

ESHAB NEWS

El-Shammah Home For Abandoned Babies Newsletter

10 December 2017

Annual Report Highlights.

Allistair and Merencia, now the new full time Management team were tasked with the awesome responsibility of raising eight hundred and fifty thousand (R850 000) plus transfer cost within five months to purchase the property for the organisation.

The management team successfully marketed the home in the newspapers, social media, radio and television. The amount of visitors to the Home has quadrupled and has seen celebrities like Muthu Murugan, Bobby and Karlien van Jaarsveld get involved with our vision.

The Jacaranda FM's Good Morning Angels Team along with the celebrity siblings; corporate sponsors and individuals pledged to save the Property for El-Shammah Home by the end of April 2017. Bobby and Karlien Van Jaarsveld managed to secure Three Hundred Thousand Rand in pledges and this really warmed our hearts.

"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something." Mother Theresa



Photo Caption

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Play time at El-Shammah Home

Adopt A Cot Sponsors Needed

Around 3,500 children are abandoned in South Africa annually. News of yet another child found dead or left in a precarious position elicits strong public condemnation and emotion. Public consensus on the issue of child abandonment generally provokes a knee-jerk response to blame and demonise mothers. But despite our deeply felt beliefs, research has indicated that while abandonment affects individuals, it is often as a result of wider socio-economic factors.

El-Shammah Home For Abandoned Babies is a place of safety for abandoned, abused, orphaned and neglected babies. The home was set up in 2009 by Frikkie and Bertha Spies and is currently run by Allistair and Merencia Scholtz, the home accommodates up to 18 babies at a time ranging from 0 to 18 months, El-Shammah's main focus is to nurture abandoned babies who have been let go by their parents for various reasons.

El-Shammah has overcome many battles, however it is now experiencing one of the most testing and challenging times of all. Due to inflation the price of food, fuel, nappies and baby formula has increased significantly therefore the organisation needs an additional R 25 000 per month to cover its running costs.

We are grateful for every large financial donation that we receive, but equally vital are the smaller monthly donations. Your drop combined with another's, and another's creates a steady stream, our ocean!

We value being accountable and trustworthy with every cent, and will share with you how your investment goes a long way in transforming lives. Our financial reports (audited annually) are available for your perusal.

We would like to call upon all who live and work in South Africa, to contribute to our invaluable cause, which is to love and care for unwanted and abandoned babies placed in our care by the courts. The goal is to have 100 people donate R250 per month towards this worthy cause.



New Play area sponsored by Captive Business Consultants

Our Banking Details"

El-Shammah Home For Abandoned Babies

Standard Bank

Acc No: 271802294

Branch Code: 011-842

Current Projects:

1. Parent-Infant-Psychotherapy

Parent-Infant psychotherapy is supportive psychotherapy. The aims are not only to meet the immediate presenting problems in the baby or the toddler, but also to help the parent and child feel more positively about themselves and their interaction.

Outcome: *To date we have helped 20 families bond with their new babies.*

2. Play Therapy

Play therapy is to children what talk therapy is to adults. Research confirms that play is a child's primary tool for communication, growth, and development. Therapy is useful for kids with all sorts of different struggles, including but not limited to:

Outcomes: *To date we have helped 215 babies via play therapy to cope with abandonment and abuse with the help of our partners in psychology.*

3. Operation Immunisation

Immunization protects children (and adults) against harmful infections before they come into contact with them in the community.

Outcome: *To date 270 Babies has been immunized by our partner in baby wellness*

New Projects

1. Mommies-In-Distress

ESHAB has started a new program in January 2017, called Mommy's in Distress, which aims to help single mothers with no financial support with a baby hamper to the value of R2000.00 or more. These hampers are made up of pre-loved clothing and kind donations by the public. To date we have helped four mommies and hope to do much more during the new financial year.

2. Youth Camps

El-Shammah has seen first hand, the effects of abandonment on babies and have decided to embark upon an **Awareness Drive** with the youth in Johannesburg and surrounding areas. We will create awareness by addressing social ills via life skills camps, Camp Paradise, designed especially for youth.

The primary objective however, will remain to develop these young people, and empower them with the requisite values, life-skills and knowledge that can assist them to become responsible,

Volunteers Needed!!!



Calling on all volunteers!

Please apply with Police Clearance, a Copy of your ID and your available hours.



Call Merencia or Allistair on

011 054 0530

Or

074 942 1297

Or 061 24 2709

Thank you to all our monthly Donors

El-Shammah Home For abandoned Babies can not do what it does without the help of our-monthly cash donors. We salute each and everyone of you.

Thank you to our kind community who selflessly donates goodies to our little ones.

Thank you to Baby Roomz in Cape Town for decorating our rooms and donating new cots and compactums to all our babies.



Thank you to Calista Petersen for requesting a Vehicle from Greyhound SA. And thank you to Greyhound for donating a Mercedes Vito 115 crewbus to our organisation.

Thank you to Afric Oil for your generous donation which enabled us to purchase a smaller car for our hospital and medical appointments.

Thank you to Jacaranda FM, Bobby and Karlien van Jaarsveld and hundreds of South Africans who ensured that the property belongs to the NPO.

Thank you to all our Mandela Day Sponsors

Thank you to Captive Business Consultants for a new gate motor, intercom system and play area for our babies.

Thank you to Mamba Security for ensuring our safety with alarm monitoring and armed response.

Thank you to Pest Control Specialist for making sure that all the little insects and rodents are kept at bay.

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services

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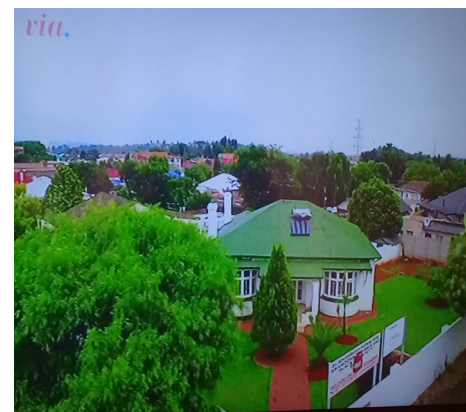
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El-Shammah Home For abandoned Babies and Place of Safety