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## Thabang News

31 JULY 2017

“Thabang News” is an update on the happenings at Thabang Children’s Project over the past quarter. Thabang Children’s Project covers the Child & Youth Care Centre (CYCC) and community work in Smash Block, through the Drop in Centre (DiC).

### Thabang Cycling Team:

The amazing ladies and gentlemen of the Thabang Cycling Team will be taking part in the Telkom 947 Cycle Challenge in Johannesburg, South Africa. If you cycle you can join us by [registering here](#) and choosing Thabang Children's Project from the list. Massive 'thank-yous' to those that have already registered. If you do not cycle, you may make a contribution in a variety of

ways: support by making a cash donation, donate cycling goody bag material for us to give to the cyclist (energy bars, mineral water etc.), ask you friends, family and colleagues to contribute in cash or kind.

## **CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2017**

A huge thank you to all who have supported this annual initiative in the past.



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THABANG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017  
16:00

## **Marakele Fun Run:**

Some of the children from the Drop in Centre joined with a few from the Child & Youth Care Centre to participate in the 5km Marakele Fun Run. This is a

special run through some lovely bush within our closest National Park - Marakele National Park.



## Drop in Centre: Saturday classes

Everyone comes together (young and very young) twice a month on Saturday mornings to learn new concepts and to enhance what has already been acquired at school during the week.



Thabang strives to empower all the children involved with the project by providing all the necessary academic support within its reach. A teacher comes in on the Saturdays when the children have Saturday class, and he is sometimes accompanied by eager children from the Child & Youth Care Centre who are willing to share from their own learning experiences. The amazing Drop in Centre staff are always there helping the children in every aspect possible.

## Arts & Craft:

Not every child is academically gifted, more so after the lives these children have lived with limited exposure to academic or supportive environments until

they became part of Thabang. So Thabang encourages everyone involved to develop other skills....



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“Our boys love their soccer but unfortunately, we don’t have soccer boots for them to use on our thorny field.” - Tshepo Letageng, YC Supervisor

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## Educational Outing: Thaba Tholo Private Game Farm

One of the most looked forward to outings on the Thabang calendar, is the Thaba Tholo outing, an outing that packs fun and learning in one. Not to mention the totally awesome game drive. We are all immensely grateful to Thaba Tholo Game Farm for their love, generosity and charitability.



David, a friend and older "brother" who grew up at Thabang Child & Youth Care Centre (above), was explaining how it is to be a working man and what he does on the farm. He encouraged the youth to be focused and diligent, while having a positive attitude.

## Event and Skills Development Centre:

The construction of the administration building with 2 classrooms and the Event & Skills development centre started in May and has been moving swiftly with both the buildings nearing completion. The administration building will be ready for use by the end of August.



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“The new building is almost finished, and then there will be enough room in the girl’s house after the offices have moved out.”

“The girls are very happy with the netball pitch, and are hoping one day to also get the right attire to play sports. The pitch has been handy in the afternoon after extra class, as the girls use it for exercises.”

“The entertainment and games on Saturdays has been beneficial for the children as it brings together the boys and the girls, brothers and sisters, helping them brush up on their social skills and keep fit.” - Dakalo Ramadi, acting house mother.

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## Celebration of Birthdays:

Celebrating birthdays is an important event for every child. Most of these children have never celebrated or even known when it was their birthday.

### Child & Youth Care Centre:

The CYCC children whose birthdays it had been for the past few months, had a joint celebration and enjoyed a special cake baked and decorated by a dedicated volunteer.



### Drop in Centre:

The Drop in Centre children enjoyed their birthday celebration by 'digging into' this beautiful big cake especially baked and donated by Thaba Spar. They shared their cake with all the other eager mouths attending the DiC!



## How you can get involved:

Consider a worthwhile donation which will entitle you to a tax deduction as Thabang is registered as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) in terms of section 18A of the Income Tax Act.

Deductions can also be applied for,



donations made in kind.  
Thabang Children's Project will issue  
a donation receipt for all donations  
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to a tax deduction.

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**Volunteers Welcome**



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