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## ORPHAN CARE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2009

Dear Sponsors, supporters and friends

Our small foundation, founded to impact the lives of unfortunate children, is evolving and growing both in terms of resources and the lives we touch.

Highlights of September 2009:

- The Orphan Care Foundation (Martin Oosthuizen, Peter Beretta and Erika Smit) welcome our new members Lucinda Dooley (Senior Pastor of Hillsong Church Cape Town), Ron Martin (Head of Joyce Meyer Ministries Africa) and Wesley Douglas (previous Member of Parliament).
- Our 'child support group/kids club' on Fridays has grown to 100 attendees in the past 8 weeks. One of our biggest blessings and answers to prayer this month was the addition of Amanda Feyt as facilitator. She has more than 15 years of experience with township children, jailed juveniles and gangsters. Her special touch resulted in the most amazing improvement in discipline and behavior of the children. The team's efforts are already delivering visible results: It is so encouraging to see the children participate, open up and really connect. Faces are becoming familiar and more open and loving towards us. One of the children who used to be wild and undisciplined ran up to me last Friday and then grabbed and hugged me spontaneously. It might sound trivial but this is a major advance for kids filled with past hurts and animosity. For us such an experience is like that one perfect shot on the golf course - it gives one a lift and carries you through the not-so-perfect times.
- I want to thank Lance and Carin and their family for their combined sponsorship of the food for our Friday sessions. This has helped a lot to alleviate the costs of

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handing out more than 400 hotdogs and cooldrinks this month. I suspect that was the best meal some of the children had over the weekend.

- I attended a Child Trauma conference which was an awesome and enriching experience. During this 2 day conference I was exposed to realities about children and abuse in our communities beyond what I thought possible. I came back with a renewed conviction that the millions of less fortunate abused, orphaned and vulnerable children need our help. They need a voice and a helping hand. Each of us can do this where we live. Just open your heart and seek an opportunity. Both your life and theirs will be enriched. They are the adults of tomorrow. If you positively impact only one life in your lifetime you could be sowing seeds into a world leader of tomorrow.
- A new child of one and a half years was added to the list of children we support. The boy was found by Badisa's social worker in a half demolished house, living with drug addicts. He was naked, traumatized and neglected with cigarette burn marks under his feet. A lady from Westlake offered to adopt him and has this boy under temporary care while the legal adoption process takes its course.
- We want to host a Christmas party for the Children of Westlake and will need your support to make this a special occasion for these children – see our wish list below.

## **Wish list for Christmas party for 100 children**

- 100 shoeboxes filled with children goodies ages of children 6 – 12 years. Value inside the shoebox of approximately R 150. For this we need the shoeboxes already filled or presents for girls and boys we will then use to fill up ourselves or finance to buy what ever is needed to fill up these boxes.
- R 6000 for a special plate of food and some treats on that day.



## Volunteers

I want to call upon all those who have indicated that they want to be involved. Please send a reply email to this newsletter with the following information:

- Your first and last name.
- Will you be able to assist with the Kids Club on a Friday afternoon between 14:00 and 16:00?
- How many Fridays in a month will you be able to assist?
- Do you have any specific skills or area of support you want us to take note of?
- We also need a group of volunteers to cover our work in prayer - to form a group of prayer warriors. This will be another way to support us - a powerful shield of protection and ongoing blessing upon our work. We will also inform you from time to time of specific areas of prayer we need for this ministry.

For those who were added to our mailing list during the past month, our history can be followed in newsletter archives at – [www.OrphanCareFoundation.com](http://www.OrphanCareFoundation.com)

*"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."*

*- Winston Churchill -*



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