



Celebrating our 5th Birthday this May



Thank you to the most wonderful community - you have helped us make it thus far, here's to another 50!

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Helping one child at a time with our specialised, individualised care.

Please read through and open in your browser if the images don't show - there is such happy news in this update - THANK YOU!

Out of tragedy, comes hope, opportunity and community!

AND THE GREAT NEWS IS.... During early stages of lockdown, we have seen **FANTASTIC** support from the community at large, giving us much-needed respite from the financial pressure we were faced with.

Thank you to each and everyone, including the very generous corporates, who also donated at this time - you have helped, beyond measure, for us to keep our doors open!

We hope you have all individually received your thank you letters (unless of course you chose to stay anonymous).

We, in conjunction with other NGO's, continue to lobby government and other funding vehicles such as the Solidarity Fund.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, we are yet to hear an announcement or proposed strategy for assisting non-profits through this time of COVID-19. We trust our collaborative efforts of individualised and collective letters to all the Ministers and the President himself, will reap rewards soonest.

Yay! and now with Level 4, we have been able to **open ONE of our sustainability projects - that being the Chic Boutique**. Please come and see our stunning new stock - ample parking and all protocol observed. Masks essential.

Hope to see you soon.

As part of our `new' way of fundraising, Monica, our CEO, undertook to run 50km around Heartlands - 5km per day for 10 days in order to raise R50 000, penned as

The Circle to Run to Raise.

We achieved over R60 000 - and most days Monica and the team (and even the children) were dressed as Superheroes or in fancy dress, as a sign of respect for all first-line responders.

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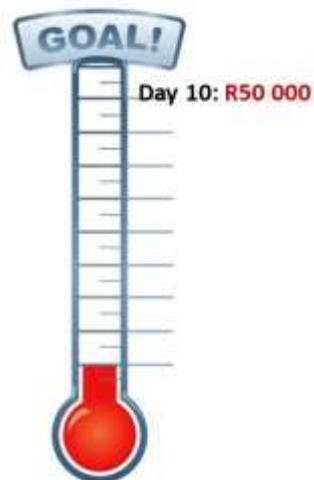
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And these are words and emotions from Carmen Beutler, our forever committed international volunteer from Switzerland. Carmen raised R10 000 for us during her Candle Campaign.

Congratulations 😊:-) Heartlands is still going strong and I've heard that the running campaign went well which makes me very happy. As announced before I've lighted a candle for each of the 50 km you run and put a certain amount of money aside for each candle. So now it's time to send you the 50-candles-heart together with the

connected donation as my personal contribution to the great work that is done every day at Heartlands.

It was beautiful to sit inside my church and see the candles burning. I thought maybe it's almost enough candles to think that each candle will send its light to one of the children and staff at Heartlands so that they can feel the light and get strength from it.

When I sat inside the candle heart, I felt as if I was in the middle of Heartlands feeling so much light and hope no matter how difficult these times are. And that's exactly what Heartlands means to me - Hope, Light, and Love. Some children are carried inside of Heartlands without any signs of light inside them after all they had seen. But every day at Heartlands makes their light shine a little bit more and when they leave Heartlands to do their first steps into their better lives their eyes shine like these candles in the candle heart. No matter how dark times are sometimes - each candle chases the dark away at its place and replaces it by light. And each child that felt the love of Heartlands leaves with a burning candle inside and makes the world a little better.

I thank you from all my heart for your contribution to a world of respect, dignity and hope and for being such a great part of my life.

Lots of love

Carmen

And from incredible Mareli van Schalwyk and family who raised over R30 000 for Heartlands as part of the **Circle for Running to Raise.**

Wow. What an unbelievable experience. Today at exactly 16:00 the 5 of us completed a 24hour Garden Route Relay 🏠 For the duration of 24 hours at least one of us were running loops of +/-100m around our house 🏃🏃 (the proof is in our

(previously neatly cut) grass that definitely came second in this battle 😁)

Truth be told, it was TOUGH. Running in circles in your own backyard is NOT for the faint hearted! But we made it! And we couldn't be more grateful for everyone that played a role in this journey ♥ For 24 hours we ran, and walked, for a cause greater than ourselves. [Heartlands Baby Sanctuary](#) quickly crept into our hearts & knowing that we were doing what we were doing all in support of them'.



Shave your hair! Whacky Samantha and decided to challenge each other. R10 000 - hubby must shave. R20 000 - wifey must shave. And oops, over R22 000!



Please watch the recent 2-minute clip that was shown on SABC morning news shortly after the beginning of lockdown. <https://youtu.be/kGrAv20rx9M>

And what about the future?

With Mandela Day just around the corner, and with the high possibility that we won't be able to host volunteers ... we are running **an AWESOME CAMPAIGN - 67 reasons to HOPE and SMILE!**

One of the 67 amazing prizes that you can win through buying a R200 raffle ticket is nothing less than a Drop Dead Gorgeous Photobooth Brunch with Mr. South Africa!

We will let you know when ticket sales open.... the more you buy, the hotter your chances of winning!



MR SOUTH AFRICA
Heartlands
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67 reasons to hope & smile!
You are a winner!
Please join us for our

 **Drop-dead-gorgeous
Photobooth Brunch with
Mr South Africa, Heinrich Gabbler**

Date: Saturday - September 2020 (lockdown date tbc)
Time: 09h30 - 11h00 Raffle tickets: R200
Venue: Heartlands Coffee Shop
Includes a delicious spread & amazing goody bags

Changing one life at a time
For bookings please contact Nikki 021 852 3527
Nikki@heartlandsbaby.org



Yes, it is safe to donate blood in our Coffee Shop - all lockdown protocol observed.

Date: 4th June

Time: 10h30 - 14h30

See you here!

And whilst many of you may be house-bound - please consider your continued support of Heartlands.

Whilst we are highly sympathetic to the food crisis out there - we implore you to help see Heartlands through this please - for us, it is not only about food, but about shelter, safety, medical, psychosocial and stimulation 24/7 care for our 25 babies and children, aged between 0-6 years, along with a critically needed, highly nutritious diet.

Delivery services and Takealot are up and running again - please see our

Wish List for ideas of what you can donate for FREE!

<http://www.heartlandsbaby.org/Wishlist.pdf>

How to donate **without** costing you a cent loyalty points = wish list

Takealot Vouchers | PnP Smart Shopper
Clicks Clubcard | Vodacom Rewards
Woolworths Rewards | FNB eBucks
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