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Dear all,

Please enjoy our volunteer newsletter with news from February, March and April!

**Registration as clustered foster care facility**

After lots of paper work and months and months of waiting it has been decided that Mother of Peace soon will register as a clustered foster care facility. This means that we will stick to the current setting of family homes.

A few adjustments need to be done, we might move some children around in the houses, we are going to check more on cleanliness of the houses, weekly meal plans, discipline of the children etc.

Registration as a clustered foster care facility instead of a children's home unfortunately also means that we will receive much less funding from the government.

Since a few weeks we are allowed to take in new children again and 13 have come already!



**Birthdays**

In February we celebrated the birthdays of:

**\*Thandeka** (house 5)(01-02-1996)

In April we celebrated the birthdays of:

**\*Nontobeko** (08-04-1998) **\* Mine** (08-04-2004) **\* Thabisile** (30-04-1995) **\* Phelelani** (07-04-1991)

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## Volunteers February 2010

Anneke, Jelke, Maaïke, Cathelijne, Trisha, Margot, Tove, Jessica



## Volunteers March 2010

Leonie, Tove, Jessica, Milou, Jacqueline, Milou, Lianne, Jasmijn, Trisha, Margot



## Volunteers April 2010



Jeroen, Milou, Jessica, Milou, Margot, Boukje  
Boukje's moeder en kids Maas, Robbe en Tessel

## MoP Daycare open to community

On 12 April 2010 Mother of Peace Daycare centre opened up its doors to children from the surrounding community.

At the moment we will only take in children that can be dropped off and picked up from Mother of Peace every day. In future we would also like to organize transport for these children.

At the moment we can take in about 30 extra children from the community. Interviews are being held and the first 13 children started on Monday 17 May 2010. The Mother of Peace Daycare centre is free of charge for children from the local community.

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## New website Mother of Peace

We have upgraded our website! The site is not completely finished yet, but has up to date information and pictures about Mother of Peace, the children, our Sponsor a Child program, volunteering, wish list, projects etc.

Please have a look at:

[www.motherofpeace.org.za](http://www.motherofpeace.org.za)

## Cinema outing – Avatar

Our February volunteers took some of the children on an outing to see Avatar in 3D in the cinema.

All kids and care givers had a great time and loved to see the movie in 3D!



## Leadership & communication training

Wilma and Gloria have successfully completed a leadership and communication training, offered through Be More and the Libre Foundation.



## Fun!

Although summer in South Africa is about to end, we still have many beautiful days. The kids love nothing more than playing around with water and were so happy when our Indian friends brought out a water slide for them!



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## Hospital

Unfortunately not all our children have been happy and healthy over the past months.

Some of the children have been sick from measles. Ntombizonke and Nkosi have been admitted in hospital for this but are both feeling better and are back to school.

Andiswa has had an ear operation and is doing much better now.

2 of our new children (Anele and Amahle) have been admitted in McCords hospital after being brought to Mother of Peace because of being malnourished and dehydrated.



Mfanufikile (Nkosi) one of the new boys broke his arm and is now in a cast for about 3 weeks.

## Coastal College

After the first school term, Nana and Mbali transferred to another campus of Coastal Collage called Swinton. This campus is more on the same route to the other schools and saves us time and money.

Both girls have adapted well to the new school and Nana has even been chosen as supervisor of the school's reading group, something she is very proud of!

## New soccer shoes for our boys

Volunteer Jacqueline used part of her sponsor money to buy soccer shoes for our boys. They were of course very happy with that and they are using them a lot!



## Visit McCord sponsors

At the moment Mother of Peace is taking care of 12 HIV positive children. All those children are on an ARV program and go to McCords hospital on a monthly basis to pick up their medication and see a doctor.

The costs for those hospital visits are covered by sponsors from America who came out to Mother of Peace to see the children.



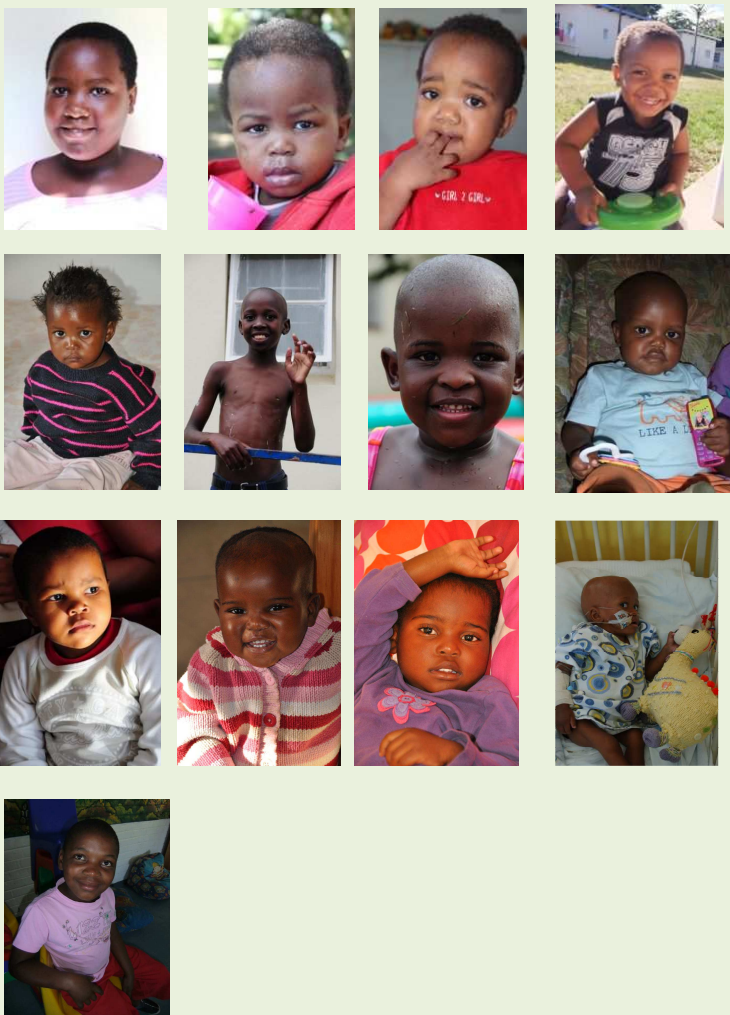
They brought pizza and presents for the children which they enjoyed very much!

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## New children

After registering as a clustered foster care facility Mother of Peace can now take in new children again. Over the past few weeks we got 13 new children coming to live with us:

Nosipho, Boy, Owami, Tumelo, Minenhle, Manufikile, Sinehlanhla, Zama, Philasanda, Anele, Nqobile, Amahle and Ntombiza



## Dettol road show

Dettol came out to Mother of Peace with their "road show", informing our children and mothers about hygiene, washing hands etc.

They did this in an interactive way through songs and dances which the children enjoyed a lot!



## No Be More volunteers in May

Since the Be More volunteer program started at Mother of Peace in 2007 it never happened that there were no volunteers at all, but for the month May we unfortunately had nobody helping us out!

Although we really miss the help of our volunteers, it's good for the children and house mothers to see how much the volunteers usually do for them and hopefully it helps them to appreciate all the fun, attention, play and help again with our new group of volunteers in June.

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## Scouts

Our kids attending Kulangolwazi remedial school in Durban are joining the scouts team at school!



## Learners for Phelelani and Nana

Nana and Phelelani are studying for their learners and will do the exam on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Once they passed their learners they will start their driving lessons.

## MoP fundraising video

Lars de Rooy from De Rooy Media has made a professional fundraising video for us. We will use this video to create awareness and to inform people about the work that Mother of Peace does.

You can watch the video on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XelJDjDwA3k>

## Star of the month – February

**Sandile** – for always being friendly to all volunteers and for working very hard at school.

**Thabani** – for working hard with THRASS and homework room and learning how to work on the computer really well.

**Thobile** – for being a sweet and friendly girl, always taking care of her brother and sisters and working very hard at the new school.

## Star of the month – March

**Mthokozisi** – for always working hard with THRASS and homework room and improving his English a lot.

**Andiswa** – for being a sweet and happy girl and for being very serious about school.

**Nontokozi** – for improving her English reading skills and always making homework on time.

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