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NOVALIS HOUSE

APRIL 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians, Family Members and Friends,

Welcome to our newsletter for Autumn 2018. We hope you will enjoy reading our news!

## **THANK YOU - STAFF GIFTS**

The staff of Novalis would like to say a very big "THANK YOU" to our families for the very generous contributions towards staff gifts that were received at the end of last year.

Everyone very much appreciated their gratuities received in January!

## **CLOSURE OF LINDEN WORKSHOP AND MOVE TO BLUE HILLS**

The final quarter of last year saw the successful consolidation of our facilities.

The move to Blue Hills saw many challenges, preparing workshop spaces, intake of new residents and starting the building of our new dining hall.

With the workshop programme moving to Blue Hills some of our day workers took up permanent residence. The Blue Hills Residence now accommodates 29 residents with 8 vacancies still remaining, as it is licenced for 37 permanent residents.

We also saw several of our day workers moving to other centres that were more conveniently situated for them. We will miss them all and wish them the very best for the future.

## **NEW DINING HALL AND WORKSHOP**

Last year, the Novalis board took a decision to use the proceeds from the sale of the Linden property, for the building of the dining hall at Blue Hills. The building is already at roof height and we look forward to the completion and formal opening in the next few months.

Architectural drawings for the building of a new workshop, to accommodate 100 people, have been approved by the Jo'burg City Council, but the project has been put on hold until further funding can be sourced.



## **WORKSHOP NEWS:**

Despite the upheaval of the move to Blue Hills, the contract work continued uninterrupted, keeping everyone stimulated and busy. We are happy to report that under the expert guidance of Sina and the workshop supervisors, the financial year to date has been a success and we have fulfilled the deadlines for the work from Calibre Plastics, Kia and Hyundai Motors, Plastpro Scientific, TBAC, Nedbank and other smaller contracts.

## **WORKSHOP CLOSURE DATES FOR 2018**

- The workshop will close on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and will re-open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- The workshop will close on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to and will re-open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Blue Hills Residence remains open during these times.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS AND GALLERY**

### **AMPHITHEATRE - OFFICIAL OPENING AND AGM - 14 OCTOBER 2017**

We hosted our AGM on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 at the Amphitheatre, which was also the official opening. Thank you to everyone who attended and for the generous contributions towards the eats, which were very much enjoyed. The Annual Report for the financial year April 2016 to March 2017 is available on the website - [www.novalishouse.org](http://www.novalishouse.org).



## **AWARENESS PROGRAMMES**

### **MASITHEMBE SIKALI AND KAREN MARTIN PRESENTING THE PROGRAMME AT THE AMPHITHEATRE.**



## MUSIC SESSIONS WITH INGE ARTHUR



THE STAFF & PARENTS OF SUNNINGHILL PARK NURSERY SCHOOL DONATED GIFT BAGS TO THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF FOR CHRISTMAS. IT WAS A HAPPY OCCASION WHEN CHRISTINE AURET AND AMY TSAPERAS HANDED OUT THESE TO EVERYONE.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BLUE HILLS

Our Christmas Party was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. Thank you to everyone for joining us for this special day. Once again, we say a big thank you to the Midrand Lions Club for providing a delicious braai.



Thank you to Paul Thompson and Puleng Technologies who donated the caps and T Shirts for all our beneficiaries!



## WEEKEND FUN

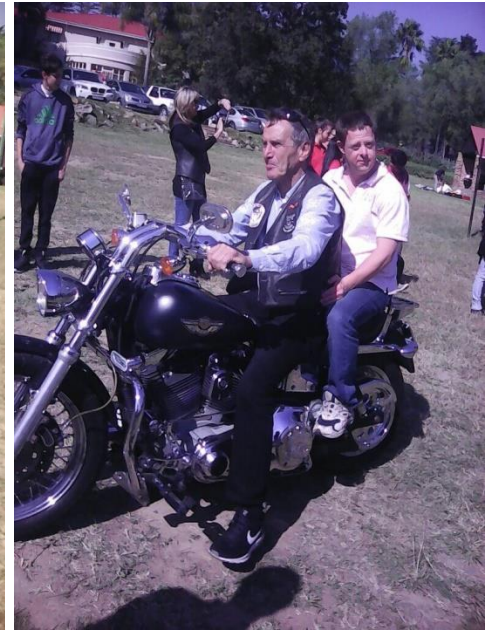
**SATURDAY MORNING SHOPPING** - A much enjoyed weekly outing for all the residents.

"Special Thanks" to the anonymous donor, who paid for everyone to have an extra treat, while out shopping at Fourways Crossing!!





**PICNICS AT GILLOOLY'S FARM AND ZOO LAKE**



**SOSA/ROTARY SPORTS AND FUN DAY**



**HOSTING UNITY COLLEGE IN THE WETLAND PARK**

## SPECIAL THANKS!

### Funders and Donors.

Sincere appreciation goes to all the funders and donors who continue to support us in the work we do.

### Board of Directors

Thank you to the **Board Members** for the on-going commitment to our work at Novalis. Your valuable guidance and support is immensely appreciated!

### CAKE RAFFLE



We would like to thank Marion Rodd for baking the beautiful Christmas Cake for the raffle that raised **R 4795.00**. Thanks to everyone for supporting this fund raiser!

The lucky winner was **Heather Duve**.

The winning ticket was sold by **Ashley Bester**, from the **Kyalami Country Club Ladies Golfers**, who regularly make donations towards our projects.

This year the ladies golfers donated a very much appreciated **R 12 000.00** in **"Builders Warehouse" gift vouchers** to Novalis for on-going maintenance, repairs and refurbishments.

### My Village



We thank our My Village supporters for swiping their cards when shopping at Woolworths and their partners - Bidvest Waltons, Engen Quick Shop, Altech Netstar, Flight Centre, lool.co.za., Power24.co.za.

Please keep shopping and tell your family members and friends about this very easy way to raise funds! Funds raised- **April 2017 to March 2018 - R 6 912**

### Volunteers

A very big "Thank you" to our **volunteers** for the continued support with our various projects. The time given and efforts made to assist Novalis House with maintenance of the gardens and buildings, collection of food donations and offering support to our Novalis Family.

### Food Donations from Woolworths Verdi Centre, Woolworths Crowthorne Shopping Centre and Carlswald SuperSpar.

These stores continue to assist us with regular food donations, helping us to provide good quality meals and to meet the ever increasing food costs.

### Families

To all our **Families**, we thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to the months ahead and hope it will be a time of positive growth for everyone at Novalis House!