



beautifulgate

Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

Our mission 'We seek to reflect God's image as we care for and protect children, empower and preserve families and mobilise our community'

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Message from **The Director** *Celebrating 20 years with you*

This year Beautiful Gate celebrates 20 years of caring for children, serving families and sharing God's love and grace! What a joy and a privilege. Founded in 1994 through a vision to reach out to children in need, Beautiful Gate started from humble beginnings as a children's home in Muizenberg and later moved to Crossroads township outside Cape Town. Along the way we have been constantly challenged to respond to the needs of families and harness the strengths of this wonderful community. After 20 years we are grateful for growth in diverse projects to see families restored to the purpose and plans that God has for them. After School Services, Sports, Holiday Clubs, Children's HIV Clinic, Youth Resource Centre, Family Strengthening Services, Parenting Skills training, Community Mobiliser training and still faithfully providing Crisis Care for children in need of protection. Thank YOU for being on this journey with us! We are sincerely grateful that YOU have joined us in sharing love, hope, mercy and justice with those who need it.

Vaughan Stannard

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMME LAUNCH Exciting program!



This year we launched our new Education Support and After School program! The program is run in partnership with local schools, teachers and social workers who notify us about the children that are at risk or need special support and attention. Currently 50 primary school children from the local community come to diligently do their homework every afternoon of the week from 3 to 4.30pm, especially focusing on English and Mathematics. From 4.30pm till 6pm a further 150 children join the program for fun dance, drama, sports and bible stories. All programs include essential life skills and encourage values to help children succeed in making good choices. Sports include netball and soccer and on Wednesdays we have outreach days where we teach the bible, pray and listen to gospel music as part of helping them to grow spiritually. Fridays are open and children showcase what they have been doing during the week. The program also includes holiday clubs, camps and outings. Once children are in the program, we can also support them with social and medical issues and refer them to our social workers and nurse as needed.

CYCLE TOUR 2014! New comer!

The Cape Argus Pick n Pay Momentum Cycle Tour is a highlight on Beautiful Gate's fundraising calendar. This year we had more than 60 riders wearing our jersey and raising funds to support our work. Thank you to each and every rider! We also had children from Beautiful Gate and the community riding in the Junior Argus for the first time. Our next newsletter will include a special focus on this event and let you know the final total raised! Have a look on our Facebook page for some of the photos we've already shared. This year, Luyolo, our newly appointed Sports Coordinator in the After School program rode for the first time. "As a first time cyclist I had fun even though it was tough. Going up Chapman's peak was such a challenge, but at least I didn't struggle alone. Thankfully my hard work in training helped me to finish the race in 4 hours 30 minutes!"



VOLUNTEERS

We need all kinds of help!



Beautiful Gate has always been blessed with many volunteers over the years. Today, helping children and families means so many different things.

We have volunteers helping with research, marketing, social media, social work interns, human resources and maintenance of our beautiful facility. The latest area we have opened to volunteers is the Education and Afterschool services program where we are in need of tutors. If you have time for get involved as one of our volunteers, please contact us at: bethw@beautifulgate.org

SPONSOR A CHILD

Looking for new sponsors



Sponsor a Child – our child support program is taking on a wonderful new direction. Not only is it supporting children that are placed legally at Beautiful Gate, but we have expanded outside of our gates to other vulnerable children.

These include households with vulnerable children identified through our social workers. Almost every household has a granny or aunty that looks after not only their own children but other youngsters as well. Your support provides regular food parcels, school fees and uniforms, clothing and social work services. You are already helping us reach numerous children and many more are in need of services. Email or call us to become a sponsor (see the box below).

Would you like to help a vulnerable child? Please join our Sponsor A Child programme for a minimum monthly donation of R120/ £15/€20/\$25 or more.

Contact us on: +27 (0)21 370 2524. Email sponsorachild@beautifulgate.org

Pro-active Family Services

Being a social worker is a calling! And working with the parents in this community is a great privilege. While faced with many challenges, they have such strength and desire to overcome hardship for the sake of their children. Harnessing this courage our **Parenting Skills** program aims to empower parents through the teaching of valuable communication skills in raising and understanding children. The **Let the Light Shine** course, goes one step further, educating about HIV/AIDS and supporting vulnerable children. Many parents are now community safety parents. During 2013 more than 140 parents completed their training thanks to our wonderful social work team!

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Our next newsletter will be in an exciting new format and we'd love to email it to you. **Sign up** via our Facebook page or send an email to marketing@beautifulgate.org

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RESOURCE CENTRE:

Skills Day – connecting youth to opportunities

On the 26th February, we invited young people from the community, who are not yet involved in studying or work, to a Skills Day. Many are at home with nothing to do, even though they've graduated from high school.



The Skills Day showcased a number of organisations that provide training to young people, school-to-work programs and other learnerships and volunteering opportunities. More than 160 young people attended and were successfully connected to various opportunities. Thanks to the interest of the local newspaper we were also able to introduce the Resource Centre to more young people in the community!

HISTORY OF LOWER CROSSROADS

Dining with elderly people!

Last month we were privileged to meet up with some of the more senior residents of Lower Crossroads. We invited them to lunch to honour them as elders in the community and to ask them to begin a



project with us to explore the formation and history of Lower Crossroads and the township struggle for family life. It is our hope to have a permanent exhibition on site for visitors and residents of the community. "They have such interesting stories - sad sometimes, but it helps us to know where we come from" said Zanele Mzimba, a young person from the community who is working on the project, together with American volunteer, Kari Olk.

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

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