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**Youth Day-Remembering with
heart and hope**



Youth Day at Pietermaritzburg Children's Home was a beautiful mix of learning, reflection, and celebration. The children learned about the importance of June 16th — a day that honours the brave youth of 1976 who stood up for their rights and fought for a better future.

To bring history to life, the children performed a powerful **Sarafina dance** — inspired by the iconic film by Mbongeni Ngema that shows what happened on that fateful day. Through the dance and discussion, they connected deeply with the message of courage, freedom, and the strength of young voices.

It was a moving and meaningful day that left the children feeling proud, inspired, and hopeful of the understanding that each of them can play an important part in shaping our country's future.

Oceans 8 Charity Swim



A Splash for a Cause – The First-Ever Charity Swim with PCH

The highly anticipated and unique **Charity Swim** — the first of its kind and growing vastly in its 3rd year of inception — took place over the long weekend at Durban Undersea Club, and what an inspiring event it was!

Preparations began on Friday, 13 June 2025, with all 14 participating charities joining hands to assist with beach set-up, swimmer registration, packing and issuing of goodie bags, and number allocations. Day One kicked off bright and early at 05h00, with swimmers taking to the water enthusiastically.

Despite Day Two being postponed due to the sighting of blue bottles, the event went ahead as planned on the contingency day, being June 16th. The energy, spirit, and unity on display were truly heartwarming — and most excitingly, the R1 million fundraising target was reached!

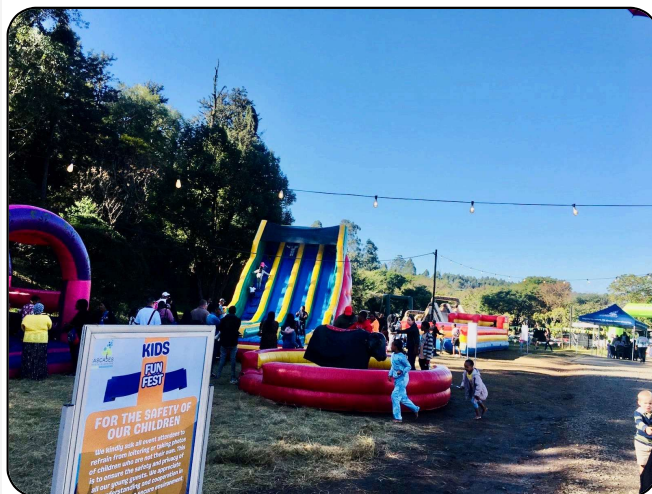
Prizes were awarded, and cheques were handed over to each of the

benefiting charities at the end of the final day.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our sponsors, swimmers, volunteers, and everyone who played a role in making this event a resounding success!

Our greatest gratitude also goes to the **Oceans 8 Charities Committee** for extending the invitation to us and allowing us this awesome opportunity to network, share resources and fundraise for all our good causes!

Cascades Fun Fest



We were thrilled to receive complimentary tickets from *Cascades Lifestyle Centre* for all our children to attend the exciting **Fun Fest** — and what a treat it was!

From jumping castles and face painting to sack races, a thrilling dog show, and a magical performance by Kimbo the clown, the day was packed with fun and laughter. The children also had a blast riding the mechanical bull and taking part in various games and activities.

It was a day filled with joy, big smiles, and unforgettable memories. A very special Thank You to Cascades Lifestyle Centre for always thinking of us, and for giving our children such a special experience!

June's special visitors



A day with the Joseph's



A McTreat from Ash
Ash, our new friend and now a regular

family. Choosing to spend their day with our children, the Josephs brought not only warm meals and thoughtful gifts, but also heartfelt words of encouragement that truly lifted the spirits of everyone present.



A Day of Love and Giving

We were blessed to welcome a youth leader **Tashmira** and the **Jacobs Well Ministries** to our home for a day filled with faith, love, and generosity. The team spent quality time with the children — sharing the Word, offering

delicious McDonald's lunch! The surprise brought big smiles and full tummies, and it was clear how much the children enjoyed the treat.



A Warm Collaboration

Thanks to a successful collaboration between Maritzburg Golf Club, Bidvest McCarthy Toyota, and The Brand Chef, our home received a generous donation of **65 blankets** — bringing warmth and comfort to our little ones this winter.

Their visit was made even more special by the donation of much-needed cosmetic packs for each child, along with clothing to help meet some of their daily needs.

We are deeply thankful for their heartfelt support and for reminding our children that they are seen, valued, and loved.

couldn't have come at a better time.

A heartfelt **thank you to Mark and Bruce** for driving this thoughtful initiative, and to **Bidvest McCarthy Toyota** for being the main sponsors and making sure our children stay warm and snug.



A Fun-Filled Day with Al Ansaar

Al Ansaar brought warmth, joy, and learning to our children with a beautiful visit that was both meaningful and fun. This wonderful initiative was planned by **Hudaa**, a regular visitor and friend of PCH. The day began with an engaging story-reading session by Mehreen Mia, followed by an interactive post activity that kept the children excited and involved.

To top it all off, they brought along a jumping castle that had the children laughing and playing all afternoon! Al Ansaar also generously donated winter clothing, ensuring our little ones stay extra warm during the colder months.

We are truly grateful for this wonderful day, and the love and care shown by the Al Ansaar team.

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The recent shift to quarterly payments has placed many Non-Profit Organizations, including PCH, under significant financial strain. We've been grappling with the challenge of meeting our monthly operational expenses, and it's been a tough journey.

We're appealing to your generosity to assist us with any financial contribution you can make. No amount is too small, and every bit helps us continue our mission. In addition to financial assistance, we're also in need of tangible donations.



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