

## **THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN PRIMROSE**

### **WE HAVE SIX CRÈCHES IN THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENT – “A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE’S HEART IS FILLED WITH LOTS OF LOVE”**

The ladies run part of the Informal Settlement. This Crèche has just been registered and forms part of the Chubby Chums Community Development Project, we work with the CDW Community Developer Worker. On entering the Crèche, there are 164 little smiling faces, in the one crèche and 135 in the second crèche. And .... More Children in the other Crèches.

Due to the publicity received, the “Chubby Chums Soup Kitchen for the Local Community” project was initiated in March 2003. On average, a total of 1550 people were fed daily from the Soup kitchen. Following on from several meetings with the heads of the Informal Settlement and Ekurhuleni management, it was decided that Chubby Chums would manage the process and a driver from the Informal Settlement would collect food 4 days a week. We now have 6 Crèches with in the Informal Settlement; we have a new informal Settlement South of Johannesburg, George Koch where Social Development assist us with the needs of the community.

Children’s Values in child protection issues is Child Participation - ensure children’s voices are heard in all of our projects that children are doing Confidentiality - work within the child development model of social service delivery in child protection severers that respects the children’s right to confidentiality within the limitations of the child board’s and in the child protection system frame work of social severers we make sure that the child comes first in all cases

### **OUTREACH PROGRAMES - SOUP KITCHEN’S**

#### **SOUP! SOUP! SOUP FOR ALL! BRING A CONTAINER AND HAVE SOME GOOD SOUP ...**

The Soup kitchen was probably one of the most fun projects, not to mention, probably also one of the hardest. Tony prepared 5 pots of soup each day and Chubby Chums fed the local community. They sat in the garden with the folk and enjoyed a chat over a cup of soup and buttered bread the Soup Kitchen has now moved to the informal settlements as it has rapidly expanded.

We have a lot of vulnerable Children that we look after The S.A.P. Primrose Styles Maome has approached us requesting assistance in another informal settlement where we are doing our outreach program and community relief food parcels. The informal settlement has been divided into 8 sectors. This is easier to control and manage. We arrange outings for them Easter hunts, Christmas parties as well as Birthday parties and doing a Soup Kitchen. We have with the help of the CDW (Community Developer Worker) done a lot in area. There was such a great need for our Soup Kitchen that we expanded to the following areas: Germiston, Springs, Tembisa, the number of communities we are feeding at present is about 2500. We now have now have more Soup Kitchens in different areas and wherever the need arises.

### **SAPS CLEVELAND AND SOCIAL CRIME PREVENTION**

We have had an event in Alexandra Word Child Abuse it was very successful. We as Child Protection Committee Johannesburg had invited a “Child” from the community to attend the event. Capt. Nzuzza from the SAPS Cleveland Child Protection Committee did attend the meeting. He then asked us to assist them with the feeding program, in the three Informal Settlement, in their area. We have now partnership with the SAPS Cleveland. We call, then once a week they collect food for the children that they to feed. Food is distributed on a Friday afternoon to the Community Centre in Cleveland. That day that you made a difference in a little one’s life maybe you fed him maybe you clothed him perhaps you gave him a hug whatever you did you made a difference in a Childs life today

### **SAPS PRIMROSE AND SOCIAL CRIME PREVENTION YOUTH DECK**

With all the Child Protection Awareness campaigns that we are doing 365 days a year, we have partner with the SAPS Primrose and Social Crime Prevention Youth Deck working in the informal settlements, to try and dealing with the Child Protection issues on the grass root level with the Community to educate and empower Communities on Child Abuse. Chubby Chums plays a vital role in the Child Protection field. As Child Protection cross-cutting on all issues in all matters concerning the care, protection and the well – being of a child, the best interests are of paramount importance, according to the Children Act.

### **WELFARE SERVICES CENTRES**

The Director of Welfare Services together with Chubby Chums, the Welfare Organization is supplied with vegetables, etc. for various projects under the care of Chubby Chums. The main aim of this Organization is Educational and Poverty alleviation. This project was started in 2000 WS focuses on the following core areas: establishing a healthy family life; combating poverty and eradicating its effects; prevention of alcohol and drug abuse; prevention of unwanted pregnancies; prevention of HIV and AIDS and support to infected persons; and uplifting the quality of life of seniors.

#### **The areas of their focus are:**

**Gauteng:** Ennerdale, Toekomsrus, Sarafina & Ext 7, Meadowlands – Soweto, Lusaka 1 & 2, Riverlea and Noordgesig, West Rand: Bekkersdal, Mohlakeng, Munsieville, Rietvallei, Kagiso, Tshepisoong, Diepkloof, Alexandra, Eldorado Park East, Protea Glen/Protea, Jabavu, Mofolo, Naledi, Mogorotsi, Dobsonville and Central Johannesburg. Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Kempton, Sivana, Ebony, Extension 5, Far East Rand

**Limpopo:** Ratanda, Duduza, Tsakane, Siyathemba, Embahlenhle, Devon, Katorus

**Vaal:** Poortjie, Evation North, Sebokeng, Orange Farm

**North West Province:** Khutsong, Kanana, Ikageng, Kokosi,

Chubby Chums are assisting this Organization to feed, clothe and take care of the needs of 9652 School children and 4321 Pre School children.

### **CHILDLINE KATORUS CENTRE**

We are working hand in hand with Childline, in their feeding schemes and Crèche/Daycare Centre, we have made such an impact with providing them with daily necessities for the last 12 years, knowing that the Children do not go to bed hungry, when they see a Chubby Chums vehicle in the area they know Uncle Martin is coming to feed them. We have helped to sustain a number of families in the area due to poverty; we have an extraordinary relationship with them. We are at their disposal to assist with anything required. We are supplying Child Line Katlehong with their daily necessities. We have built a wonderful relationship with Child line. Where we are utilizing their safe house, to place children over night: - With a form 22 /36. We have a very good relationship with Child Lines Director Lynne we support each other in the work we do and that's in the Child Protection field in strengthening of children, families and communities though our awareness and prevention programs.

### **THE LOCAL COMMUNITYS**

The community list keeps on growing. At the end of 2011 Chubby Chums supported approximately 3000 community children. These children are invited on outings, given food and cared for by Chubby Chums. They do their best to meet the children's every need and to help them look forward to a healthy, prosperous future. We are having a lot of referrals from Gauteng Social Development, whereby we assist wherever possible. We also experience a lot of referrals from the hospitals & clinics.

We are do work with the notion of voluntary work in our informal settlement areas is unattainable because of poverty and incapacity of the community people to offer their time without compensation as a result community volunteers are compensated with concessionary stipends mainly for survival purposes however structures such

as community care forums are able to provide support on the voluntary basis, since these are collective efforts, driven by the compassionate motives of the community.

### **CHUBBY CHUMS BREAD PROJECT**

The bread Giant Albany had stopped the bread project for a short while. We had managed with the assistance of a number of NGO's standing together; we managed to regain the bread project. The OAC handles any queries of the bread. Chubby Chums have been able to supply 36 homes, 30 crèches, 8 soup kitchens with bread, on a monthly basis, during the past number of years. The project is very time consuming and labor intensive. Chubby Chums have also been supporting all Government Child Welfare Centers.

### **FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE**

Abusing or abandoning your child is the worst thing a person can do. Sadly, this is a reality in our society. Chubby Chums have become very involved in assisting these Children and in arranging adoptions and to Assess to see if a Child is in need of care. They have helped a number of people to become either foster parents or adoptive parents. Martin Barnard meets with social workers and accompanies prospective parents to all meetings, court appearances, etc. They have been instrumental in the successful completion of a huge number of adoptions with the Department of International Social Services over the past years.

### **THE PERSON IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO TALK TO**

The Counseling Service has grown in leaps and bounds. People with Aids (PWA's) that were being counseled have been lost due to the pandemic. However, the rest of the counseling patients are doing extremely well and now find that they can look forward to a healthy life by living a healthy lifestyle. The counselors also inform the PWA's of the necessary dietary requirements for a healthy life and provide them with most of these items as well. We have an in-house counselor to assist with counseling at all times Following on from an article in a newspaper in this year, a young girl came forward who had been abused, was pregnant as a result and did not want to keep the child. After several sessions of counseling, guidance and hard work by the counselor, she has kept her little one there is an enormous influx of patients being referred to us.

### **MANY ORGANISATIONS**

Chubby Chums networks, with a number of Organizations that are properly registered, in order to share information and resources we use the principles of the children act to make sure. One of the major Organizations they have networked with during the past 20 years is Ekurhuleni. Chubby Chums have become stakeholders with Ekurhuleni and extend their services to other Organizations. Ekurhuleni has requested that we have them registered and monitored that there is no repetition and report back to them. All local, provincial and national departments of social development have involved Martin in legal requirements and compliance of newly registered organizations.

### **THE HUNGRY TUMMIES THAT CHUBBY CHUMS FEEDS HLANGANNI**

With all the poverty we are experiencing throughout Gauteng all our community, we are currently feeding approximately 4500 vulnerable Mothers and Children, with figures increasing on a daily basis. For our feeding scheme, we are issuing food parcels, as well as emergency food parcels after hours. Our food parcels consist of mainly dry foods, i.e. rice, sugar, maize, soup powder, pasta, beans, Soya etc. We get a lot of referrals from the Department of Social Development for food parcels. We make so these children of ours have traveled many a rough road it's up to us to put a smile and perhaps a little fun in these empty eyed children's lives meting out of nothing but good hearts such as yours to make it possible

**“Every child’s story deserves a happy ending”**

**We are linked to “HIS HANDS PUPPET MINISTRY”**

They entertain the children at the various homes during weekends and school holidays; the children really look forward to these events, these are puppet shows portraying child awareness i.e. Abuse etc. the puppets are life size figures who are all volunteers. There is a lot of preparation involved in the puppet shows, for e.g. the clown is an adult, he involves the children in a number of tricks in and during the show which stimulates the children mentally and enhancing campaign for the child protection throw out the year this is done on a community volunteerism.

**OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

**COMMUNITY PROJECT HAMMENSKRAAL (PRETORIA)**

Chubby Chums has been on a workshop with the Metropolitan Municipality Department of Health and Social development on poverty alleviation: **War on Poverty** a “condition of deprivation below minimum standards of living “. The Government as call on all Stakeholders to assist in poverty alleviation as the Government can’t do all of this on their own so we as a Stakeholder assisting in the community in Pretoria that is doing community projects that is food relief and they run a daycare centre for the vulnerable children.

The area that we are working in is Hammenskraal this community is the poorest of the poorest in this community there are woman and children they are getting a place of food a day They are collecting on a regular basis and they are ecstatic about the thing they receiving for the community outreach programmers that they are doing in the community.

**CHILD HEADED HOUSEHOLDS**

**Orphans, Vulnerable Children and Youth - (OVCY).**

One of our outreach programs is to look after the orphans & Vulnerable Children & Youth (OVCY). Programs. We supply them with all their necessities for their feeding program, which occurs three times per week. We also do after-school feeding programs this occurs under the guidance of the Child Protection committee. The reason we do this is because we want the orphans & Vulnerable Children & Youth (OVCY). To be included in society, and we teach the girls skills such as cooking and baking, and teach the boys to run vegetable gardens. We are accountable to the State as well as the society that we serve our operations comply to the lay of this County, of which is the Children’s Act 38 of 2005, serves as primary guide. We expanded our horizon to address the desperate need amongst, the child – headed households, children orphaned as the result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. We are able to do this with the support of Social Development and partnerships where we can and remedial teaching together with supervision of homework to compensate for backlogs that may have developed due to their circumstances these programmers are truly an inspiration as one can see the children blossoming under the care, and attention and balanced diet.

We obtain scholarships through our counselors, & Department of Social Development, so as to make them feel important and not lost, hence removing the various stigmas involved. We prefer to encourage them rather than have them feel embarrassed about their status. We teach them the basic skills of life. We take them on a lot of outings, such as visits to the Zoo or cultural experiences.

We also hold birthday parties, visit to restaurants, school camps, and encourage scouting. One group visited Parliament, and spoke to MPs about the Children’s Charter, and gave input into the amendments on the Child Care Act. We are pleased to mention that we have a lot of children who participate in the discussions we have.

In South Africa, the principle of child participation is a society transformation issue and is therefore, handled in this ( NPAC) , Nation plan of action for children under the section “Children’s Rights and Transformation, Unity and Social Cohesion.It is prudent however, to reflect at this point on the nature of child participation in South

Africa's child rights system. (ORC) engage the participation of children to solicit inputs in relation mainly to general principles, civil rights and freedoms of the child - or to determine access by children to their survival, protection, development and participation rights. Henceforth, ORCs will also facilitate in partnership with Arts and Culture dialogue with and among children on issues of social cohesion.

We get them involved in a lot of workshops, that we have we place these orphans with foster care mothers, for a period of five years, so that they grow up in the correct atmosphere. If a couple wishes to adopt a child, they have the option, but they usually end up with infertile couples. We ensure that the children are registered with the Department of Home affairs, and ensure that their documents are in order, and eventually obtain a grant for each child, thereby building up their self-confidence.

Another issue that falls under this program is School holiday's programs we get the Department of South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) We arranged different grants for the children, but feel it improper that the eldest child is excluded from the scheme.

We encourage maintenance of families, as we have found from experience that a family unit functions better than a group made up from different backgrounds. The numbers are increasing daily. The children write a lot of stunning thank you letters to our Organization by thanking us on what we do for them.

### **MOTHERS AND BABIES IN PRISON- JOHANNESBURG**

#### **DON'T LET THEIR LIGHT GO AFTER ALL WHY MUST IT!!**

During this year the Child Protection week Social Developments & Correctional Services has partnership with Chubby Chums to outsource sponsorships for the mothers and babies in prison We have achieved our goal successfully to bring in a lot of sponsors for the mothers and babies in prison program due to unforeseen circumstances that these mother find themselves in as you are well aware the Government cannot work alone they need partnerships in order to do the Child Protection faction and awareness of the Child Protection programs.

The mothers and babies in prison program was extremely moving and emotional Due to them never receiving any attention ever this is the first time that Social Development and NGO such as need to roll this program out throughout all prisons nationwide. We have achieved our objectives of censoring the mother to child abuse and also bring the plight of mothers and babies in prison to the attention of the authorities and the public. The mother and babies were ecstatic due to the event and they never wanted the day to end but rather continue receiving the attention they received.

Government for looks us at: For our Knowledge, Experience and Dedication in the Child Protection field. Why should our children suffer as they say it takes a village to raise a child, your child is my child my child is your child when we work together hence the prison we work successfully what a day this has been for my Deputy Director as well as my manager as they were astounded and horrified to actually see the pains the babies go through these children can only stay up to two years with the mother in prison then we have to seek alternative accommodation for the baby we then approach the families first should there be no family we outsource for foster or partial care for the little one but just think how the mother feel after bonding with the little one therefore we are appealing to all public that are interested in this project to please work with to make a better world for our children.

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## **OUTREACH PROGRAMME FOR VULNERABLE ORPHANS.**

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