



The Stanford Shout-Out

March, 2025

Time really flies and we realise we haven't kept our supporters and followers updated in a while. Suffice to say it's been a busy few weeks since the Christmas holidays and the arrival of 2025. Here are snippets of various activities that have kept us on our toes.



Hampers of Love

A very successful campaign to end 2024 off. 300 Recipients were provided with these basic food parcels to assist them over the holiday period. Some treats such as cheese, biscuits and sweets were added.

Family-in-Focus (ECD)

Backpacks containing basic stationery items were provided to the team of 10 members who carry out a home-based early learning program for pre-schoolers.

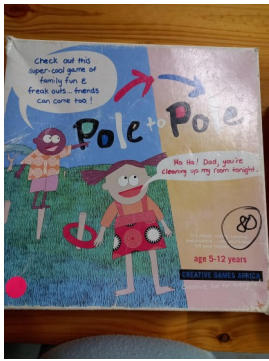


School Stationery

Stationery was provided to 3 schools—St Paul's, Die Bron and Okkie Smuts. The cost of this bulk stationery came to R22,000 which did not include everything on the school lists—our budget simply did not allow for that.



We were blessed with a large donation of games and second-hand stationery from a school in Cape Town and made the decision to pass it on to the Butterfly Center.



During our recent visit to St Paul's it was noted that the school was in need of books, puzzles and games. We managed to put together a few bags which were very gratefully received.



Regina Broenner from Creative Skills Factory approached us with a request for a water tank at The Learning Tree After School Center and we happily obliged. Just needs a few finishing touches under the tap.

As part of our Sports Support project, we provided the Stanford Netball Team with new balls, both practise and match. Anchelle says: ***"Thank you very much Rotary for our new balls. This has brought back more feet of all ages. Our attendance has reached the 50 mark from ages 8 to over 20 years old. Positively impacting those in need of change."***





The Information Boards at 3 points along the Wandelpad needed updating and a new lease on life following years of weather decay, the final straw being the flood. Stanford Rotary is very proud to have sponsored the re-printing of these signs—thank you to Stanford Conservation for the beautiful new pictures, information and map.



Our final story for this issue is a truly heart-warming one which simply reminds us why we are Rotarians.

In January we received a stroller—a walking aid for the elderly—from a Stanford resident. When it turned out the stroller wasn't suitable for the disabled person we had in mind for it, it started a goose-chase because she really needed a new wheelchair. The wheelchair she was using at the time only had one footrest, the wheel alignment was completely wonky and the frame was buckled and very wobbly. After much back-and-forth we finally decided to buy a brand-new wheelchair.



Goodness, the beaming smile and excitement we received on delivery of this sparkly new chair was a sight to behold.

This small gesture, in the greater scheme of things, meant so very much to Katrina and her husband Ben, a mild-mannered and thorough gentleman who adores his wife and only wants her to be comfortable.



When we called in the next day to deliver a bicycle pump for the wheels, Katrina couldn't wait to tell us she had been to 'town'. She can now accompany Ben to the soup kitchens a few times per week and have some much-needed interaction with her friends.

As Rotarians, we are indeed blessed to be able to assist people in this way.



The stroller has also found a new owner, a woman who is partially disabled but really enjoys a walk, to get out and about and visit her neighbours. Francina also enjoys her garden in her new house, so is always on the lookout for plants or cuttings.

With the constant increase in food, clothing and stationery costs we are often hard-pressed to assist all those in genuine need within the greater Stanford community, especially when it comes to our regular projects such as Soup Kitchens, Schools assistance—stationery and clothes—and Winter warmth.

The elderly and children are for the most part the most vulnerable members. Should you wish to contribute to any of our ongoing projects we would be very grateful and it would mean we could achieve so much more.

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Please use the project name and your name as a reference,
eg Clothes, Lana Coates

We would like to thank those very kind and generous folk who already support our endeavours. You certainly help us make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate and vulnerable. With regular monthly contributions we are better able to budget and know where the shortfalls are. If you are in a position to do so, setting up a debit order with your bank is the best way of helping us help those in need.

Should you want to know more about any of our projects, please feel free to contact us.

Better still, attend one of our meetings and meet the team. We meet at The Nest on alternate Tuesdays at 11.30am. Meeting usually last around an hour to an hour and twenty minutes. You may be surprised and decide to join our team.

Be kind, especially to those less fortunate—we do not know their circumstances.

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