



Celebrating 90 years of giving hope to babies in need of care & protection

The Outbox



January 2020

Thank you for staying with us throughout last year. As always, it was one filled with happy highs and challenging lows. But we made it!

Perhaps the biggest challenge that we've had to continually re-adjust to in recent times, is that the adoption processes are slower than previously. The reasons for this are covered extensively in the media. As a result, young children spend longer in our care than before and more often age out of our traditional care programme.

On the bright side, the Granny Programme is making a huge difference in the babies' and toddlers' lives. (More about this further on).

We currently have 31 children in our Nursery family, so it's safe to say that we have our hands full.

We wouldn't survive a single day without the help that we get from our volunteers and donors. THANK YOU!

In 2020, we look forward to celebrating

our milestone **90th anniversary!**

One of the provisional events is a HIGH TEA at THE FOUR SEASONS WESTCLIFF HOTEL. This was originally planned for October 2019 but we made the decision to postpone it. A new date is being confirmed and we look forward to seeing some of you there.

I received this lovely message from a former "Princess Alice Baby" on World Adoption Day. It's a reminder of why we do what we do...:

"I wanted to drop you an email just to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Princess Alice Adoption Home for giving me the best start to life & for giving me the opportunity to be adopted into a home where till today i have unconditional love..... I hope that you continue to do the amazing work that you do and that you continue to give 'life' to other kids like me..."

We'd love hear back from you too.

Regards,
Jo-Anne



Who we helped in 2019



Since 1 April (which was the start of our financial year and reporting period), we cared for **44 babies and toddlers**.

Seven of the children were **adopted**, **two** were **reunited with their birth moms** and **three** were placed in **non-related foster care**.

Of the babies, **18** were new admissions.

We also provided emergency accommodation for women and children in crisis.

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The Granny Programme was launched at PAAH in late 2015. The pilot funding ended in 2018 and we kept it afloat with support from various individual and corporate donors.

In September 2019, the funding was picked up through JCW by Spence-Chapin (USA). Spence-Chapin was the pioneer of the original Granny Programme, which now operates in several countries.

Our programme was expanded back up to 15 Gogos. Each Gogo is matched



'Guessing the fruit' with Gogo Lulama

with two children and this means that every child has a Gogo to bond with. As a result they have a relationship with a special someone

and receive consistent stimulation. By fulfilling these important needs, an improved foundation is created to carry them well into their future lives.

Under the banner of the Granny

Programme, we introduced an in-house ECD programme for the children over the age of 2-and-a-half years old. It was a big success and we were very grateful to "Gogo Thina" for getting it off the ground.



Holiday Fun

Our little ones and staff were all pampered and spoilt with gifts over the holidays. Thank you to **every one** who took part in raising funds, donating gifts, donating Wish List items or arranging some of the fun activities that we all enjoyed.





The Rose Room Project



Some things change, some things stay the same. One thing is certain - times are different.

We care for 30 babies and young children. Some are new-born, some are just learning to walk; others are of pre-school going age. We often admit vulnerable babies who were born prematurely.

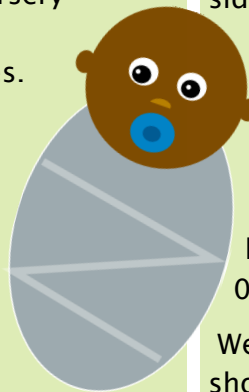
Recently, we have been adapting to the needs of the older children in our care, an age group that we have not tradi-

tionally provided for. Now its time to create a separate, new, peaceful, and protected nursery for our youngest and most vulnerable babies.

We plan to convert a former Birth Mom's bedroom into a dedicated space for the youngest babies under 6 months old.

It will be called The Rose Room.

As always, the project requires funds that we don't have available.



But we do have angels on our side.....

An volunteer has raised two thirds of the money needed. The Ridge School Grade 3s have donated R10 000.

We hope to raise the shortfall through our **Month of Love Lucky Draw.**

(See below)

Month of Love Lucky Draw

A lucky couple stands a chance to WIN a Saturday Early Bunch for two at Flames Restaurant, Four Seasons The Westcliff Hotel.

Linger over brunch with your loved one while drinking in one of the best views of Jo'burg's urban forest.

Entries into our "Month of Love Lucky Draw" cost R50 each. All proceeds will go towards The Rose Room Project



To enter the lucky draw., please send the POP of R50 payment, name and contact details to manager@princessalice.org.za,. (Payment options are overleaf.)

The lucky draw will be done on 28 February.

Supporters

In the last quarter of 2020, we received support from the following corporates, trusts and foundations:

- KFC Add Hope
- Barrow Construction
- Metier
- Aspire Consulting
- Keystones Care (UK)
- Davies Foundation

- Adventure Boot Camp
- Hudaco
- WorleyParsons
- Agape Giving Trust

Thank you to everyone who donated items from our Wish List. We could not operate without your help!



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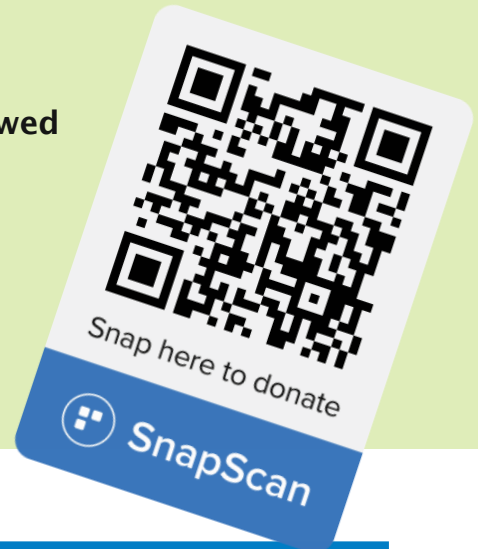


Donations by EFT:
Princess Alice Adoption Home
Standard Bank
Library Gardens
Account Number: 000788910



Online donations (including international):
Backabuddy— Princess Alice Adoption Home
www.backabuddy.co.za

Our Wish List can be viewed
at:
www.princessalice.org.za



Wish List

The full Wish List is updated regularly on our webpage www.princessalice.org.za.

Urgent items include:

- Nappies
- Toiletries
- Clothes, toys and books
- Household cleaning materials



Volunteers have always been the back bone of PAAH. If you'd like to get involved, please send an email to office@princessalice.org.za or call the office on 011 6465641.

Applications can be downloaded from www.princessalice.org.za.

Police clearance is mandatory.



Volunteers

We do accommodate community service volunteers from schools and universities from the age of 16 years upwards.



Thank you!