

New suction units make going home a possibility for patients



Many thanks to Platinum Life who donated the funds to purchase a portable suction unit this will be used for patients who have had tracheotomys. Pictured here is Mbambeni Sibyiselwe who is very excited as he is now able to go home for the three months before his next treatment. His mom has been taught to use the suction unit and so they can borrow the unit and return it at their next checkup visit to the doctor.

Local entrepreneurs help make lasting memories for the patients of the Ward

Hlompho Molakalaka of Mutual & Federal, East London, has come up with a wonderful idea for the children of the Ward. Together with Ikuhn Arts VSP, Blue Pink and Rob Pollock, they are going to take a photograph of each of our patients and the families will then be given the photo as a gift. A copy of the photo will be used to make a puzzle as a gift for each patient and a third copy will be framed by CHOC and Reach for a Dream and will be placed in the Ward.

Gonubie Round Table to tour SA on scooters for CHOC Eastern Cape!

Members of Gonubie Round Table are embarking on a scooter tour around South Africa to raise awareness for CHOC. Mader van Niekerk, event organiser, says that the team will leave East London on 1 November and travel down the coast to Cape Town then up the coast into Namibia, across to Bloemfontein, and finally to KZN before heading back home. Anyone who would like to assist or make a donation, please contact Mader on: 072 468 1639 or email madervanniekerk@yahoo.com

New Developments...

United Methodist Church donate to assist the Ward upgrade

Roger Hudson from the United Methodist Church, from the United States, has informed us that since their visit in June, they have also generously made a donation of \$500 for use to refurbish the Ward. Sincere thanks to all!

The office has a new telephone number

The new office number is 0861 112 109. The reason for changing the number is to comply with all CHOC division and to provide a much more economical flat rate of 65c per call. Dialling the former number will direct your call to the new number.

New blinds for the ward

New blinds and curtains have been installed throughout the Ward, including the kitchen, passages, nurses' station and the doctors' exam rooms.

Toys for the Ward

The volunteers are in the process of replacing some of the old broken toys with new ones.

New patient folder holders

CHOC has purchased perspex patient file holders for each bed in the Ward.

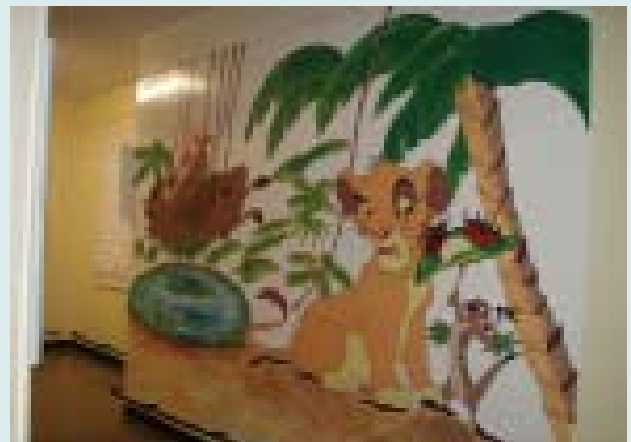
Kamva returns to school

We are thrilled that Kamva has returned to school - Gonubie Primary School. We wish him all the best in continuing his education.

New Volunteer

Welcome our new volunteer, Chris MacCullum. It is wonderful to have a new team member onboard.

The Lion King Mural



The beautiful mural on the passage wall of the Lion King is complete. The artist, Christie Wade, has done a wonderful job and we thank her.

Hudson Primary Grade 6's visit the Ward



Mrs Di Calder of Hudson Primary brought her Grade 6 class to visit the children of ward C5. The patients, moms and staff were spoiled with delicious cake and fruit and the children had a wonderful morning interacting with each other. Our thanks go to Mrs Calder for her continued support of CHOC and the children of Ward C5.

+ Your Medical Facts...

Common Childhood Cancers

- Leukemias are the most common childhood cancer, accounting for about 30% of all childhood cancers. Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) and acute myelogenous leukemia (AML) are the most common types of leukemia in children.
- Brain and other nervous system cancers are the second most common cancers in children, making up about 22% of childhood cancers.
- Neuroblastoma is the most common extracranial (outside of the brain) solid tumor in children and most often diagnosed during the first year of life.
- Wilms tumor is a cancer that may affect one or both kidneys. It is most often found in children between 2 and 3 years old, and may be recognized by a swelling or lump in the belly.
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma and Hodgkin lymphoma, (sometimes called Hodgkin disease, Hodgkin's disease, or Hodgkin's lymphoma), are cancers that start in lymph nodes.
- Rhabdomyosarcoma is the most common soft tissue sarcoma in children, and makes up about 3% of childhood cancers. It can happen in the head and neck, groin, trunk, arms and legs.
- Bone Cancers: The incidence of primary bone cancer (cancers that started in the bones) is highest in children and adolescents.

Special thanks to...

- Dr's Cooper, Pienaar and Pohl for their monthly donation of R300
- Peter of Fruit & Veg City, Vincent for the weekly donation of fruit for the children of C5 and to Di Branfield for collecting the fruit and handing it out each Wednesday.
- Standard Bank Vincent for a donation of R1500 from their Staff Social Fund.
- Carol Forward for the donation of curtains and linen. Many thanks Carol!
- Sally and Alex van den Bos for the wonderful collection of games and puzzles to be used by the children of C5.
- The Berea Baptist Church Outreach Ladies for their ongoing donations of knitted items and bed and cot comforters.
- Hudson Primary School for the donation of R2000 from a Civvies Day that was held during the third term.
- CHOC volunteer Nan Gravett's mom, Sheila and sister, Glenda for the beautiful jerseys and blankets for the children, as well as Nan's Dad, Harry, for repairing donated items and acting as the "quality controller!"
- CNA, Vincent Park for the donation of toys and other shop soiled items that we can use for gifts at Christmas time.
- Ermie Pascoe of Simple Lines for the fabric samples for the mothers sewing.
- Francis Hooper for the donation of the material used by the sewing group.
- SANBS PE for the donation of clothing and toys for the Ward. The children are most grateful for the gifts.
- Mrs Cynthia Becker and ladies of The Cambridge Methodist Church for all of the wonderful knitted items for the children.
- Platinum Life for the donation of funds to purchase a portable suction unit.

NEXT MONTH: PHOTO EXPO!!!!
CHOC at the Metrorail Man vs Machine Train Race...