



# NEWSLETTER

August 2021



## From Alison's Desk

Sitting at my desk writing this Newsletter I am very aware of the extreme cold both outside as well as inside our home! Its cold till in my bones! Being the middle of winter I am aware of the rain on plants that were pruned during Autumn and we are painfully aware that with the pruning and with the fresh rains, come the germination of new seeds...This year personally I had a time of pruning...it is harsh, it is painful, it is heartbreaking...it is sore! First a bout of Covid that doctors at N1 thought I will not recover from...but, God clearly needed to speak to me... alone....softly...after all the pain and the struggle...

I had to ask why He spared me...and the answer was clear... not yet! Then came the loss of our youngest brother...this was a blow so severe I couldn't deal with it at first...why the harshness of the pruning...why Him? Why now?

But, like after the rains you see the germination of new seeds... from the day he passed on looking back now a week later, we saw the seeds immediately! From every walk of his life, young and old said how he had touched their lives as an educator, a mentor, an activist, a teacher, a brother and by no means last...a dad and husband! I am blessed to have him in my life...still...because his legacy will live on in the many lives he has touched!



I want to honor him today as I write this because for quite a few years he would proof read my newsletters until one day he said: "Sister, you are on your own now...I think you have the idea." Roy Hellenberg...

You lived a life of **INTENT** and **PURPOSE!! GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!**



## Rainbow House

The kids are doing exceptionally well with home schooling. I am really proud of them. I have said it before and I will say it again....All children are **NOT** academics and I am grateful to home school where most of the children's lives are shaped by what they are passionate about. Music, Art, Gymnastics Cooking and the list goes on. To our home school sponsor, Maria & Paul Myron...**THANK YOU** for impacting the lives of the children in this tangible way! Some of the children are struggling with Math and so even here, **THANK YOU** to Arnab Das for the one on one tutoring of Sisipho, Lionel Jacobs for his math class on a Thursday and even Olivia will have a tutor soon! We cannot do what we do at Rainbow House without the support of people like you!

**POPIA** – If you no longer wish to receive our Newsletter or would like to be removed from our data base, then, please send an email with **unsubscribe** in the subject line and we will do the necessary. Thank you for your support always!

## Fundraising and Sustainability

As with many NGO's, we have had to look outside the box at ways to raise funds without having a beggar mentality and, so, we have come up with various ways to do just that! So besides what is in our **EVENTS DIARY** we will once again be selling the essential oils hand sanitizers. 2 sanitizers & 1 refill for R120 (normal retail price R150.) OR 5 sanitizers (R50 each) & receive a refill (R50) absolutely free! We will also be selling various flavored balsamic vinegar and olive oil from Willow Creek in Worcester for R85 a bottle. We have also entered into an agreement with The Concrete Monkey so if you need any plans or interior or exterior maintenance or design, then please use our code and Rainbow of Hope will receive a portion of the free quote upon acceptance. Our Treasure Trove Pop Up Shop in our driveway at 49 Alice Street, Goodwood, (entrance is in Merriman Road), is open, from August, every Friday from 10am till 5pm and every Saturday from 10am till 2pm.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE DONORS WHO GENEROUSLY DONATE TO OUR SHOP SO WE CAN WORK AT BECOMING SUSTAINABLE!**



## Where Some of Your Donations Go

The donations given away is not donations specifically given to Rainbow House, but rather when I say to you we already have that, like with the blankets for instance, we had just received a wonderful donation of lovely warm blankets for winter from Faisel & Shireen when Gafoor Charity also gave us blankets. I then told them we had just received a donation in that same week and that they could give it to someone else who needed it and the gentleman said, give it to whoever needs, not knowing that in that week I had posted on my status that we are collecting blankets for a project in Paarl. So understand this...there are many who give to us because they know, it will go where it is needed...

This is a message I received in this week: Evening to you Merle. (Merle is a volunteer at Rainbow House who knows who needs in her community.) I wish to extend my utmost gratitude for the donation received. Not only was I able to feed my own family but also 3 other families as well. Yesterday, Rubys shack was burnt down and her family was in need of everything and your donation was a God send. She had tears in her eyes as she did not expect it. Many people do not realise that such a kind gesture changes the lives of others and has a significant impact on those who go to bed with hungry tummies. Many people do not realise that such a kind gesture changes the lives of others and has a significant impact on those who go to bed with hungry tummies. May God continue to bless you and those around you. So, thank You from the bottom of all our hearts. **THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATE TO US SO WE CAN DONATE TO OTHERS!!**

HIRE C/M/D FOR ALL YOUR ARCHITECTURAL NEEDS AT AN AFFORDABLE RATE...

FROM DESIGN TO CONSTRUCTION

USE THE RAINBOW HOUSE PROMO CODE AND RAINBOW OF HOPE WILL EARN A 10% COMMISSION

CONCRETE MONKEY DESIGNS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Rainbow of Hope Caring for children at risk





## International and Local Volunteers

We miss all our volunteers! So we are super excited to soon be having an International Volunteer in August/September. Volunteers...you are all loved and appreciated and sorely missed during this time!

## Challenges

1. Our house definitely needs a paint inside and outside.
2. Our gutters and fascia boards need to be fixed.
3. Absolute healing in the lives of the children. The road to healing is long and hard and sometimes we feel like we are taking 2 steps forward and 10 steps back.

## Amazing Stuff

1. The childrens very good results – and unlike the WCED we do not accept 30% as a pass!
2. The provision of Math Tutors!
3. God's awesome provision during this pandemic!
4. For healing and restoration of families!
5. For the amazing generosity of individuals, schools, corporate and other organizations!
6. Keenan practicing for the Western Cape Gymnastics Association Competition in August, October & November.
7. Joeys amazing ability to draw and finding a school/tutor for her!
8. 5 of the kids participating in the Western Cape Climbing Provincial Championships in August!



## Events - Rainbow House

**21st August** AGM at Rainbow of Hope (or another venue to be confirmed) at 11am. RSVP by 14th August. Either online or personal attendance.

**5th September** Online Quiz at 3pm. Tickets R50 per person. Many prizes to be won. Either online or personal attendance. Quiz Master Grant Greenleaf.

**6th September** Auction of Art via Facebook & WhatsApp until the 30th September 12pm.

## Banking Details

Banking Details: Rainbow of Hope accounts held at:

ABSA Bank

Branch Code: 632005

Business Savings Account number: 9211425680

Swift Code: absazajj

IBAN Number: 9211425680

Assisted Independent Living Account Number: 9262026176

Swift Code: absazajj

IBAN Number: 9262026176

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GIVE WITHOUT LEAVING THEIR NAMES....YOU ARE APPRECIATED AND VALUED!**

With love & gratitude

Alison Alexander & the Rainbow House children