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The start of our 140th Year Celebrations!

CELEBRATING

140 YEARS

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Pietermaritzburg Children's Home provides a safe and loving home for orphaned and vulnerable children. Founded by Miss Mary Elizabeth Cook, we have been a beacon of hope for countless children in need of care, for over a century!

Here's to 140 More Years
of Making a Difference!



This year we will be taking a step back, to reflect on our rich history and celebrate 140 years of services to the most vulnerable children in our communities. Join us each month as we share some interesting facts and stories related to our Home.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Cook was a remarkable woman, slight in build, strong in character and earnest in carrying out her self-imposed duties. As she started running the first and only home in the province at that time (1886), it was known as "Miss Cook's Orphanage", or by some "The Children's Home" until it was officially registered as "**The Mary Cook Children's Home**".

The **original objectives** of the Trust that was established to oversee the Home, was: "**the maintenance, education and spiritual welfare of needy white children**"

resident at the time of admission in the City of Pietermaritzburg or elsewhere in the province of Natal.” The home was to be conducted on strictly undenominational principles...



Join us for our First Fundraiser Oceans 8

We had a wonderful opportunity to engage with the Oceans 8 team last year, and we are looking forward to having more swimmers take to the waters to support PCH again. Please log on and register for this exciting swimming event that is becoming more popular by the year!

Welcome to South Africa’s first warm water ocean challenge of its kind – dedicated entirely to charity!

Created by charities for charities, the Oceans 8 Charity Swim is a multi-stage open water swimming event in Durban that unites swimmers, change-makers and big-hearted supporters to make a lasting impact!

Swim 1, 4, 8 or 16 miles, or up to six individual 1-mile events.

All the funds raised go directly to supporting 14 inspiring NGOs (see the [Charities Page](#) on website for details).

Looking for other ways to celebrate with PCH...

We have been blessed to have so many well-wishers and supporters over the years and acknowledge the wonderful contributions in cash and kind that are received for our children.

We look forward to your continued support for this special year!

LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEBSITE

Watch this space ...

As we get ready to launch our new and upgraded website as part of our 140-year celebrations.

TESTIMONIAL



One of Simphiwe's artworks

"I, Simphiwe N, would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Pietermaritzburg Children's Home for their unwavering guidance, support, and care. Their dedication to teaching, mentoring, and shaping lives has profoundly impacted my journey, and I'm truly thankful for everything they've done for me.

Through their teachings, I've learned valuable life skills and important values like discipline, responsibility, patience, and self-belief. They empowered me to be independent, face challenges with courage, and persevere through tough times. These lessons have been instrumental in my personal growth and have prepared me for a brighter future.

Having been part of the Pietermaritzburg Children's Home family from the age of 8 to 19, I've learned to appreciate the little things and strive for positivity. Currently, I'm pursuing Animation in college (2nd year) and I'm grateful to the aunties and uncles (child and youth care workers) for their continued support and guidance. I also enjoy drawing in my spare time and PCH has been very supportive of my artistic side.

Thank you, Pietermaritzburg Children's Home, for believing in me and helping me become who I am today. “

January Programmes



Figure 4: 25/01/2026, young people making charts for 2026, incorporating newly admitted children and youth.



Figure 5: 24/01/2026, young people attending the library programme.



Figure 3: 14/01/2026, young people ready for #BackToSchool



Figure 2: 14/01/2026, young people sorting out their stationery under the supervision of child and youth care

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Mountain Rise Primary School



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