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Dear friends

A very big THANKYOU to all our **CRADLE** friends who, during the past year, supported us and helped us to make a difference in the lives of many under-privileged people. We would never be able to do this work without the support and assistance of our sponsors. Thank you very, very much for all the financial donations received as well as for the donations of food, clothes, furniture and other essential items. To those who availed yourselves with your special talents and time, a very big thank you as well. Thank you all so very much! Your support is greatly appreciated! We can definitely not do the work without you.

1) **CORONATION PARK STIMULATION GROUP**

We are very grateful that all is going very well with **THE CRADLE OF HOPE's** "Stimulation Group" project at the Coronation Park tent village. Currently, we have 20 pre-schoolers who attend the group and with the assistance of our volunteers, Miss Tanya and Miss Christene, we have a class every weekday between 10h00 and 12h30. We teach them about healthy food, how to wash their hands, brush their teeth, care for their pets, count from 1 to 10, build puzzles, play ball games and plenty more. Aunty Elmarie travels every Tuesday, all the way from Pretoria, to also give her share of time to the children.

Every morning at 11h00, we give the pre-schoolers a nice healthy meal. We would like to thank all those who contribute toward this. It is our mission to ensure that they have good, wholesome food that will not only fill their tummies but also make their little bodies strong and their brains alert.

THE CRADLE OF HOPE also provides the children and the aged with a bowl of lovely warm porridge every morning, including weekends, at 06h00. “Ouma” Angie, who is also a resident at the tent village, selflessly gets up every morning at 04h00 to get the porridge on the go. Thank you very much, “Ouma” Angie, you are very special!! Any donations such as mealie meel, oats, long life milk, margarine and sugar will be highly appreciated. Since the electricity supply to the tent village has been disconnected, we use gas stoves for cooking purposes and would greatly appreciate any donations of gas – we currently use approximately 9kg gas per week.

Every day at 13h30, when the older children return from school, **THE CRADLE OF HOPE** provides them with a tasty sandwich or a plate of cooked food. The aged also receive something to eat at this time. Thanks to Irene, and her team of mothers, who take time to prepare and dish out the food on our behalf. Any donations of food for the lunches will also be highly appreciated.

We are experiencing immense problems with donations, which are taken directly to the tent village, just “disappearing”. We therefore urge you NOT to deliver any donations for the children, such as food, clothing, toys, etc. directly to the tent village, but to rather contact us. We have obtained a store room, which we keep locked at all times, for storing items especially meant for the children and the aged. We then distribute these items accordingly and fairly.

2) **GOLF DAY**

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Barbara Nel and her team from the WAU OVERVAAL – JAKARANDA REGION for organising a Golf Day for us on 15 May 2009, proceeds which will be in favour of our **ASSIST A CHILD** fund. We urgently still need prizes and sponsors, so if you are able to assist with either, please contact Barbara Nel on 076 194 1901.

We also extend a very big thank you to the WAU for their wonderful contribution toward the school clothes, school shoes and school requirements for the children of the tent village. In January 2009, we were able to provide each child of the tent village with one set of summer school clothes and school shoes, as well as their own stationery requirements. In April 2009, we used the remaining funds for the children who needed winter uniforms.

3) **HOSANNA**

On Sunday, 17 May 2009, you can watch HOSANNA at 06h30 on SABC 2.

They will be featuring the Coronation Park tent village, and the children's "stimulation group" will also be shown. An interview with Melodie, regarding the involvement of **THE CRADLE OF HOPE** at the tent village, is part of the programme. Pastor Jakes Joubert of SPIRIT LIFE MINISTRIES will also talk about his work at the tent village.

4) CARMEN LABUSCHAGNE

On Friday, 1 May 2009, another tragedy struck the tent village. Baby Carmen Labuschagne (3 months) sadly passed away at the tent village. Her funeral has been arranged for Friday afternoon, 8 May 2009. Her mother and father are in our thoughts and prayers.

Once again we thank everyone who is involved in making our task easier. Your commitment and your assistance are truly appreciated.

Our banking details are as follows:

THE CRADLE OF HOPE – ASSIST A CHILD

First National Bank

Keywest Branch 256955

Account number 62196994498

Should you require a donations tax certificate, please fax your deposit slip to (011) 955-5112 or e-mail our financial director at albertus@thecradleofhope.org

We would like to stress that we do not only assist the children of the Coronation Park tent village, but also other children who live under similar circumstances.

Psalm 32:8

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."

CRADLE regards.

Melodie & Petra

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