



Tutela Linden Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of our Tutela Linden Newsletter!

We have started this newsletter to share a bit about the work that we do in the community, and to keep you, our partner, up to date with our projects. We are so grateful for every donation, every hour spent as a volunteer, and for every prayer. We would not be able to do our work without the support of our community.

We are excited to see what the new year will bring.

Thank you for your support!

Love, Wya ~on behalf of the Tutela Linden Team~

MAYBE I CAN DREAM TOO? COSMO GIRLS PROJECT

Tutela Linden has a Satellite Office in Cosmo City.

The harsh reality is that in poor communities, girls do not have the resources to buy essential products for themselves. The impact of this is that the girls do not attend school when they are on their period. They miss out on valuable academic time.

Tutela Linden partnered with the Department of Health and the community to provide care packages to the Grade 12 Learners at Cosmo City Secondary School. The care packages contained sanitary products to help the girls attend school, every day of the month.

Randburg Uitrek Trust, The Pad Princess and various individuals donated money and products.

We were able to bless 250 Grade 12 learners with goodie bags!

Mr. Mphahle, a health promoter from the Department of Health, spoke to the girls about how choices that they make now determine their whole future. He inspired them to reach their full potential by being proud of their abilities, believing in themselves, and by making responsible choices.

Thato Kubyana (our volunteer) spoke to the girls about being positive and dreaming about their future.

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We would like to thank Randbug Uitreik Trust, The Pad Princess and Cosmo Secondary School staff who helped to make this project possible.



Thank you to the staff of Tutela Linden for all the time and effort you put into this project. You are a "Dream Team". Also thank you to our volunteers Maria and Thato who are always willing to assist.

TUTU 2 CARE DAY

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

In 2023 Tutela as an Organisation celebrated 90 years of caring for the vulnerable people in society.

Our Head Office (situated in Kempton Park) initiated a Tutu 2 Care family fun da

.The aim of Tutu 2 Care events is to create special days of enjoyment where families can do fun things together (e.g. play games). We believe that families are important and we should put time and energy into growing healthy families.

Our office sold Popcorn and Slushies.



"Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing" – Donna Hedges

SPREADING THE HOLIDAY CHEER

CHRISTMAS PARCELS DONATED BY NG RANDBURG

Every year, NG Church Randburg has a project called *Tears*. With this project they bless our needy foster families with amazing Christmas Parcels. These parcels are done with SO much care, and they contain groceries, but also treats and blessings that the families cannot afford. The toys in these boxes are sometimes the only Christmas gifts the kids receive. This year we distributed 102 parcels! Thank you to this congregation for their open hearts.



SECOND HAND SHOP

As part of our fundraising we have a Wendy House where people can donate second-hand clothing and household goods. We have a very dedicated volunteer, Ms Trinie Gous, who organises and runs the Wendy. Every few months we have a Jumble Sale, where our clients and anybody who is interested can buy enough clothes for a season for as little as R 250. The income we gain from these Jumble Sales is used to cover some of our Ad Hoc Expenses. We also use the money to assist clients with paying for professional assessments or Therapy. Thank you to Trinie and her team of volunteers for helping us to help others. We appreciate you!



OUR TEAM

As an office we celebrated Heritage Day with a sister NGO, Tshepo Community Development Initiative. We tried to put ourselves in the shoes of another by dressing up in a culture that was not our own. It was interesting to learn from each other.

We had the privilege to have a Team Building at Go Ape. What an adventure. It challenged us to face our fears, to endure, and also to know when to quit :o)



SNIPPETS OF HOPE

OUR AIM IS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

- In February, one of our social workers finally got a birth certificate for a child. The child is already seven years old! She struggled for almost two years to get the birth certificate issued! Talk about not giving up...
- Parents sometimes do wrong things, but they can change and grow. A very dedicated mom did the hard work, and changed. We are thankful to say that a child got to go back home to her mom, after three years. It is precious to see restoration in relationships!
- We did Parenting Skills Groups with 16 families. The groups help parents with a variety of skills, like building relationships with their children and to learn to communicate better.
- We realised that a lot of people who work with children do not know what to do if a child in need crosses their path. We visit schools and churches and teach educators and pastors what to do when they encounter these situations.
- Two beautiful but unfortunately abandoned babies got safe places to live, and will hopefully soon find 'forever homes'.
- Two other previously abandoned children are now living with their soon-to-be adoptive parents.
- We had a family where Dad lost his job, and he was battling to care for his kids (Mom is unfortunately not in the picture). With some emotional support and guidance, we are happy to say that he is now permanently employed, and the kids are thriving.
- Another dad successfully completed a rehab programme and is sober and doing really well.
- One of our foster children with special needs graduated, and will be learning a skill this year.
- Our Website finally went Live!



FRIENDS AND FINANCES



Tutela Linden is a registered Non-Profit Organisation, and our Social Workers' salaries are partly subsidised by the Department of Social Development. The subsidy we receive only covers 1/3 of the financial income needed to deliver the services of Tutela Family Care Linden. We are the only Child Protection Organisation working in our area, and without our services the most vulnerable and poor will not receive the help they deserve.

PLEASE PRAY

The Department of Social Development requires that a Business Plan for application for funding be submitted to their offices. We submitted ours - please pray that we will receive a subsidy for the 2024/2025 Financial Year



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We are starting a movement called Friends of Tutela.

By becoming a friend of Tutela, you commit to donate R250 per month to the organisation to help us to render services in the area.

You can decide how many times you want to give. Tutela is a registered Non-Profit Organisation, and an approved institution for purposes of section 18(A) of the Income Tax Act, and donations to Tutela are tax deductible in certain instances.

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