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24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!**

In association with UWC, Penguin Random Publishing House, Heartlands is hosting the first SA Festival of Children's Literature. This is an ONLINE event, taking place on the 2nd - 4th July. Spearheaded by **Festival Director, Darryl David**, this is one festival you don't want to miss.

**Just some of Darryl's accolades:**

Director : Durban Unesco City of Literature

Director - Hermanus Unesco City of Gastronomy

Founder : Book Town Richmond

Director : BookBedonnerd Literary Festival - Richmond

Director : Adam Small Boekefees - Pniel

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Founder : Breyten Breytenbach Boekefees : Montagu

Founder : Athol Fugard Festival : Richmond

Founder : UKZN Zulu Literary Museum

Founder : UKZN Kinderboekfees

Founder : Olive Schreiner Literary Festival : Cradock

Co-Founder : Durban Literary Festival

**FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE FOLLOW OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE**

**DUE TO NEW COVID-19 REGULATIONS THE FESTIVAL WILL NOW BE 100% ONLINE AND 100% FREE!**



**2-4 July 2021**

DAILY FROM 09.30 - 15.30

**With over 45 award winning writers in 3 days this is bound to be an unmissable virtual experience!**

Please watch our Facebook page for the line-up and the ZOOM links to access each day

**As this was intended to be a fundraiser we appeal to you to visit [www.heartlands.org](http://www.heartlands.org) and make a small donation**



Just so much going on in July!

**NELSON MANDELA DAY**  
A NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

<b>ADOPT A TEDDY BEAR OR SOFT TOY</b> LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME	<b>FEED A PIGGY TO HELP A KIDDOE - PUT YOUR POCKET MONEY IN A PIGGY BANK</b>	<b>DONATE</b> Donate non-perishable grocery items	<b>DONATE</b> Rands, Euros, Dollars or Pounds
<b>DONATE</b> Ladies, Men's & Children's clothing & homeware	<b>DONATE</b> Nappies, wet wipes and tissues	<b>ENJOY</b> Retail therapy in our Chic Boutique	<b>ENJOY</b> A breakfast, tea or lunch in our Coffee Shop

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**Heartlands**  
Baby Sanctuary  
let's every child's journey to school

We have has so many generous offers to volunteer this Madiba Month, but alas, we sadly cannot host these offers. So instead, here are some fun and amazing ways in which you can support us during this month.

The teddies are available in reception with their `passports' - their occupation and their name. Help your child choose one. The piggy banks are here to accept your adoption fee.

And it is happy birthday time. Just as we do for every child, here is little Joshua enjoying his 3rd birthday, whilst his sister looks on. And what a Spiderman cake generously donated by one of our volunteers and her company - Tasha's Treats!



## Just look at our kiddies amazing art!

Between Runika Miles, Stimulation co-ordinator and Ashlene Gysman, our ECD teacher assistant, the children are developing so well and in such a short space of time.

The results of The Unlimited Child stimulation programme is proving, time and time again, to be truly exceptional.



### **And here is just the most wonderful news!**

We had a little girl admitted at birth with a very serious medical issue. It is called Kwashioko, which is severe malnourishment, giving her a very distended tummy. She was lifeless, there was no soul in her eyes. As she got a bit older she didn't want to bond with the carers or interact with other children.

The neglect was so severe that it affected her development immensely and she was way behind on meeting her milestones. Our Social Worker, Ulen Afrika, had a placement lined up for Jasmin however that's when COVID hit, so she had to stay with us much longer. Jasmin has now been in our care for 2 years!

Through the stimulation programme, Jasmin has been exposed to a variety of activities. She has now met all her developmental milestones.

Alongside that, with the amount of love and care, medical attention, and excellent nutrition, Jasmin has become a happy, healthy and confident child, full of life and with a sparkle in her eyes.

And just this past last week, it has been confirmed that Jasmin will be going to

a wonderful forever home soon.

Well done to the whole team!

## Staff Development

We thought we should also let you know about the staff's development. We have training set up each month and all staff, including Admin, Facilities and Sustainability attend.

Training such as debriefing sessions, first aid, understanding the needs of children, gardening and nutrition, as well as child protection training are just some of the training needs identified.

We are so excited about our proposed Teddy Bear Museum - the first in South Africa and our 5th sustainability project. All we need is a little building to house the cute little creatures and then we can open our doors. And the building will come...

If you have any teddies - contemporary, vintage or antique - please consider donating them. The vintage and antique bears will be housed behind glass doors with their birth certificates and history. The other bears will take part in seasonal activities as shown below.



*'There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind' C.S. Lewis*

And in closing...

**Our little abandoned, abused, neglected, orphaned & sick children NEED YOU!**



**Just R100pm**

can buy a 4-year old:

- ✓ A little pair of pyjamas & a beanie
- ✓ Cuddly slippers, cute socks & a vest
- ✓ Shampoo, medicated cream & toothpaste
- ✓ 9 litres of milk or 6 loaves of bread

**Heartlands Baby Sanctuary**

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**All donations are 100% tax-deductible**

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We would so appreciate it if you could please consider putting a monthly debit order together, as a little consistent donation can go a very long way.

<http://www.heartlandsbaby.org/donate.html>

Thank you once again for your continued support and please feel free to forward this newsletter FAR AND WIDE!

Thank you.



**Because it is every child's birthright to belong.**

**Please**

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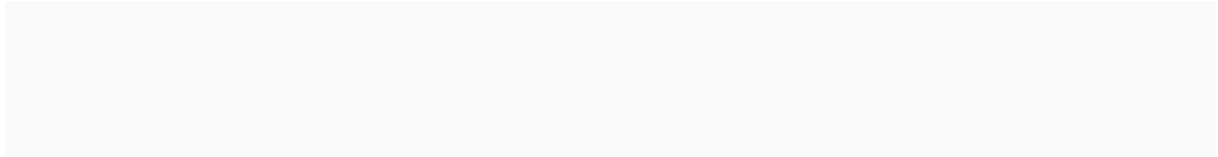
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