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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIVING HEARTS

As a supporter of the Carel du Toit Trust, always remember the essential role YOU play in the life-changing intervention that takes place each day at the Carel du Toit Centre. Every donation we receive is a step in the direction of enriching the lives of children with hearing impairments. Whether this is your 1st, 5th or 10th Newsletter from us; we welcome you, we thank you and love that we're able to share our news with you. The children enrolled in the Centre's programme vary in medical needs, academic competencies, age groups, cultural backgrounds and geographical locations, travelled from all over the peninsula and sometimes from outside South Africa, so your giving heart has a broad impact.

CROSSING BORDERS TO EXTEND SERVICES VIA TELE-INTERVENTION

Thanks to the generosity of **Discovery Fund**, it has been possible to reach the homes of children with hearing impairments across African borders through a tele-intervention service. Early interventionists and speech therapists engage with enrolled children and their families via Skype to maintain the momentum of learning natural spoken language following auditory-verbal principles and critical parent guidance sessions.



SPRING TEA & FASHION SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

Blossoms and a touch of country was the order of the day at the Centre's annual Spring Tea & Fashion Show in September. With tickets sold out in weeks, we had a jam-packed audience for our superstar kids walking the runway in their stunning outfits from Ackermans Tyger Valley Centre. There were many emotional moments shared as the 'models' wowed the crowd with their oozing confidence and our very own alumnus, Jody Bell, shared her motivational achievements to inspire current parents and supporters. Thank You all for the support.



SHARING INSIGHTS WITH OUR FELLOW BLOEMFONTEIN & EAST LONDON SATELLITES

On 3 September the Carel du Toit Centres gathered for their annual strategic meeting to discuss future practices and sustainability plans for the many children we will serve in years to come. Bloemfontein personnel also had the opportunity to attend the Centre's Information Day focused on paediatric hearing loss.



ONE MAN. ONE GOAL. ONE LARGE HEART OF GOLD.

When Clint le Roux entered the 2016 Freedom Challenge Race Across South Africa, he had two goals in mind: Challenging his stamina was one but not the priority; Clint wanted to create an opportunity to raise funds for children with whom he had something in common – a hearing impairment. Clint's perseverance in training and defeating the 2300km mountain bike race from Pietermaritzburg KZN to Diemersfontein in Paarl, resulted in over R20 000 donated. One person's drop in the ocean can make waves just as each one of our supporters kindly give towards this great cause and collectively do the same.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE CAREL DU TOIT TRUST TO SUSTAIN THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS. TO MAKE A DONATION OR UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED FORM.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONTINUITY

In 2017, the Carel du Toit Trust will fund the positioning of a Hearing Screener, who will undertake the screening of high risk neonates for hearing loss at Tygerberg Hospital. The Centre's community outreach is an extension of its work to create awareness of the importance of early identification of hearing disorders in children and we are delighted to make this service available in partnership with Tygerberg Hospital.

BRAND NEW NETBALL & TENNIS COURT

The Centre has been equipped with a newly built netball and tennis court so that CdT learners can have exposure to more sports skills that will prepare them for their next level of schooling. The Centre is now able to have an extended extra-mural programme for the grade classes because of community fundraising.

We would love to email you!

Please share your email address with us so that your news and tax certificates arrive a little sooner. Connect with Marshaline via email Marshaline@careldutoit.co.za or +27 21 933 4578.

Thank You to all who joined us at the Centre's **Annual English and Afrikaans Concerts** on **23 & 24 November** to see up close and personal how the children's spoken language has flourished. We trust that you enjoyed the fulfilment that comes from knowing you have helped make it possible.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

- **International Ear Care Week** will be celebrated internationally in **March 2017**.
- The Centre will host its **4th Ndiyeva Conference** at NH The Lord Charles hotel in Somerset West from **30-31 March 2017**. This unique conference is aimed at all professionals and families involved with children with hearing disorders, who endeavour the use of spoken language as an outcome. Visit www.careldutoit.co.za to click through to Ndiyeva's informative website for more information.



- The Centre's **Annual 5km Fun Walk** will take place in **April 2017**. We will send you details closer to the event and hope that you will register and be a part of this electrifying gathering here on the premises of Tygerberg Hospital.



THESE ARE THE PRIORITY PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY DONORS AND SPONSORS IN 2016 AND WHICH THE TRUST WILL CONTINUE TO UPHOLD IN 2017 AND BEYOND:



Teaching and Social Work – An important part of effective teaching at the Carel du Toit Centre is to maintain low teacher to learner ratios. It is therefore necessary to employ additional teaching staff to maintain this ratio so that the children benefit from intensive, individual teaching.

Child Sponsorship – The Centre provides an all-inclusive array of services to bring about the best outcomes for the children. However, not all learners' families are able to foot the bill for expert therapies, special educational needs, as well as transport and aftercare. An important point to mention is that these specifics are over and above the costs of hearing devices and medical procedures to support their journey to hearing and speaking. We have been fortunate to have benefactors on board for 26 children this year – both corporates and individuals – who donate towards these complete packages for one full year, easing the burden on the parents.

Hearing Aid Repairs and Consumables – While the cost of hearing technology is high, there are additional expenses funded by the Trust through donor support to maintain the children's hearing aids on a day-to-day basis. Ear moulds, tone hooks, zinc air batteries, and wind and weather protectors are some of the consumables needing daily repairs and replacement at the Carel du Toit Centre's audiology rooms. An average number of 12 children need work on their hearing aids each day, a total of 60 per week – a service for which we rely on your generosity and we thank you.



Community Outreach Programmes are an extension of the Centre's work to encourage infant hearing screening to promote the importance of early identification of hearing disorders in children. Speech Therapy services are also shared in the surrounding community with weekly visits to Goeie Hoop Primary School aimed at building literacy and listening skills for their Grade R and Grade 1 learners.

Early intervention is delivered by the CHAT Centre and is the foundation for all that follows at the Carel du Toit Centre. Parents are guided and empowered by early interventionists who provide skills and knowledge for family units. Family members help their children use listening to develop spoken language and social skills in everyday life. With early diagnosis, fitting of hearing devices, therapies and intervention, it is possible for children with hearing impairments to enrol in mainstream schools with hearing peers and thus completely fulfil the aim of the Carel du Toit methodology.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US IN OTHER WAYS:

- Consider a **once-off or monthly donation** via the bank details provided. Remember to give us a heads-up to ensure receipt of your tax certificate.
- As an **individual giver**, you and others will form part of a collective pool of contributors making a bigger impact together.
- Invite your **family, friends and colleagues** to consider a donation and be an ambassador for our cause.
- Contact us to find out how **you can fundraise for us** and we'll give you the tools to get on board.
- Invite us to meet with your **work colleagues or employers** to share our stories of hope and introduce them to the CdT.
- Nominate the Carel du Toit Centre as the beneficiary on your **Loyalty Cards**, such as Makro and Woolworths MySchool.



RUTH BOURNE — A LEGACY ON HER OWN

"Working at Carel du Toit is not just a job – it is a passion and a cause."

These are the words of a wise and dedicated stalwart we have been privileged to know, be guided by, and work alongside at the Carel du Toit Centre. Principal Ruth Bourne, who will retire at the end of 2016, was hand-picked by Professor Carel du Toit in 1978 and has since served 38 years at the Centre. Recalling her teaching years, Ruth's niche was with 4 year olds who had some language acquisition and needed help to understand and link their language to their world around them. Ruth has witnessed the Centre grow from six teachers almost four decades ago to a multidisciplinary facility of 29 staff comprising of specialist teachers, audiologists and therapists.

In 2008, the honour of leading the Centre as principal was bestowed to Ruth and she has taken a place in the hearts of all who worked beside her. Ruth says, "It has been a privilege to be the head of this wonderful and unique school. I am so proud of the staff – who, one and all do their work with love and commitment. When Professor Carel du Toit started this school in 1973, the methodology was unique and experimental, but now research has proven that he was absolutely correct in his belief that deaf born children can learn to talk as well as any other child. I have seen the joy in parents as they regain hope that they had lost when they heard that their child was hearing impaired. Being part of this has been a wonderful journey."



CORPORATE DONOR & SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Thank you in abundance to the following corporates who have helped us fulfil our commitment to the children of the Carel du Toit Centre from May to September 2016.

Support from Individuals, Corporates, Trusts and Foundations, enables us to provide the resources to help the Centre's children enter the hearing world with an improved potential to integrate and thrive.

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Your donations contribute to the Centre's incredible service of teaching hearing impaired children spoken language.

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