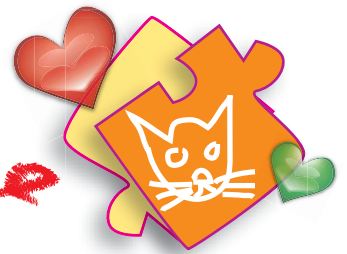


# Little People



Newsletter for the Friends of The Johannesburg Children's Home.

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## Festive fun at Christmas

Christmas at our home was a hullabulloo of fun festivities! There was face painting, a magic show, dancing and games ...

And of course it wouldn't be Christmas without Santa! He sat every child on his lap to hand over specially wrapped presents.

The children's smiles, the fun they had, and all of the fantastic food and gifts, were made possible by the caring generosity of friends like you. *Thank you!*



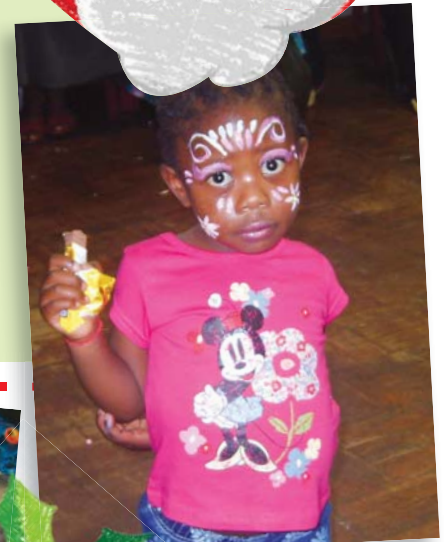
*Lebo grins from ear to ear after having her face painted.*

*It was impossible to hear a thing over the shrieks of delight as the boys and girls danced and sang, played games and opened presents!*



*The children were enthralled by the magic show – they couldn't believe what they were seeing!*

*Every child, even the teenagers, had their turn on Santa's lap to receive their Christmas present.*



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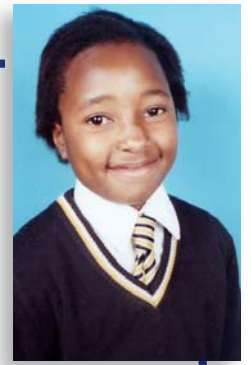
# Grins from year to year -

Having their school photographs taken with all the other children at

school means so much to our boys and girls. And every year, it's generous friends like you that make this possible!

Thanks to you, they proudly bring home a set of portraits to show everyone, and not only that, but they also get to join all the other boys and girls on school excursions.

We're exceptionally grateful to you for sponsoring these special



school memories – their gorgeous grins are because of you! Thank you, as always, for caring so much about our kids.



## Speaking of special school memories ...

Our bright students came home with stacks of school certificates for their progress. We're so proud of their brilliant young minds! Every certificate is framed to remember their special achievement.

*Gugulethu was awarded a certificate of merit for her schoolwork.*



*Lesedi wowed everyone by bringing home six certificates for exceptional achievement!*



*Thabang was rewarded for his achievement in art.*



*Chelin was recognised for her excellent work and conduct.*



**A note from our Director**

There's nothing like a new year to fill you with hope and optimism! And with your generous support, the year ahead looks to be bright indeed.

I hope that our news inspires the same optimism in you as it does in me – because it's wonderful to see our children flourishing thanks to the love and care of all of our supporters.

2010 looks to be an exciting year with the World Cup just around the corner. May your year be filled with the excitement and hope of a nation united in national pride.

And once again, thank you for the excitement and hope that you bring into the lives of our children. We're truly grateful!

*Narisha*

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## Books, bags & back to school!

It's a brand new school year and you've never seen 64 children so excited to learn!

With your ongoing support, we'll just about be able to keep up with their new uniform needs – they all seem to have had a major growth spurt this past Christmas!

Keeping our kids kitted out for school is a full-time job ... they always need new school shoes, bags, uniforms, endless stationery, a multitude of sports equipment, and text books. The cost of sending one child to school is high, but can you imagine sending 64!

That's why we're so grateful

for your support – and hope it continues throughout the year – in helping us to provide everything that makes their school year a success. With our care, your help, and their hard work, the results are bound to be excellent!



# Family fun for everyone!

**O**ur annual Family Day in October was a fun-filled extravaganza of dance and entertainment. The children and staff put together a fantastic line-up, and host families, volunteers and relatives were invited to enjoy the show and spend some time with our girls and boys.

All of the children showed off their traditional dancing talents. And the girls strutted their stuff on the JCH catwalk during the fashion show. Girls between the ages of 8 and 12 also took part in Little Miss JCH.

We couldn't have asked for a better day to spend in the company of friends and family!



*Glen and Sipehele gracefully spun and twirled across the stage, both shining brightly in their smart outfits.*

*The littlies from our Kiddios Cottage proudly performed a traditional dance, delighting the audience with their skills, and their smiles.*



*The older girls dazzled the audience with their modelling during the fashion show. What a gorgeous group of girls!*



*Some of the older girls and boys also got on stage to perform traditional dances. How lucky we are that our children have such talent!*



*The title of Miss JCH 2009 was won by Nqobile. Lesedi and Mpumi were ecstatic at being crowned first and second princesses.*



*The children patiently watch their siblings on stage while they wait for their turn in front of the audience.*



# Wonderful weekend away

A group of our children were sponsored a weekend away by Mathabidi Lodge private game reserve near Lydenburg recently. 10 youngsters were chosen to go as a reward for their good or improved behaviour, and they had an amazing experience!



They went on game drives, did quad biking, swam near waterfalls – the weekend was packed with adventure and fun activities! For the boys and girls, it was their first experience of a luxury lodge, and they really loved their time spent on the reserve. *Big thanks to Mathabidi Lodge!*



## Stepping out in style

The matric dance was a magical night for our older girls and boys.

The girls especially enjoyed the opportunity to dress up for the occasion. They all looked stunning in their best dress!

Nonnie (above) and her partner made a very glamorous couple on the night. Princess (right) looked exquisite in front of the 'Eiffel Tower'!



## Renovations and revamps at our home

*The generosity of friends like you in response to our safer swimming area appeal was incredible! Thanks to you, our swimming pool has been repaired and has a secure new fence. Summer and swimming go hand in hand, so we're grateful to you for caring about their safety.*



*We recently replaced our old roof tiles, trying to get the work finished before the summer rains. The cottages are looking better than ever with their clean, newly tiled roofs!*



## A warm thank you!

Woolworths has been ardent supporter, lovingly donating clothes this past winter to keep up with our girls and boys' growth spurts during the cold months. And not only that, but they donate substantial amounts of food three times a week! Woolies care keeps our kids warm and fed – thank you!

