



Thandusana - Babies Safe Home is a safe haven
for abandoned, abused and neglected babies,
from birth to 3 years of age

For **continued updates** on their needs, fundraising events,
reasons to celebrate, wellbeing of the children and staff
subscribe to the newsletter and **bookmark** the website
and **follow us** on Facebook :)



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Lana Schroven

The past months have seen a number of changes taking place at Thand'usana. Although tumultuous at times, I have to commend the staff for always keeping the baby's routines uninterrupted and their well-being a top priority.

I'm pleased to say that the annual audit has been completed, the PBO compliance done and our BBB-EE Status confirmation received, while a visit from the Department of Social Development has found everything to be in order.

Although donations have been coming in steadily, we need to be diligently driving at fundraising in order to meet the monthly budget.

A warm welcome to our new staff members Sibongile, Nelly, Michaela and Mandisa, we hope that your stay with us will be a long and mutually rewarding one.

A WORD FROM THE HOUSEMOTHER

Vanessa Gouws

Dear friends of Thand'usana

I hope you are all keeping warm and safe.

It's been a rather eventful few months. We have had staff changes, students doing community service, new volunteers joining, Mandela Day and baby clinic visits in between !



OUR CHILDREN



We presently have 6 children in our care.

Three are boys aged 16 months, 18 months and 2½ years, and three are girls aged 12 days, 4 months, and 7months old.

Our three boys are growing out of their clothes rapidly, so if anyone can assist with 18 to 24 month old winter clothes, please consider donating it for these little boys.

Four of our babies are currently teething. Ouch!

Baby "E" continues to receive prescription medication twice daily, and she is enjoying the introduction to solid foods, while **Toddler "I"**, was diagnosed with TB. He is responding well to his daily medication.

This did result in staff testing as well, and fortunately the results were negative.

Good news! Our baby "C" has been adopted after spending the first 3 months of his life with us. He is happy and flourishing with his new family.

Baby "J" has finally, after 1 year and 6 months, been registered with home affairs and we received his birth certificate on the 7th of July. He is now eligible for adoption. Going forward his social worker will be able to claim temporary safety fees for him.

Baby "E" has, after 7months, also found a loving home and will be joining her adoptive parents on the 27th of this month.

Toddler "A" still enjoys periodic foster weekends.

We received a tiny, prematurely born girl on the 12th of July, and on the 13th a newborn boy was brought to us by his mother. A social worker was called in, and after counseling, the mother chose to place the baby in foster care instead. Temporary foster placement could only be arranged for the next day since all the other baby safe homes were also full. Baby stayed overnight, and was introduced to his foster parent the next day.

James 1:27 says, **"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."**

These words of the Bible call God's people to actively pursue meeting the needs of children who have been orphaned, and a great place to start is through prayer. Your actions matter and there are many ways you can help make a difference, whether you are a prayer partner, a fundraiser, a Show Hope Sponsor, a prospective adoptive parent, or a volunteer

Thank you for supporting Thand'usana Babies Safe Home,
Vanessa Gouws

OUR VOLUNTEERS



We are blessed to have regular volunteers who help for a few days each week, and three intermediary student teachers have just completed their practical hours at Thand'usana.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER ?

Thank-you for your willingness to make a difference !

Because of the nature of our business, we have to know who we are allowing into our circle of care.

You will be required to present your ID and obtain Police Clearance before we can allow you access to the infants.

VOLUNTEER INFO INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW :

www.thandusana.co.za/become-volunteer

1. Please download and familiarise yourself with our Constitution Document from the website.
2. Please download and review the documents to the right for an idea of the responsibilities of a volunteer.
Once you are aware of the responsibilities expected of a volunteer and can make an informed decision.
3. Please download and fill in the Volunteer Application Form from the website.
4. Please email completed forms to info@thandusana.co.za



FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



MUSIC TRIVIA EVENING



Join us for an evening of absolute fun and laughter :)

Fantastic Lucky Draw Prizes up for grabs including five chances to win double tickets to the fabulous Goldilocks and the Three Bears Pantomime.

1. Tickets are required to attend.
2. Please book a table to ensure you have a spot. Tables seat 6 or 8.
3. Bring your own picnic supper and snacks. Cash bar is available.

Ticket Cost: **R 100**



1 September 2023 | 6:30pm



Port Elizabeth Bowling Club



041-3657224

DRIVE THRU SUPPER



Available Meals:

1. **Option 1** - Beef or Vegetarian Lasagne - **R 40**
2. **Option 2** - Beef or Vegetarian Lasagne with 2 Date Balls - **R 45**

Place your order via Phone - 041 363 1690

From: Monday, 14 August 2023 until Tuesday, 22 August 2023

Between: 9am and 12 pm

Payment via EFT or CASH, please place the cash in an envelope with your name.

Please Note the entrance is in Newton Street, the gate opens automatically.

Remain in your car and announce your name to your waitron.

Your order will be brought to your car.

Please do not expect to be served prior to 4pm.

BANK: Standard Bank - **ACCOUNT #:** 083 776 931 - **TYPE:** Savings

REFERENCE: Drive Thru + Your full name



25 August 2023
4:00pm - 5:30pm



Newton Park Methodist,
Parking lot



041-3631690

CELEBRATIONS **AND THANKS**



Our grateful thanks to the following people and companies:

- Bex Courier Services
- Bonke IX Engineers
- XL Bay Travel
- Orex Energy
- Mr Price Group
- Dora Nginza Psychology Team
- First National Bank , who blessed us with four volunteers who sorted the baby clothing closet into sizes, sexes and seasons and cleared the bottom storeroom which we intend on setting up as a laundry.
- The local BP Highway Service Station on Cape Road had their petrol jockeys shaking tins for Thand'usana.
- **A special thank-you** to the people and companies who dedicated their time and energy to us on Mandela Day, **see photos on the Gallery page (Page 7)**
- To everyone who either donated clothes, toys, baby equipment, baby products, thank you !
- We are grateful to all who donate regularly, no matter being it large or small, we appreciate everything!

If you have been left out, we do apologise. Please know that we are extremely grateful to each and every donor however great or small your gift. **It is ALWAYS appreciated.**

NEEDS AND PRAYER



OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- Cash donations
- Copy paper
- Boys clothing 18-24months
- Cleaning products such as:
 - Bleach
 - Stasoft
 - Dishwashing Liquid
 - Stain Remover
 - Black Bags
 - Toilet Paper
 - Facial Tissues
 - Paper towels

WHAT TO PRAY FOR:

- God's continuous blessings on our home.
- Social Workers to operate in the best interests of our children.
- Good Adoptive and Foster Homes for our children.
- Blessings in other homes that care for the needy and elderly.
- Wisdom, patience and insight in caring for these little ones.
- God's hand over all our children, past and present.
- Thand'usana's finances



GALLERY



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"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." **Nelson Mandela.**

FRIENDS & SPONSORS



Thank you to our Thand'usana Friends for their monthly contributions and our trusted sponsors :

Medow Feeds, Drysys, Klinimed Pharmacy (Newton Park), Algoa digital .

All our professionals :

Doctors : R Mitchell, R. Vogel, K Friggens , Elrie Maree - **Occupational Therapist :** Diaan Jooste and Clair Ward

Physio Therapists : Michelle van der Westhuizen - **Midwife / Immunizations :** Janet Whitehouse

Speech therapist : Karien fourie - **Audiologist and of course Lynetter van Wyk an Toddlers Workshop**



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BABY ABANDONMENT ACROSS SOUTH AFRICA

Extracts of this article were taken from the SABC website (November 2022)

Every year, over 10 000 babies are abandoned in South Africa, with the vast majority of them found dead. This is according to Baby Savers South Africa, a national coalition of organisations working to put an end to unsafe infant abandonment.

Baby Savers South Africa says teenage pregnancies and poverty are some of the main reasons why thousands of babies are abandoned yearly.

Care facilities for abandoned infants assist those who are taken to the police stations when found alive. Others come from hospitals and some babies are simply left at the Safe Home doors. Often the homes also deal with mums that have no food, clothing or blankets. Poverty, gender based violence, rape, and teenage pregnancy are large contributors to baby abandonment.

Unsafe abortions also remain a massive challenge in South Africa where mothers are attempting illegal abortions in their third trimester. A lot of babies are abandoned due to failed abortions. Born alive, only to die from unsafe abandonment.

We need to focus on the factors that force mothers into abandoning their babies; largely poverty, teenage pregnancy and gender based violence.



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



1. With your prayers that as an organisation we may make the correct decisions
2. Donate funds (have sufficient funding to provide a high level of care and to be able to look after our staff)
3. Financially "adopt" a baby at R5000 per month.
4. Become a Friend of Thand'usana with a regular monthly donation
5. Register as a foster carer with Childline, CMR or the Department of Health
6. Volunteer as a caregiver
7. Bless us with products such as nappies, milk formula, latex gloves and fresh fruit and veg
8. Like and share our FB posts with your friends.

It's a good and easy way of getting people to know about us.



OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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ALL " FRIENDS OF THAND'USANA "
WILL RECEIVE A MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER WITH A REPORT OF
THE CHILDRENS PROGRESS



OUR BANKING DETAILS

Branch: Port Elizabeth

Branch Code: 050017

Account holder: Thandusana Babies

Account Type: Standard Bank Marketlink

Account number: 083776931

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