



**beautifulgate**

Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

# 2010 - 2011 **Annual Report**



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## Our Mission

**Beautiful Gate South Africa seeks to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community.**

We are a non-denominational Christian organisation that demonstrates the love of God by helping all those in need, no matter what their background or faith.

We believe that children grow best in a family, and the best people to support families are their local community. We therefore aim to build community networks while caring for children and supporting families.

## Chairman's & Director's Reports



### Chairman's Report

It has been a challenging year and at the same time a rewarding year in the life of Beautiful Gate South Africa. We can testify to God's amazing faithfulness and grace and we are grateful for the learning opportunities we had throughout the year. We as a Board are thankful and blessed by the dedicated team of staff and managers at the child and family resource centre lead by Dr. Vaughan Stannard.

We specifically want to thank the director and management in manoeuvring the ship through some troubled waters due to the economic recession and staff changes. Despite these challenges Beautiful Gate remained faithful to its calling and objectives towards vulnerable children and families and kept its standard of care. A highlight of this year was the opening of the Resource Centre; this has been a strategic and positive move and we appreciate all the hard work that went into making this happen. Another highlight is the accreditation of the centre by the Hospice Palliative Care Association of SA. Beautiful Gate SA is a registered children's hospice.

We also continued to work towards salary equity within our organization while at the same time we decided to start building up a reserve fund in order to minimize the impact of economic recessions in the future. We are very grateful that 60% of our annual budget is met through local South African donations, grants and subsidies. This reflects the confidence which South Africans have in the work of our organization. We move into a new financial year not relying on our own strength or abilities but rather being dependent upon the blessings of our Lord and the favour of man.

**Blessings, Toby Brouwer**

### Director's Report

On the 1st of April 2010, the long-awaited new South African Children's Act (Act 35 of 2005 and amendment of 2007) came into effect. This has shaped the journey of all child protection organisations across the country and Beautiful Gate is no exception! Contributing to our value of "Excellence" Beautiful Gate also became an official member of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa (HPCA). Membership of this 180 member hospice body also requires assessment and development of our standards. And so, this past year, and foreseeably, the next 2 years ahead we will continue to be shaped by the Act as well as the Norms and Standards of being a best practice children's hospice.

This journey of getting stronger does take its toll of course, as all change does. I would like to firstly thank the Department of Social Development in the Western Cape and the HPCA for their support. Then, to all the Beautiful Gate staff, volunteers and board. While I know that the constant pressure for improvement seems endless, I want to thank you all for keeping the needs of our children and families ahead of you as your vision and goal.

It is a pleasure to serve alongside people who are passionate about caring for children and strengthening families! A big thank you is due to the team who have been part of seeking out funding and helping us to make the best use of our resources and keep our services sustainable. To those who have funded the work – we thank you! Finally, praise to Jesus who gives us the calling and the strength to serve these precious children and families.

**With gratitude, Vaughan Stannard**



# Community Support



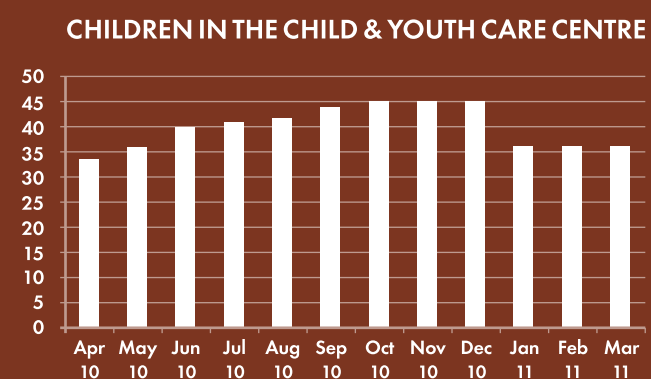
Child abuse, neglect and poverty are still issues that significantly affect our community. Since inception Beautiful Gate's role has been to provide support and empowerment towards a community protecting it's children. The Child & Youth Care Centre provides 40 safe places for orphans, abused and other vulnerable children needing a safe and loving home before being returned to their family or being fostered.

Despite facing a few challenges, the programme continues to look at better ways of protecting and supporting children. We have had some staff changes during the year and new staff have joined with new and refreshing perspectives. Our staff have also gone through training workshops and seminars to improve their knowledge and skills. Our carers had sign language training throughout 2010 to improve communication with some of our children with hearing impairments.

## Child & youth care

Through the Child & Youth Care Centre we continued to offer children a caring environment with security and protection.

We started the year with 34 children and the number increased to a maximum of 45 as we admitted 16 children during the course of the year. Our average number of children was 40 and in September we admitted a family of 5 children due to a family crisis.



## Child development & education

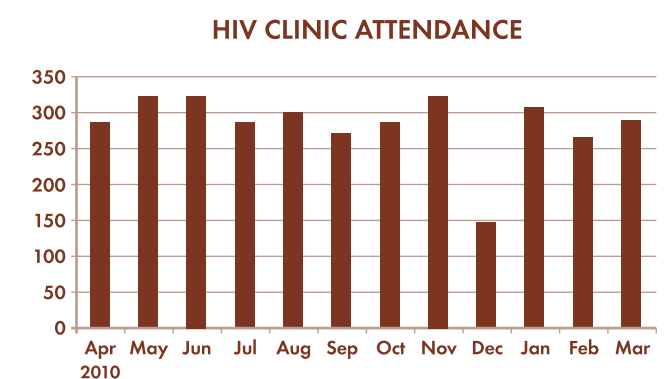
During their stay with us we aim to develop children mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually through various programmes.

During the year kids enjoyed daily activities including games, homework, gardening and creative arts. Psychosocial support was rendered to children with special emotional needs. An average of 26 children per month were rendered development services and these do not include toddlers.

## Medical Support

All children have a right to access health services for their wellbeing.

Our residential clinic continues to provide medical support to children in our Child & Youth Care Centre providing ARVs, medical surveillance and referrals. Our partnership in the Crossroads Clinic supports local children affected by HIV/AIDS with ARV treatment to approx 450 children.



## Reunification

Our aim is to reunite children in our Child & Youth Care Centre with their original families, extended families or communities. It is also fundamental for all children to have a right to a loving family. The reunification process is a long process and our social work team interacts with many stakeholders to achieve their goals.

A lot of the time was spent on visiting families and organizing stakeholder meetings. The reunification team also supported families with food parcels and referrals for government grants. A total of 10 children were reunified during the course of the year.

**\* Growing stronger...** A new social worker recently joined our team and we are examining current processes and strategically considering better and smarter options to the reunification process. Our aim is to provide a compassionate and caring reunification service by being proactive in building relationships with parents.



## Thando's Story

Thando came to Beautiful Gate when he was 2 years old in 2003 and was reunified in 2010; His parents' whereabouts are not known. Thando is a very energetic boy who likes to play and is curious with darting eyes. Thando had become part of Beautiful Gate and was one of the longest remaining child in our centre.

He was fortunate enough to find a loving host family who would take Thando every weekend to their home and on Sundays they would go to church together. Over the years they built a strong bond and in December 2010 they took Thando home for good. A few months later they wanted to go with him to a holiday in Namibia. He was so excited to travel but he did not have a passport. Our social worker came to the rescue and wrote a recommendation letter to enable Thando get his passport. Once they got the passport they went for an Easter weekend to Namibia.

Thando still comes to the clinic for his medication and now and again he visits his friends still at Beautiful Gate. Though he misses his friends – **he loves being in a family of his own!**



# Community Development

There has been exciting developments within the Community Development Programme with the setting up of the Resource Centre for youth and CBOs. At the same time the Strengthening Families service was developed.

This service has seen increasing numbers of families from the local community accessing various services to empower them. These developments have more than doubled the total number of people we serve in a year from just over a 1000 to an average of 3000.

**We have therefore strengthened our development approach through the following summary activities:**

- resource centre
- youth development
- strengthening families
- community networking

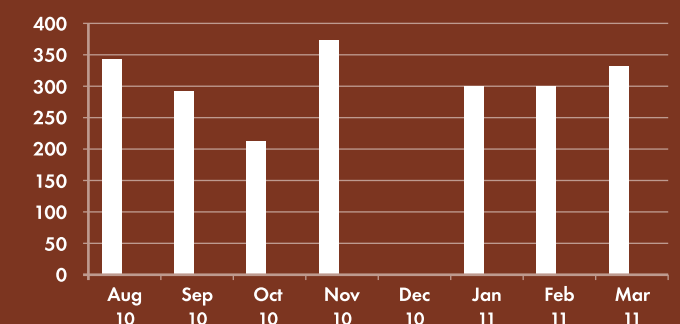
## Resource Centre

We launched the centre in June 2010 as a follow-up to our community survey that showed that lack of information was a critical issue within the community.

**The launch was quite successful and we are providing the following services to young people, adults and community groups:**

- Educational opportunities, incl. study options, bursaries and educational loans, and career guidance, homework support.
- Access to social services including ID documents & also government social grants. Employment opportunities, including job vacancies, CV writing and career guidance.
- Life skills materials.

NUMBER OF VISITORS TO RESOURCE CENTRE



We identified a number of partners such as the Volunteer Centre and Community Chest in capacity building and empowerment initiatives as key partners in providing training and resources to support capacity building in CBOs. As they focus on topics such as governance, planning, financial management, and fundraising, we will focus on topics that relate specifically to children (e.g. Child Protection), to prevent duplication. Our existing contacts for referrals, for services such as trauma/abuse counselling, have been integrated into the Resource Centre database.

It is exciting to receive positive feedback from beneficiaries as their lives get transformed: some getting jobs, others getting grants and young people receiving skills. Overall an empowering experience!

**Growing Stronger** ... we have extended the open hours from 3 days a week to 4 days per week to serve more people. We also hope to improve our data capturing system.



## Youth Development

The future of our communities and country lie within our youth. For this reason, we have been investing in youth development for some years now. We aim to impact the lives of young people in a positive way. We want to see them being able to take responsibility for their own lives, families and communities.

**These were the major activities conducted during the year:**

- 4 holiday clubs
- 4 camps
- 78 life skills sessions
- 2 parent events
- 2 workshops

For most of the activities a core group of 80 young people were involved while about 500 participated in the holiday clubs. **Our plan is** to have a leadership course for Grade 11 & 12 learners.

## Strengthening Families

**A stable family ensures that children are protected and such families are integral to a strong community.**

Our desire is to preserve families making them stronger and more stable. The breakdown of the family unit, ties and values has been cited as one of the causes of some of the tremendous social problems our country is facing, including domestic violence and child abuse and abandonment.

During the course of the year our services included assessing families for social grants and providing interim food parcels, counselling and referrals. A range of problems were addressed such as behaviour problems, relationship issues, child care and abuse, bereavement and child headed families. The English parenting skills manual was translated into Xhosa so that parents can better understand it; this translated version has been well received.

## Community Networking

We continued to network with different community groups including local schools, police, clinics and business forums and we aim to fully utilize our centre to facilitate community interactions.



# Organisational Support

## Finance & Fundraising

The year 2010/11 was generally better than the previous financial year and we are grateful for our donors and supporters. It is heartening to realize that there are so many people committed to making a positive difference, at both individual and corporate level.

Our volunteers and ambassadors all over the world have been wonderfully supportive. Throughout the year we also continued to actively research opportunities for grant funding and much effort was spent on rolling out targeted proposals in time.

For the first time, a reserve fund has been created with an initial deposit of R208,000 to which we contributed an additional amount every month. This fund helps to sustain us in the event of cashflow gaps and emergencies. This year we also focused on reviewing and documenting our financial processes. We have continued to engage with our supporters and are appreciative of the many strong relationships we have with them. The launch of the Resource Centre has been very successful and so far we have witnessed strong support in this initiative. PEPFAR, Tullow Oil, The Jerusalem Trust and State Street are some of the key funders for the Resource Centre. The Child & Youth Care centre and the HIV Clinic received support from our key funders including the Department of Social Development, BG Holland, Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation, Sponsor A Child and MACAIDS Fund.

Beautiful Gate is now increasing its reach with social media through a new facebook site and a blog. In addition to this other promotional activities included quarterly newsletters and brochures. We have also made changes to our DVD which we will release in the latter part of the year.

## Facilities

It has been a busy year within the Facilities team especially on the maintenance side and other new projects that were initiated. Much of the maintenance has been focused on plumbing. A lot of maintenance was done on the Muizenberg property due to the age of the property.

Transport was a big challenge in 2010 as we experienced many breakdowns and repairs with our aging vehicles – the Combi and the VW Golfs. This affected our work and as it became costly to repair. We finally replaced two vehicles with two good second hand vehicles after securing some funding from BG Holland and using some reserve funds. Unfortunately our new vehicle – a Chev Spark used by the Community Support team was involved in an accident in 2011 and written off. Fortunately there were no serious injuries and our insurance allowed us to secure our claim.

**Some of the work carried out includes:**

- Installation of solar geysers in the kitchen
- Replacement of our server system
- Fencing and partitioning of the container – satellite resource centre
- Installation of an air conditioner in the server room
- Improvement and maintenance of the garden irrigation system

**\* Growing stronger...** We are aiming to install solar geysers for the whole site once funding is secured as this goes a long way to reduce our electricity bill. The container still needs to be electrified to make it fully functional.

# Financial Information

Beautiful Gate South Africa  
Summarised Annual Audited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2011

| 1. Income Statement For The Year Ended 31 March 2011 |                  |                   |  |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--|
|  | 2011             | 2010              |  |
|  | R                | R                 |  |
| <b>INCOME</b>  | <b>5,046,713</b> | <b>4,467,717</b>  |  |
| Unrestricted donations                               | 1,843, 141       | 1,455,843         |  |
| Restricted donations                                 | 1,900,984        | 1,557,687         |  |
| Government grant                                     | 912,528          | 1,009,847         |  |
| Contributions for services                           | 330,020          | 387,683           |  |
| Interest received                                    | 60,040           | 56,657            |  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                      | <b>5,018,707</b> | <b>4,163, 613</b> |  |
| Child & youth care – Crossroads Children’s Home      | 3,266,419        | 2,922,904         |  |
| Community Family Support                             | 350,195          | 316,376           |  |
| Community Medical Care                               | 701,584          | 399,196           |  |
| Youth Development                                    | 467,800          | 340,246           |  |
| Community groups development & resource centre       | 220,709          | 172,891           |  |
| Audit Fee  | 12,000           | 12,000            |  |
| <b>NET SURPLUS</b>                                   | <b>28,006</b>    | <b>304,104</b>    |  |

| 2. Balance Sheet As At 31 March 2011 |                   |                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
|                                      | 2011              | 2010              |  |
|                                      | R                 | R                 |  |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |                   |                   |  |
| Non-current assets                   | 12,562,170        | 12,562,170        |  |
| Current assets                       | 1,564,453         | 1,501,981         |  |
|                                      | <b>14,126,623</b> | <b>14,064,151</b> |  |
| <b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>        |                   |                   |  |
| Accumulated funds                    | 12,781,832        | 12,878,314        |  |
| Restricted funds                     | 755,174           | 958,678           |  |
| Reserve                              | 501,000           | -                 |  |
| Current liabilities                  | 88,617            | 227,159           |  |
|                                      | <b>14,126,623</b> | <b>14,064,151</b> |  |

| 3. Summarised Report Of The Independent Auditor   |  |
|---|--|
| I have audited the annual financial statements of Beautiful Gate South Africa for the year ended 31 March 2011. These financials are the responsibility of the board members. My responsibility is to report on these financial statements.                       |  |
| In my opinion the annual financial statements fairly represent the financial position of Beautiful Gate South Africa as at 31 March 2011 and the result of it’s activities for the year then ended in accordance with the records and information supplied to me. |  |
| <b>GEORGE W CLOETE, Registered Auditor</b>  |  |



## Sponsor a Child

Will you join us in making a difference to a child’s life?  
Your monthly gift allows us to find and strengthen families for children who need them, while you get to know more about the children in our care through regular updates. **For more info Email:** support@beautifulgate.org **or Phone:** +27 (0)21 370 2500 & ask about the ‘Sponsor a Child’ Programme

## Thank you once more...!

**For being all weather friends; for your generosity and kindness.**  
Your gifts keep us going and inspire us to continue making an impact to the communities of Crossroads and Philippi. We sincerely appreciate your support.  
**To our regular donors and Sponsor a Child supporters – Another BIG THANK YOU!** Your donations every month bring smiles to our children.

## Acknowledgements to our major supporters in 2010-11:

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