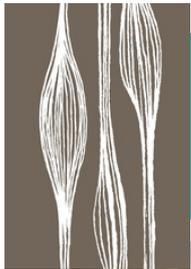


# BIZWENI BUZZ

Term 2 2021



This term we continued the rotation of 50% of our children attending at a time, one week at the Centre and one week home. We are making the necessary preparations to start Term 3 at full capacity and are looking forward to welcoming all our children back at the same time.



**Marinda Bruwer  
Biokineticists**



## VOLUNTEERS

A private practice of therapists, Therapy in Action, offered their services to us. Their division that specializes in hands, kindly assessed 8 children who require hand splints and made them for us.

Three therapists from Marinda Bruwer Biokineticists have also volunteered their time this term and helped children improve their gross motor skills.

Amanda Ewen is a volunteer with PAT (Pets as Therapy). Once lockdown restrictions are lifted, Amanda will visit once a week with Brandy to interact with our children. This little cutie is a Border Collie/Labrador mix.

We are so grateful to all volunteers for their time and for caring.

## FOOD & CARE PARCELS

This term we delivered six food drops - that's 335 parcels! We are extremely grateful to be able to continue this drive as our children's families are still experiencing food insecurity.

We have also continued to support the children and parents during the week they are home, with our virtual home-programs and activity packs





## BUS BLUES

On the 14th of May we suffered a major set back when one of our busses was destroyed by fire. Our driver Francois was hospitalized with some burns but we are happy to tell you he is fine now and is ready to return to work, as soon as we get a new bus.

As you know, most of our families are unable to provide safe transport to the Centre for their children.

We need a new bus ASAP, so our Fundraiser switched into high gear and has kicked off our 'Bus for Bizweni Squat Challenge'. The new campaign is linked to our crowdfunding profile on GivenGain:

[www.givengain.com/cc/bus-for-bizweni-centre](http://www.givengain.com/cc/bus-for-bizweni-centre)

## NEW WEBSITE

After months of hard work, we are very excited to launch our new website! We teamed up with Cactii Studios to create a fresh, modern looking site.

We are proud of the new site as it conveys how much we love what we do and reflects the joy our children experience whilst at the Centre. Check it out!

[www.bizwenicentre.co.za](http://www.bizwenicentre.co.za)



## THE JOURNEY

To go with our new website, we thought we would update the name and look of our 'Support a Child' campaign. We feel that 'The Journey' better describes the experience and process of growth that begins when a donor makes the decision to support our children each month.



# DONATIONS

In June we received a mind-blowing donation from Virtual Resource. This amazing company supported our families through the entire lockdown last year by funding our Food Drive.

When the directors from VR heard about the bus fire they jumped to the rescue once again with an astounding R100,000 contribution towards the new bus. This gift absolutely blew us away! It even brought tears to our eyes, happy tears though.



We also received 5 car seats from friends and a parent to for our busses.

Ackermans made a wonderful donation (worth +- R5000) of nappies, wet wipes and toiletry bags made up of facecloths, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Helderberg Rotary Anns also donated 64 warm tops, one for each child to keep them warm.

We were lucky enough to be chosen as a beneficiary of Orden. These Professional Home Organisers worked their magic on a clients home, then dropped off a big a big box of clothes, towels and bedding. Thank you Jeanine and Natascha.



**We appreciate you!**





# MANDELA DAY

If you would like to help us this Mandela Day, 18th July, take part in one of our fundraisers such as the 'Bus for Bizweni Squat Challenge' or the 'Wheels on the Bus' sing-a-long.

We are also still looking for tracksuit pants and good quality takkies for ages 2-18.

## Move your butt for a good cause!

Our campaign page is:

<https://www.givengain.com/cc/bus-for-bizweni-centre/>

## GET BUSY FOR OUR BUS!

To reach our goal we still need to raise another R70,000 for the new bus.

Why not do something you love and do good at the same time? Shake off those lockdown blues! You can run, ride, shave your head...or anything you think is fun to help us smash our goal.

Become an activist today and start your own crowdfunding page or contribute to our campaign.

**givengain**



Thank you for caring

everybody's doing it

### POPI ACT

not entirely sure what we are on about? Read on to find out more:

POPIA = Protection of Personal Information Act

This law is designed to protect how your data is collected, used and stored.

And we take your privacy seriously

Our newsletters are here to keep you informed about campaigns and other goings on at Bizweni Centre for Children with Disabilities.

You are receiving this because you have signed up for our mailing list! Whoo-Hoo!

If you wish to continue receiving updates from Bizweni Centre, then you're all good - no further actions are required from you!

### HOWEVER

If you wish to unsubscribe from any email communication that you receive from Bizweni Centre, you can do so by clicking on the UNSUBSCRIBE link at the bottom of any of our emails.