

UZWELO NEWS



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Christmas was a time of sharing...

Once again UzweLo Home children experienced Christmas as a time of sharing and caring.

Businesses, churches, schools and individuals shared their time, talents and treasures with UzweLo Home. The fun-filled Christmas party was made possible by Superspar, Erika McManus, Dylan McManus, Sunrise Café, Eurika Burns, Excelsior printers, CA Pretorius Knives and Mama Mia.

The eats and sweets gave the children a taste of God's goodness. The gifts were reminders of the greatest gift we received 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ.

Furthermore each child also received a food parcel to take home to family and friends. Learners of Piet Retief Primary School and Piet Retief High School participated in the food run to make this act of kindness possible. A holiday with loved ones and a full tummy is what children need.

Thank you to this kind boy, Dylan McManus, who has selected UzweLo Home as the Land Service project he supports. He has worked hard raising funds for the needs of UzweLo Home.





**Wellspring Ministries:
50TH BIRTHDAY**



Fifty year ago Wellspring Ministries was born. Uzwelo Home is one of Wellspring congregation's ministries. Celebrating this birthday event with the children was a demonstration of the calling eighteen years ago to take care of orphans and vulnerable children.

This scripture is the foundation of Uzwelo Home:

James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."



It was a day filled with fun and games.



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE TOM AND JANA IN THE UZWELO TEAM.

The Deutsch-Südafrikanisches Jugendwerk (DSJW) operating from Bad Honnef in Germany and Abraham Kriel Child and Youth Care Centre, in Potchefstroom, RSA have partnered in offering this valuable volunteer programme.

Candidates are screened, orientated and trained before commencing duties in different organisations. Non-profit organisations can apply to be part of this programme. DSJW does site visits and arranges bi-annual seminars with all participating NPO's and German volunteers.

It is a privilege to accommodate and empower visitors from abroad. Uzwelo Home looks forward to many years of partnership with DSJW.





GOODBYE !

After 13 years we sadly said good-bye to Samantha Yiollaris. She and her family have immigrated to the UK.

Our best wishes accompany them on this adventure.

Uzwelo Home will miss you.



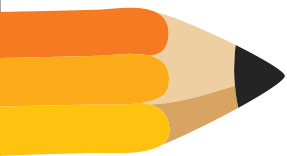
Uzwelo SUPPORT TEAM

- (Back) Lungile- laundry assistant,
Nandi- office domestic,
Veronica- kitchen assistant.
(Front) Albert-chef,
Robert- premises officer

*Together this team has served 65 years.
They do us proud.*



BACK TO SCHOOL with NCT



NCT

NCT FORESTRY CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

Back to school has been made delightful with the donation of NCT
- our loyal partner in child and youth care. Thank you!

Not only does NCT provide funds for stationary, each child received a new set of school clothes.

The school uniform to many pupils is a basis of their friendship, discipline and equality. Most importantly, learners say the school uniform gives them a sense of belonging and pride in their respective schools.

*Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world.
...Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who
prepare for it today. ...*



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OUR MANDATE

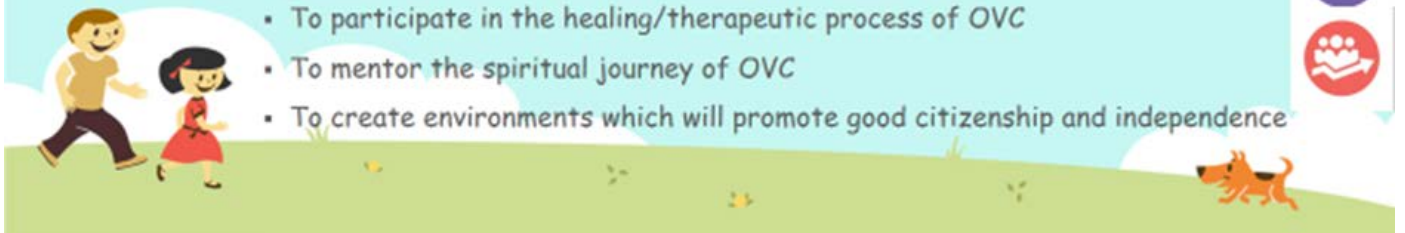
VISION

- To show MERCY to the orphans and vulnerable children of Africa.

MISSION

By serving through ACTS OF MERCY:

- To satisfy the basic needs of OVC
- To ensure quality and appropriate schooling and educational support
- To offer opportunities of life/entrepreneurial skills development
- To secure medical care and health/social education and awareness
- To participate in the healing/therapeutic process of OVC
- To mentor the spiritual journey of OVC
- To create environments which will promote good citizenship and independence



The Power of Partnership

There is no better approach to solving challenges than the famous saying: "two heads are better than one."



BLUHM
Fonds



VUMBUKATRUST



In this case it was four partners which contributed financially to solve the challenge, Vumbuka Trust -TWK, Wiedtal Gymnasium and Bluhm Fonds in Germany and McManus Nissan garage.

Uzwelo Home's challenge was reliable and safe transport for staff members and children, now staff and children can go places!





Uzwelo Rural Orphan Care: NEWS in numbers

In 2007 Uzwelo Home extended child and youth care services to orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) residing in the neighbouring Mkhondo / Iswepe / Panbult rural areas. At present close

to **1000 OVC's** are registered in the Isibindi programme.

With assistance of businesses, individual and churches UROC was able to provide one daily

meal to **1450 children** during December 2018. School feeding schemes do not operate during school holidays and often the meals that UROC provide is the only meal that they have.

9 Uroc children have enrolled in a FET college to further their studies after passing matric in 2017 /18.

266 girl children received sanitary wear from KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOL.

It is a widespread but unacknowledged problem that girls in Africa miss school and stay at home because of menstruation. According to UNICEF, one in ten schoolgirls in Africa miss classes or drop out completely due to their period, and substitute regular pads or tampons for less safe and less absorbent materials such as rags, newspaper or bark

The solution :

A re-usable sanitary pad and panty that is 100% cotton therefore allowing the skin to breathe. The elastic is non-woven, rubber based and therefore will

not stretch out of shape. The sanitary towel is absorbent and will hold up to 25 – 30mls of discharge. The sanitary towel is fully washable therefore reusable. The panty and sanitary towel are made of 100% cotton fabrics therefore will last a minimum of 5 years. In this way girls are empowered to complete their education.

11 Safe Parks offer services to children in the rural community. **18 child and youth care workers** offer their service.

The National Association of Child Care Workers has developed the Safe Park model currently being replicated across South Africa. UROC implements the Isibindi model. Safe Parks provide exactly this – safe places for children to play where they have access to adult supervision and can play in peace and safety. Especially important for children heading households, the model is implemented by organisations in a formal way where land is allocated by local authorities and equipment is in place. But the model is also implemented informally where and resources are scarce. The key ingredient for the success of the model is the nurturing and exciting presence of child and youth care workers! Children like to play where adults are! They also like to play with adults, and get involved in structured activities. The Safe Park model offers the possibility of wholesome fun in the context of desperate lives – an essential ingredient for overcoming hardship.


Children have a right to be children – to play and to dream!




SAFE PARKS



Wish list

UZWELO HOME	 <p>BANKING DETAILS</p> <p>FNB Current 62032774699 Piet Retief 270144</p>
Funding for skills development – baking/ cooking courses, computer literacy courses	
Funds for occupational therapy and specialized treatment	
Sponsorship of transport of children to boarding schools	
Sponsorship for sport training camps and tours	
Microwave oven	

UROC	 <p>BANKING DETAILS</p> <p>Uzwelo 2 FNB CHQ ACC 62120987617 25 Church Street Piet Retief FIRNZAJJ335</p>
Funding for school uniforms	
Groceries (dry beans, tin fish, oil, salt)for feeding scheme for April holiday	
For FET students: boarding fees/ grocery money	
Outdoor play equipment – swings/ jungle gym	

