

caring for our community



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This month marks the launch of our *Monthly* newsletter from Indlela. We have decided to communicate with our supportive community on a more regular basis to keep YOU up-to-date with the progress of our work. Each newsletter will contain all relevant information pertaining to that month, which should allow for a much lighter read. We hope you enjoy reading our 'snippets' of information and that you continue to support Indlela in '**Caring For Our Community**'.

In the October holidays, we had a team from Brooklyn Methodist Church, Pretoria, volunteer for a week. The team painted, cleaned, scraped and fixed windows at one of our schools in Amaoti. Painting days provide an excellent team-building opportunity for your colleagues and also provide a sense of accomplishment when giving back to the community.

The **Indlela tours** have been running smoothly since the launch in May this year. The tour itself covers all aspects of our activities with stops in both Indlela kitchens, our *Learning for Life* schools, a few Crèches and ending off at *Fairhavens*. If you have not yet been on a tour and would like to participate, you can sign-up online or contact Deborah at the office. The next tour is on Thursday **10th November**, book early to avoid disappointment.

We welcome Mark Blond to our team as the Donor Relations Co-ordinator.

- Gill Littler and Andrea Raffels, from the UK, spent 3 weeks in South Africa volunteering their time at Fairhavens. Both being nurses, they spent time teaching the Fairhavens staff valuable tips and pointers when bathing, massaging and stimulating the children. They assisted the doctors from Big Shoes, when they came to do their monthly check-ups and even took the babies out for a much needed excursion.



- This month we welcomed a new baby boy to the Fairhavens 'family'. Baby S was abandoned by his mother at one of the local hospitals and our staff and babies welcomed this bundle of joy into their lives with open arms.

- Our ladies in the kitchens continued their hard work this month, and managed to send out a staggering amount of meals;

- **12 000** sandwiches
- **43 110** bowls of soup
- **22 620** bowls of porridge



- This month we had our annual Leadership Training Time for the grades 4 –6 pupils on our Learning For Life Programme. The children participated in team-building activities and learnt valuable leadership skills that will equip them for leadership roles, either as prefects or seniors.

- Indlela teamed up with Varsity College to take the prefects from Nhlonipho Primary School on an excursion to the Moses Mabida Stadium, where they were able to see and experience the atmosphere of the stadium up close and personal. They were then treated to a lunch by Varsity College at Suncoast Casino and received a gift bag. We have had very positive feedback from both teachers and learners.

- This month, Indlela sent a number of Crèche owners and teachers from Amaoti to pre-schools in the Durban North community. The ladies spent a number of days shadowing the teachers and learning how to structure their days, manage the children and encourage them to participate in activities. The Crèche owners were very excited to return home and implement what was learnt over the 3 days.



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