

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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Dear Miracle Maker

This year we are celebrating 15 years of Christmas miracles due to the generosity of people like you. It is now time to get the wheels rolling and to start organising Christmas in July 2015. In 2014 our annual Christmas miracle managed to raise R240 000.00 for our charities. This letter is being sent to you in the hope that you can be a part of this year's miracle.

So here is to **"Christmas in July 2015"** – we are looking for any prize(s) that can be used in the auction or raffle at our Charity Black Tie Dinner Dance event being held on **Saturday 25th July 2015**. Each year Christmas in July has grown in numbers. All the tickets sales to approximately 350 guests cover the costs of the event so all monies raised from the auction and raffle can go to our charities. 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. 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", a community publication published by St Martins-in-the-Veld Anglican Church, Rosebank. Two hundred copies are printed and distributed in the Rosebank area, Johannesburg and are also given to the members of the St Martins congregation.

These are the benefactors of Christmas in July 2015:

CIJ Enabling Fund

This is Christmas in July's discretionary fund used to enable people in their every day lives, when life knocks them down and they need a helping hand to get back on their feet. The spirit of Christmas giving can therefore continue throughout the year. In the past we have helped orphaned children continue their education; supported families with HIV; helped adults obtain qualifications so they can get a better job; a baby with longitudinal fibular deficiency; built a home and repaired another; a school in Mabvuku, Harare; the Rosebank Homeless Association; given aid to SPCA and Save The Rhino. These are just a few of the needs, there are plenty more.

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



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Family Worship Medical Care Centre (FWC)

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. They also embrace all Frail Care conditions, Step-Downs, Hospice Care and HIV Care. The FWC Medical Care Centre accommodates +-60 patients. 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

4 Paws

A registered non-profit organization, 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

St Martins-in-the-Veld, Rosebank

St Martin's exists to build God's Kingdom by living and spreading the Gospel. The church is an essential part of our community, fully involved in every day living. There are a number of social out reach programmes and activities that the church enables www.stmartins.co.za

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 small team of dedicated parishioners.

LOTSHA and UKUPHULA IKETANGA (Breaking the Chains)

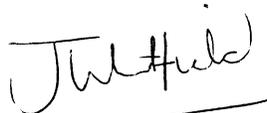
Founded in 2002, non-profit organisation where R60 covers 1 year course material for one person which is life-changing. We have developed a range of Christ-centred material to help prevent crime, reach offenders, support & equip adults, youth, & vulnerable children for life. Provide long-distance home course material. Equip & train facilitators to run programs in prisons & communities nationwide, & rest of Africa. Run on-going Addiction Support & train councillors www.lotsha.org.za and 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

Looking forward to hearing from you soon in order to help us achieve our Christmas miracle for 2015.

Yours sincerely



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