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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**

Thank you!

As the global economic recession continues to make us all tighten our belts and save our pennies, we'd like to say a special thank you to you, our faithful sponsors! We know that these are hard times. Not just for the poor and needy, but for everyone. And so we are extra grateful to those who generously continue to share with these little ones who desperately need care and protection.

As Beautiful Gate, we too are looking to find new and innovative ways of generating funds to keep providing services to orphans, HIV infected children, families in crisis and young people searching for education and employment opportunities. And we thank God for your help in making this possible!

Thank you for standing with us. In gratitude…

Vaughan Stannard

BABY AYA FINDS A NEW HOME (and new parents) !

Many people remember baby boy Aya who was picked up by the police last year after being abandoned by his mother in a field. We featured a documentary on SABC 2 about the problem of children being abandoned in the townships. The good news is that baby Aya has been adopted by a couple from Cape Town! He has bonded so well with his new parents and we are so delighted that Aya managed to find a loving family within a relatively short period of time. Though we will certainly miss Aya, his journey is such an inspiration.

Reuniting children with their families is a key aspect of our work as all children have a right to a family.

A MODEL OF CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Ernst & Young shows that they care

Companies play an important role in community development. One such company is Ernst & Young. Recently six staff members from E & Y Cape Town came and ran a kids day over the holidays. They have been involved with us over a number of years through their corporate social responsibility initiatives from volunteering to financial donations.

Find out how your organization and staff can also do this.

NEW CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Improving standards on child protection

The new South African Children's Act has shaped the journey of all child protection organisations across the country and Beautiful Gate has been part of this exciting journey!

Eager to live up to our value of "**Excellence**", the past year we have been committed to ongoing quality improvement and setting new standards. One of the exciting developments has been a new Child Protection Policy developed by all the Beautiful Gate staff! And remember: **Protecting children is everyone's responsibility**!

COMMEMORATING YOUTH DAY

Remembering the aspirations of youth

Think a minute and consider how young people have revolutionized the world today. We only need to look as far as Facebook!

About 200 young people converged at our centre on June 16 to commemorate Youth Day. The event was in memory of young people who fought for their rights during apartheid. There was dance, poems, music and a soccer league. The youth turned out in numbers showing their passion to make their voices heard in society. The day gave them the opportunity to debate and engage about young people's needs today.

CHILD CARE TEAM ATTEND TRAINING

Education brings knowledge!

Thanks to the NACCW (National Assoc of Child Care Workers) and the Dept of Social Development, 16 staff members from our Child Care team attended further child care training.

The Child and Youth Care certificate is well recognized by most caring professions including hospitals and clinics. Some of the themes have been emotional intelligence, talking and listening to children, creating an element of trust and understanding between children and care givers and building skills to support hurt and abused children.

KIDS FLOCK TO HOLIDAY CLUB

Lifeskills, fun and creativity!

In June we always host a holiday club for kids in Philippi and Lower Crossroads. It's become a real winner with the kids. This year we had more than 500 kids attend!

The children really enjoy having fun and meaningful activities during the holidays. There are lots of activities that include e.g. games, dancing, bible studies, and talks on topics like children's rights.

DID YOU KNOW? Most of the club games are run by local teenagers from the Life Skills group who serve as volunteers!

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

Learning ideas and showcasing talent

Recently we were able to give some of our teenagers an opportunity to learn more about drama at the Artscape Theatre Centre. On returning one of the teens shared: "*I learned so much through the whole Artscape experience*! *To such an extent that my marks in Life Science improved. We not only learned about drama, but also about saving our beautiful planet*."

This year the teenagers were nominated for **Best Promising Production Award** and one of them was also nominated for **Most Promising Actor**! Well done to our teens!

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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