



UZWELO NEWS



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A word of appreciation

This Spring / Summer Uzwelo News edition is a mirror of God's goodness. The photos in this edition tell stories of a caring community, socially responsible businesses and kind community members supporting children in need.

*We thank you for funds, goods in kind, time and effort invested. It takes a village to raise a child. **THANK YOU FOR BEING THE VILLAGE!***

There is power in partnerships. Uzwelo Home and Uzwelo Rural Orphan Care appreciate the loyalty of our partners. We are excited about 2020 that awaits us!

Wendy Stapelberg
DIRECTOR



HELLO TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS FROM GERMANY



A: a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

B: freely offer to do something.

C: work for an organization without being paid.



Sarah



Sam



James 1 vs 27: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this to look after orphans and widows in their distress"



UROC NEWS:

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SAFE PARKS IN DECEMBER 2019?

The annual soccer and netball tournament between the 12 safe parks took place on 2 December 2019. Children are kept safe while having fun.



SAFE PARKS

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





UZWELO CELEBRATES

HERITAGE DAY!!

Heritage Day is a South African public holiday, honouring the culture and diversity of beliefs and traditions of all South Africans. Celebrated each year on the 24th of September, the day serves as a reminder that the nation belongs to all its people. Heritage Day is synonymous with celebrating our culture through traditional clothing and food too. Uzwelo Home also celebrated this special event. Children were exposed to traditional dance and song. Their taste buds were tickled with food especially prepared by Uzwelo staff.



Care givers enjoy the celebration of their heritage



Girls dress up and are taught to dance!



Khantsi and Nosipho preparing traditional meals

Happiness is
DRUMMING

28 -31 October 2019 sixteen participants were introduced to drumming by the founder of Drum 360, Bevil Spence.



The value of drumming in different settings (pre-schools, children with learning difficulties, traumatized children, cooperate leadership development) were observed as sessions were arranged locally.

The attending therapist and teachers will be exploring possibilities of utilising drumming as a method of relaxation, sensory regulation, stimulation, development of hand-eye coordination

Management of Drum 360 and Uzwelo Home are looking into the possibility of a job creation project that will produce drums. We will keep you posted.



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QUESTION: WHAT IS BETTER THAN SCHOOLING? ANSWER: COOKING AND BAKING



Uzwelo teenagers were exposed to an accredited cooking and baking course which they loved. CT's Domestic Academy, Vryheid teaches through demonstrations the basic cooking and baking skills. Participants receive a cookbook that explains the recipe and method step by step.

By adding skills to each child's CV the possibility of employment and economical independency when discharged is increased. The hospitality career path could become an option for children after being inspired by this skills development programme.



Uzwelo Home girls supported the **FUN RUN**

The fun run was aimed at keeping girls in school. They were dressed in pink to show their loyalty towards those girls who cannot afford or don't have access to sanitary towels.



Through this fun activity the Piet Retief community is impacting girl children and teenagers lives. Thank you for keeping the less fortunate in mind. For more information: www.subz pads.co.za





Acts 20:35 "...You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, 'You're far happier giving than getting.' -The Message

Christmas is a time of caring and sharing. Uzwelo Home children were spoilt with gifts donated by **WOODCHEM**, Piet Retief. The joy that was created by this act of kindness cannot be measured!

Thank you **WOODCHEM** for handpicking each gift for our children !

Our goal at Uzwelo Home is to re-unite children and parents/ family. Thus children visit their parents and families during holidays in order to build and maintain relationships.

EUCAFEST and concerned individuals made it possible to send food parcels with each child to their hosts.



UZWELO want you to take hands with us to make these dreams come true!

UZWELO HOME

Uzwelo Home needs a new roof. This old building has served us well but we need to invest in the refurbishing thereof.

UROC

UROC wishes to establish more formal safe parks. Mdukuzane has been identified as the community requiring this valuable facility.

