

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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Dear Miracle Maker

Our annual Christmas miracle in July managed to raise R175 000.00 in 2012 for our charities, thanks to the last year's miracle makers generosity. I am sending you this letter in the hope that I can count on you to be a part of this year's 13<sup>th</sup> miracle happening at the Indaba Hotel, Fourways, Gauteng with Park Village Auctioneers and Rent-A-Candle, Fourways.

So here is to "Christmas in July 2013" - we are looking for any prize(s) for the auction or raffle for our 280 plus guests who will be attending the black tie charity dinner dance event on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013**. As always, we do all we can to promote you before, during and after the occasion. You will also get exposure through our web page [www.cij.org.za](http://www.cij.org.za). Your details go onto auction lists that are distributed to all the guests prior to the function and given to each guest on the night. The auctioneer will then promote you when your prize is auctioned or raffled and lastly we publish an article in "The Sword" community publication published by St Martins-in-the-Veld Anglican Church, Rosebank in which we will mention your web page.

**Please see information below about each of our benefactors and additional information can be obtained from their web sites:**

## Autism South Africa

Autism SA was founded in 1989 by concerned parents and professionals as a lobbying and networking organisation. It is now the recognised national body for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders in South Africa with full-time offices being established in 1997. Our mission is to ensure a meaningful quality of life for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders [www.autismsouthafrica.org](http://www.autismsouthafrica.org)

## CIJ Enabling Fund

This is Christmas in July's discretionary fund used to enable people in their every day lives when life has not been so kind and they need a helping hand. The spirit of Christmas giving can therefore continue throughout the year. We have helped in the past children whose parents have died from HIV and Aids to continue their schooling; we have repaired a home; supported a school in Mabvuku, Harare for a number of years whose children are mostly orphaned by Aids, Soweto Sewing Company, Rosebank Homeless Association, these are just a few of the needs and there are plenty.

## Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends is a mutual self-help organisation offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents. Information and education is provided about bereavement. The objective is to help people in their community including family, friends, employers, co-workers and professionals to be supportive. We offer a safe environment. Compassionate Friends offers free one on one personal sharing sessions at TCF Centre. Continuous support groups meet every month in Soweto, Lenasia and at TCF Centre focusing on different aspects of the death of the child. There are no racial, religious or social barriers to membership. We do not charge for any of our services in order that we do not deprive needy families of our support. [www.compassionatefriends.org.za](http://www.compassionatefriends.org.za)

## Family Worship Medical Care Centre (FWC)

The brain child of the late Errol Jacobs and his wife Audrey, FWC provides care for the terminally ill living with HIV/AIDS, helping them to live and die with dignity as well as offer health care services and shelter to HIV/Aids infected people in Hursthill, Johannesburg, an area rife with drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancies etc. We have extended their services in January 2010 and now embrace all Frail Care conditions, Step-Downs (Post Operative Care), Hospice Care and HIV Care. The FWC Medical Care Centre accommodates +60 patients in 16 rooms with 3 – 4 beds in each room; it has fully equipped kitchen, laundry, hairdresser and computer lab. There is an Office Manager and our qualified Sister supervises the Care Centre, assisted by a team of long-serving and dedicated caregivers. The FWC Care team is known for "going the extra mile". Quality of life for our patients and peace of mind for their relatives is of utmost importance to us. [www.fwchospice.co.za](http://www.fwchospice.co.za)

## 4 Paws

A registered Non-Profit Organisation, established July 2006 whose mission is to improve the quality of life for underprivileged animals by providing health care services, veterinary treatments and sterilisations, free of charge as well as re-homing to suitable homes when required [www.4ourpaws.org.za](http://www.4ourpaws.org.za)



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## For Jamie Johnson

Jaime Amagara Johnston was born on Wednesday 11th April 2012 with what is called fibular hemimelia or longitudinal fibular deficiency. Basically, in Wikipedia's words, it's the shortening of the fibula at birth, or the complete lack thereof. In Jaime's case she has no fibula bone in her right leg. Her hip, femur and knee are all intact, but as her fibula did not develop, neither did her ankle and part of her foot. The reasons for this condition are unknown. As we understand it, there are no easy solutions to this and have met with a number of specialists, all of whom are recommending amputation. It is our wish that Jamie is able to walk tall and proud and be able to enjoy her childhood. All funds raised will go towards her medical care and prosthetic requirements <https://www.facebook.com/jaimeamagarajohnston/info>

## Parys Helping Hands

Parys Helping Hands is a non-profit organization that works in the townships of Tumahole and Schonkenville bordering Parys in the Free State. Its focus is on education. PHH identifies educational projects that need assistance. At present it has identified two crèches and a primary school. It finds resources for equipment and educational aids through donations and distributes them to these projects. It also helps with some administration. Added to this work, is the sponsorship programme. At the moment, it sends a child to a crèche and is supporting the living and transport expenses of a student at Central University of Technology in Welkom - Murray or Margaret 056-817-7917 [mcmil@iafrica.com](mailto:mcmil@iafrica.com)

## Riga Rescue

Riga Rescue was founded in October 2009 as a free emergency search and rescue service to the community in order to help save lives and prevent tragedy. When emergency strikes, every passing moment is critical and every second that goes by, can mean the difference between temporary or permanent injury. It's about getting the right people with the appropriate skills and knowledge to where help is needed as quickly as possible. Operating out of Johannesburg North, our trained personnel, consisting of trained Paramedics, fire-fighters and rescue technicians, and search dog handlers collectively boast with over 34 years of experience collectively. Our aim is to provide this service to everyone, whether you have medical aid or not [www.riga-rescue.co.za](http://www.riga-rescue.co.za)

## St Martin's Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Outreach ministry – Ratang Bana, Alexandra

St Martin's community is involved with Ratang Bana ("A future for our children"/ love the children) which is a registered Non-Profit Organization dedicated to supporting the upliftment of vulnerable children, orphaned and infected or affected by HIV AIDs. Their vision is "To give a smile to all orphans and vulnerable children". To provide Orphan Care and counselling as well as financial support (for food, clothing, funeral expenses, educational support) to orphaned and vulnerable children. The organization is staffed by a dedicated and passionate team who currently work with no permanent stipend. Currently 10 care givers look after about 350 children [www.stmartins.co.za/ministries/hivaid/](http://www.stmartins.co.za/ministries/hivaid/)

## St Pauls, Munsieville

The church was established in 1941 near Krugersdorp in a predominantly Tswana area on the West Rand. There are 30,000 people living in the community of Munsieville and over 80% of them are unemployed, leaving the community very poor. This creates huge challenges for the team of dedicated parishioners (150 adults and 46 children). The list of needs is endless from buildings, to clothes and food, education, salaries etc. In loving memory of Father Reuben who was a regular at Christmas in July, we would like to be able to give them on going financial support. (011 660 8801/ 0795465431)

## ukuPhula iKetanga (Breaking the Chains)

Taking the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ to inmates in all South African prisons, a non-profit organization where R50.00 covers 1 year course material for an inmate which is life changing [www.breakingchains.org.za](http://www.breakingchains.org.za).

## Vuleka Primary School

Founded in 1989 as a St. Martin's-in-the-Veld outreach project, it is an independent school that exists to provide a mainstream, excellent and affordable education to economically disinherited children. Vuleka raises funds to bridge the gap between parent's fees and actual education costs [www.vulekaschool.co.za](http://www.vulekaschool.co.za).

Looking forward to hearing from you soon in order to help us achieve our Christmas miracle for 2013.

Yours sincerely



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