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Or a direct transfer into the
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Account no : 220938245
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Please send details so we can thank you

RAINBOW COTTAGE:

Number of children 33
With future foster parents 01
Deaths 01

ADULT HOSPICE

Patients in residence 31
Admissions 114
Discharges 25
Deaths 66
Transfers 13

CLINICS

Counselling and Testing ;
Over 5000 adult ARV clients
Paediatric Clinic 87 Children

SERVICES PROVIDED BY ST.FRANCIS CARE CENTRE

24 Hr Professional nursing
Attendant Doctor
Counselling and spiritual guidance
3 meals daily

Training in HIV/AIDS
Free counselling and testing
Anti-retroviral drug therapy

Recent Donors and Sponsors

In these difficult years there
are more people without
work, more children left or-
phaned and sadly more
HIV/AIDS infections.

It humbles us to know that
there are many organisations
and individuals who trust us
to use their donations wisely
and to help as many people
as possible. We are truly
blessed to find such people.
The following names are re-
cent donors but we sincerely
thank EVERYONE who has
ever helped us

**YOU HAVE MADE
A DIFFERENCE !
May God watch over you all .**

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ST FRANCIS CARE CENTRE

St Francis' Notes



**News of our
Founder
and Director ,
Fr Stan Brennan
OFM ,
known and beloved
by so many**

The bad news - unfortunately Fr. Stan has been very ill recently and has just spent three weeks in hospital after needing colon surgery. During this very worrying time friends and colleagues all over the world prayed for him, he took great comfort from their support.

The grand news is that he is safely home again, full recovery will take some time but he is convalescent and on the mend

During his stay in Roseacres Clinic, so many friends visited to pray with him the staff gave him a room of his own ! Fr Stan would like to express his gratitude to the many people who enquired via phone on a daily basis and sent so many gifts, to all those he sends his sincere thanks and God's Blessings .

Support from Japan

St Francis Care Centre was recently greatly honoured with a visit by Mrs Shizuko Ozawa, wife of the Japanese Ambassador to South Africa, accompanied by other members of the Japanese Ladies Group . They had worked very hard to raise funds for a new Ultra-violet Sterilizer which they presented to our Matron, Sr Claretta. The staff are extremely grateful for the new sterilizer , the old one was very old !



The Centre is very proud and thankful for the long history of generous support from the people of Japan, their caring interest has been of immense assistance to us over the years. Seen here during a recent visit is Mr Yasushi Naito , First Secretary, and businessman Mr Masuda with some of the new garden furniture that he generously donated for the patients to use



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Happenings

ST. PATRICKS DAY – 17 MARCH was celebrated in true Irish fashion this year. Fr Stan invited some friends and colleagues to celebrate this most Irish of traditions— an evening of Irish Dancing and good old Irish Stew. As you can see some people took it very seriously! The evening ended with everyone singing well-known Irish folk songs. Seen here with Fr Stan are Melissa and Gavin Duffy - they brought the hat!



ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGES, Bedfordview: - Last week the R.E. Group of Learners led by Luc came to make sure that our children were properly dressed in 'South Africa' Tshirts for the World Cup. The children looked great on Saturday supporting Bafana Bafana!



The St Benedict's R.E. group are continuing to be a source of great support to Rainbow Cottage, buying baby milk and other consumables. Thank you to them all for their help.

IMPROCHEM – Improchem continues to support us with workshops and activities for our adult patients. For special days such as Valentines Day, Easter and Mothers Day patients make various items such as pretty beaded slippers, rosary beads, necklaces etc. this means a great deal to them and gives them pride in being able to give small gifts to their loved ones. **Improchem's** generosity makes such a difference in our patients lives and is very much appreciated.



OUR 2010 GOLF DAY – The event was once again held at our local Golf Club – ERPM - where the management and staff really go out of their way to help us raise as much money as possible. Unfortunately we didn't have a full field but many of our wonderful Sponsors, Donors, friends and faithful golfers supported us and it was a great day, with almost every 4ball going home with a prize. The 'First golfers home' were the Sham Team and they took home the prize sponsored by SKF.



Many thanks to our friend Lynda from **IMPROCHEM** who very kindly helped us by taking pictures of everyone as they passed through the 5th Hole. To view all these please go to our **FaceBook** page.

This month in our Bio corner



We welcome our new Housekeeper, Priscilla Chitorgo, who joined us in April. Priscilla was born in Zimbabwe and has been married to Takur for nine years. They have a son, Lesley who is 22 months old. Priscilla has had various experiences in the Hospitality industry, she has been an Executive Housekeeper and a Conference Co-ordinator as well as an Assistant Front Office Manager in places as far afield as Victoria Falls, Essex (in the UK) and Cape Town. Priscilla enjoys travelling, reading and watching Lifestyle shows on TV when she gets the chance, (probably not often enough with a lively 2year old!) We wish her a long and happy stay with us.

Old Friends

During the past few months we unfortunately saw some of our long-serving staff members leave us for personal reasons. Deneze Scheepers surprised us all by announcing her engagement and future marriage and resigned to start a new life in Natal, we wish her lots of joy and happiness. Sister Maphuli, one of our senior Sisters and highly qualified in the administration and monitoring of HIV medication, also resigned. Unfortunately for us, but all credit to her, she was offered a position in the government services which she could not refuse. We wish her luck, and maybe in time to come she will return to us, bringing even more experience.

WEB PAGE – Marius is our new web master. We are pleased to advise all our friends that our page can now be accessed via Google and we extend an invitation to everyone to visit our Blog and make comments, give suggestions and ask questions. We are now also on FaceBook, so please watch for pictures of the latest happenings at St. Francis

THE SECOND BEST SHOP AND STORE have recently taken on a new lease of life and they are contributing nicely to the fundraising at the centre. We are now also operating from a Container Store at our Reiger Park Clinic on the first and last Friday of each month. We are very grateful for all the donations that enable us to operate these fundraising efforts. Please continue supporting us— either by buying or donating.

Talk with Tilly

The Minister of Health, Dr. P. A. Motsoaledi, MP recently stated that South Africa faces a burden of disease - HIV and AIDS, communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases, as well as violence and injuries. This leads to high levels of mortality and morbidity.

In 2009, Statistics of South Africa (STATSA) estimated the life expectancy of South Africans to be 53,3 years for males and 57,2 years for females.

He said that in January 2010, Government adopted a new approach which will hopefully accelerate the attainment of the objectives outlined in the Medium Term Strategic Framework for 2009-2014.

The health sector is to devote particular attention to four key areas; the increasing of life expectancy, combating

HIV and Aids, decreasing the burden of diseases from TB and improving the Health Systems' effectiveness

Dr Motsoaledi also said that a new discourse on HIV and AIDS has been initiated. New policies and procedures will be implemented during 2010/11 – 2012/13 to combat the scourges of HIV and AIDS and TB.

Children under 1year who test positive for HIV will receive treatment irrespective of their CD4 count. All pregnant women will receive Antiretroviral treatment (ART) at CD4 count of 350 or less to enhance maternal survival and reduce the possibility of vertical transmission. ARV's will also be provided to people infected with both TB and HIV with a CD4 count of 350 or less. It is hoped that these measures will contribute significantly to reducing morbidity and mortality associated

with TB and HIV/AIDS.

St Francis Care Centre welcome these initiatives.

We believe that most importantly, prevention must remain the mainstay of all efforts to combat HIV and AIDS. In this regard testing and "Knowing Your Status" is of cardinal importance.

The government has launched a programme (HCT-HIV counseling and testing) and aims to test 15 million people by June 2011.

St Francis Care Centre urges everyone – young and old – to be tested in order to know their status. We offer a free testing and counseling service from Mondays to Fridays 08h00 – 16h00. No appointment is required and confidentiality is assured.

SPREAD THE WORD – NOT THE VIRUS! KNOW YOUR STATUS!