

# CHAEI CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

We are officially into the last quarter of the year and things aren't slowing down at The Chaeli Campaign. It has been amazing to be able to see our beneficiaries again face-to-face and to have in person meetings. Have a look at what we have been up to this month.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### **Bukiwe Mkhuba**

We first met Bukiwe in 2009 when her daughter, Inge, who is cerebral palsied, was referred to The Chaeli Campaign by Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Bukiwe and Inge spent time working with Rosemary, our Occupational Therapist, and in 2010 Bukiwe joined The Chaeli Campaign as a community worker in Masiphumelele.

Since she started with The Chaeli Campaign Bukiwe has completed several courses including her Level Four Early Childhood Development course and her Higher Certificate in Disability Studies at UCT.

Over the past years Bukiwe has forged strong ties with families of children and young adults living with disabilities through weekly home visits. She definitely takes an empowering approach during her home visits and provides practical advice and emotional support to the parents or care givers of the differently-abled child or young adult.

Bukiwe started a parent support group in Masiphumelele and at these workshops Bukiwe and other parents of differently-abled children share ideas and their own stories. She assists these parents in any way possible from assistance in applying for social grants to ensuring that their child receives the correct care or therapy.

Through her home visits and parent support groups Bukiwe has actively been involved in securing RDP Homes for 12 families in Masiphumelele. These 12 families each have a disabled child or adult living at home.

Bukiwe applied for a RDP house for her daughter and this past week they moved into their very first home. We would like to congratulate Bukiwe on all of her hard work and dedication towards her community and we wish her many happy years in her new home!



***LEFT: Parent Support Group year end function***



***RIGHT: Bukiwe in front of her new home***



***LEFT: Ambassador Group in Masi***

# Independent Communication for Kudzai



Kudzai is 15 years old and was born with cerebral palsy, and has dystonia and epilepsy. He has been part of The Chaeli Campaign family for years and is a Chaeli wheelchair dancer, Chaeli Buggy Rider as well as a Chaeli Sports & Recreations Club adaptive runner.

Due to Kudzai's disability his communication is limited, however, with specialised equipment and software his entire world could be opened up.

Along with this mom Ellen, we would like to help Kudzai achieve independent communication by purchasing specialised software and a laptop. We need to raise R36 000 in order to purchase the Eyegaze software and laptop.



If you would like to support Kudzai in reaching independent communication please find details below:

THE CHAELI CAMPAIGN  
BANK: ABSA  
ACC #:9197 353 175 (Savings)  
BRANCH: Wynberg (632005)  
REFERENCE: Your Name + KUDZAI

We are able to provide Section 18A Tax Certificates for donations made in support of #KudzaisCommunication

## Face-to-face with our therapists

Earlier this month our therapists, community workers and teachers met face-to-face after meeting virtually since April.

We have all missed personal connection and it was wonderful to be able to share experiences and discuss ideas with one another.



## Happiness & Education with Uyolo ne Mfundo

We received wonderful feedback from several ECD Centres who received Volume 1 of Uyolo ne Mfundo (English translation is Happiness & Education). One teacher in Brown's Farm sent us the photo alongside and said that the children have been doing the activities in class time, as well as at home with their parents. Volume 2 of Uyolo ne Mfundo is currently being distributed and we can't wait to see more photos of the children completing the activities.



## Upcoming Events...

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH CHAELI**

Disability Awareness month takes place from 03 November to 03 December and this month's Conversations with Chaeli will be highlighting INCLUSION & DISABILITY.

Join Chaeli and her guests as they discuss the importance of inclusion on Saturday, 21 November at 16h00 (SAST).

Email [chaeli@chaelicampaign.co.za](mailto:chaeli@chaelicampaign.co.za) to register.

### **PARENT BOOSTER SESSION**

Our virtual parent booster sessions provides the opportunity for parents of children with disabilities to speak openly while providing support and advice where possible to one another.

The topic this month is BECOMING ABILITY ACTIVISTS. Celebrate ability with fellow parents on Tuesday, 24 November at 14h00 and/or on Saturday, 28 November at 10h00.

Email [kirsten@chaelicampaign.org](mailto:kirsten@chaelicampaign.org) for the registration link.

## How to support The Chaeli Campaign...

Thank you to those individuals and companies who support our work through regular monthly giving and once off donations. We appreciate you more than you could know. With your assistance we are able to continue making a difference in the lives of children and people with disabilities.

Your support through online giving will ensure that we can continue serving the communities we work with.

If you would like to sign up as a monthly Pledge Partner please email [info@chaelicampaign.org](mailto:info@chaelicampaign.org) to receive the form.

### **BANK DETAILS**

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STANDARD BANK (BRANCH CODE 025 609)  
ACCOUNT NUMBER 076 674 150

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