Mrs. Pugh ploughing into her handiwork after not being well for some time. Thank you so much for all of your hard work and for the passion you show towards those less fortunate. These toys are a real treat to the children.

BLANKETS AND BEANIES

The knitting ladies of Damant Lodge do it again!. Blankets and beanies were knitted in their dozens to hand out to the folk of Nemato. What happy faces they met with! With the winter cold setting in the folk were more than grateful for all of the hard work of these ladies, one who we might add, is 102 years of age!

