

The Stanford Shout-Out

March to June, 2024

It has been a really busy 4 months and extremely rewarding. Just to see the joy and appreciation from the children we have been able to assist is heart-warming. Times are really tough for parents with little or no income and with costs always increasing it is extremely difficult for those parents to feed and clothe their children.

School Clothes

It is very important for children to have school clothes in good repair and which fit. Children who don't have shoes, for example, are teased and ridiculed and often feel they don't want to go to school at all. Same applies for those whose trousers are way too short, etc. Working together with key people in the schools we are able to single those children out (they are most often in the higher grades) and provide some basic school clothes, which does wonders for not only their self-esteem but also encourages them not to drop out.

Since March we have distributed basic school clothes to children at both Die Bron and St Paul's schools who were in dire need. Items included trousers, jerseys, rain jackets and socks.



Winter Warmth

The cold, wet Cape winters are no time to be without a blanket or warm knitted item to keep bodies, heads, hands and feet warm. This year our Winter Warmth project included all those items. Babies and toddlers up to the age of 2 received knitted or crocheted blankets and a beanie. Children aged 3 and older received a blanket and they could choose their own extra item from beanies, mittens, scarves, ear warmers or bedsocks. What fun they had, checking out what was on offer, changing their minds here and there, and in the end leaving with a coveted item.

The elderly and/or sick folk are also taken care of with a blanket, scarf, beanie, shawl, and so on.

Thank you to all who contributed by making the above items and donating them to Rotary—they were very well received.



Knitted/Crocheted Blankets



Loaded for Distribution

Apart from knitted and crocheted blankets, around 230 Stormy blankets were also distributed on the 2 days, as well as to the volunteers at our soup kitchens (they hand over to people on their lists of recipients), the Okkie Smuts Koshuis and St Paul's School.



Our Rotary Team and Community Helpers modelling the wares

Penguin Plunge 2024

The Rotary year runs from July to June so we always get to end our year with a fund event—the Penguin Plunge! And what fund we had this year. The weather was great, a photo booth was added, there were hot soups, fresh bread, hot chocolate and Gluhwein to warm the Penguins after their Plunge and payments were made easier with the Yoco machine. But most of all there was just such an amazing spirit and sense of fun enjoyed by humans and canines alike. Ansie reported that 81 beaded penguins were handed out.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event. Your kindness and generosity made the day very successful and we hope to see you all back next year—with friends and family!



Dressed for the occasion



King Neptune leading the Plunge



Delicious hot soups and fresh bread



Photo booth fun



Thank you to Richard Randall for this photo.

As we enter our new Rotary year we'll be planning our projects going forward—soup kitchens are always our priority—watch this space for more information on that next time.

Should you wish to know more about any of our projects, or would like to contribute in any way, please contact Lana on 082 216 4398