

ANGEL NEWS

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EDITORIAL

In the past six months The Angel Network has achieved remarkable milestones in our mission to alleviate poverty and uplift communities.

Through your unwavering support, our branches have made significant strides in bringing hope and positive change for those in need. From providing essential resources to marginalised communities, to implementing sustainable development projects, we are proud of the impact we have made.

None of this would have been possible without your continuous support. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who has contributed to our causes, for it is through your compassion and dedication that we continue to make a difference.

Together we are building a brighter future for those who need it most.



MY SCHOOL CARD BENEFICIARY

We receive on average R8 500 monthly from My School Card and implore everyone who is not yet a member or does not have us as a beneficiary on their card, to please consider adding us. One can have up to 3 beneficiaries per card and it costs you absolutely nothing. We receive a percentage of your spend every time you swipe your MySchool Card. You can apply for one online. It takes 5 min.

It's an effortless process; simply apply for a new card or update your existing profile and add The Angel Network to your list of beneficiaries. By doing this, you will be helping raise funds for our cause without it costing you anything! Additionally, you will receive discounts when using the card to make purchases.

Make a difference with the click of a button - add The Angel Network to your My School card as one

of your beneficiaries today! Every time you shop at any of the 1,500+ partner stores, a percentage of that money will go towards helping us provide much needed resources to our beneficiaries. Plus, it's completely free and you can change or update your beneficiary list whenever you want! So don't wait - be an angel and help us make a positive impact in people's lives by signing up for My School card now!

Download their mobile app, follow the instructions and you're all set! Can't use the app? Just register here <https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register> Or SMS LINK to 31231 to link your card and they will call you back to link your card. For more information, head over to their user-friendly website www.myschoolcard.co.za.

“the only way is UP” FUNDATION CAMPAIGN

With YOUR help, WE DID IT!!!! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We couldn't have done it without you. Not only did we exceed our target of R2.5M, we raised a whopping R3 192 289.

There are SO many people and organizations behind the scenes to thank:

The Capital on Park in Jhb and The Capital on Orange in CT for donating us such beautiful space for the full 2 days of our telethon. We love your hotels and are so grateful for your support.

Go Rentals for the loan of 20 laptops to assist with the smooth running of our campaign. You made it all that much easier.

Adam Levin and Brandsmiths, we really enjoyed your creativity and working with you.

Thank you to Du Pont Telecoms for installing phone lines for our event in Jhb, ensuring that everything ran smoothly, and to Julian Sher and Left Click for donating all phone lines in CT. Huge gratitude.

Jonathan Birin and Adam Davis for the beautiful music for our video, which was done so professionally and with so much love and care (and in record time) by the inimitable Pam Meyerowitz.

To each and every volunteer in Jhb and CT that gave of their time to call and appeal for donations, you were really amazing and we really appreciate you so much.

To our Executive team, WE DID IT!!! You are all phenomenal and I feel extremely proud and privileged to get to work with each of you every single day. Hayley Glasser, Lindi Katzoff, Terri Marks, Dalia Katz, Tanya Altshuler, Rachel Kinloch, Rachel Maehler, Daphne Avinir and Janene Nates. YOU ARE THE ANGEL NETWORK, and you UPlift me daily. Melanie Levy for your continued help, support and love always, thank you.

To our donors, without whom we'd be nothing. Thank you feels so inadequate. You are undoubtedly the wind beneath our wings. Your continued kindness, generosity and support makes everything possible. This campaign was a success because of all of you. Thank you for always showing UP for us.

To The Angel Network Australia team and The Angel Network USA, we appreciate you all more than you'll ever know. Your foreign currency goes such a long way and we love working with you. You are truly remarkable women who have never forgotten SA. Thank you Simone Joffe, Louise Fisher, Candy Mervis, Jo-Ann Bloch, Martine Chait and Tammy Ceppi in Oz and Janine Frier in the USA. Thank you to Karen Wolmer and Adi Glasser for running teams for us so successfully. We are most grateful.

And a final thank you to Milan Levy, an Uber mensch and the brains behind Fundnation. What an absolute pleasure it is to work with you. Thank you for coming up with the most user friendly way to run a campaign. We cannot wait to do it all over again with you next year.



“Alone we can do so little, Together we can do so much”

Helen Keller

INVESTEC COMMUNITY GARDEN AND SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE



"Thank you for all that you have done helping our community after the floods. We don't know what we would have done after we lost everything."
- Emmanuel

One of the flood relief projects we spearheaded in 2022, was in the rural area of Inanda. This particular community had over 200 people displaced who had absolutely nothing left, most wearing only mud-covered clothing, as they had fled in fear during the night. We teamed up with a local concerned community member, Emmanuel, and set out to provide basic necessities such as mattresses, food and clothing.

We were very grateful when Investec came to the rescue to enable us to provide the community with a vegetable garden and 2 soup kitchens. All of which help to provide a healthy meal twice a week to over 300 vulnerable people.

The local municipality built temporary homes, and we used funds donated for flood relief to provide the community with a toilet and shower block, electricity and running water.

We have loved working with the amazing and big-hearted community leaders and volunteers.



SOUP KITCHEN SHELTER EXTENDED

One of the amazing community initiatives we support in Avoca Hills, requested material for them to be able to extend their Soup Kitchen roof shelter to protect beneficiaries from the elements while waiting in line for a meal. This soup kitchen feeds hundreds of children each day and the children were having to stand in the rain and hot sun whilst waiting for their meal. We were delighted to be able to assist by donating building materials and the community worked together to build the shelter.



COMRADES MARATHON CHARITY RUN

What an absolute honour it was to watch a first time Comrades Runner, running to raise funds and awareness for The Angel Network Durban. Jono, we are so appreciative and proud of your incredible accomplishment, coming in under 10 hours, especially for your first Comrades, is no small undertaking. Jono raised over R100 000 for our little NPO! These funds will be used to help rebuild homes which were affected by the recent Durban June floods and storms.



UPSKILLING PROJECTS

We are seeing the most incredible stories with the upskilling projects that we support. We work closely with an NPO called LoveMark, who offer courses and skills training to underprivileged and unemployed individuals. Through our network, we were so grateful to be able to source a total of 5 sewing machines, thus far, and this has empowered individuals to create their own jobs and income. If you would like to purchase any of the fabulous items being produced as part of this project, you can find them at: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/LoveMarkDurban>.

VALENTINE'S DAY



Thank you to everyone who supported our Valentine's Day campaign. With the funds raised, we were able to hand out 100 bunny chows to our friends who live on the streets, in addition to paying for 166 people to stay in a shelter for a night, which was such a blessing. The recipients were so happy and so grateful!



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A huge thank you to the SAJBD for their funding which allowed us to purchase desperately needed school uniforms in January this year for some of the children affected by last year's

GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE SA JEWISH REPORT

We would like to extend our appreciation to the SA Jewish Report and their donors for the recent donation of solar lights and electric hot water bottles which we presented to the residents and staff at the Issy Geshen Lamont Home for the Aged. The donation could not have come at a better time as we are currently in the peak of the winter season.

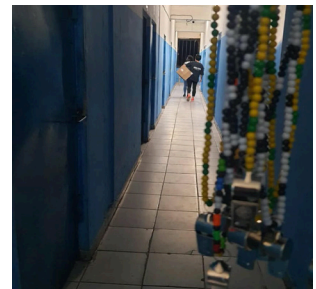


MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY 2023

Thank you to everyone who participated in our very successful Mother's Day campaign in May by purchasing a gift voucher. With the funds raised, we were able to provide food vouchers to 50 moms-in-need. After our Father's Day campaign in June, we were also able to supply 50 warm blankets to underprivileged children in Inanda. The blankets were sewn and supplied by one of our LoveMark Upskill Sewing Projects so, through the generosity of our donors, the sewers also benefitted by earning some money to take home to their families.

EXPOSE HOPE ALERT WHISTLES

We were made aware of a tragic story of a young girl who was accosted by a group of men and was unable to call for help.



These young ladies, trapped in the sex industry, walking the streets, are faced with daily physical and mental abuse. We work alongside a wonderful NPO, Expose Hope, who work tirelessly to help these ladies escape the industry. We decided to help by placing an order through LoveMark to make 400 alert whistles which Expose Hope then handed out to these ladies. The ladies were so appreciative and have already told us how their friends come running when they hear a whistle being blown. We just love collaborating with the incredible NGOs in Durban, especially those going into the darkest and most dangerous areas to help others.



ANOTHER STORM HITS KZN

On 27 June, our city of Durban experienced another devastating natural disaster. The preliminary report from the provincial Disaster Management centre has identified over 3000 individuals being badly affected and their belongings were washed and blown away. There have been 11 confirmed fatalities and hundreds injured. We have been working alongside the Disaster Management team to assist with the urgent needs of the communities. Now that the immediate needs of food, water and shelter have been met, we will begin with sourcing and assisting with building materials for some of the homes that are damaged.



FIRE RELIEF

In May, Durban sadly suffered two large fires in the communities of Isipingo and Avoca Hills. With grateful thanks to our funders, we were able to provide these communities with much-needed water, food and clothing items for the affected families. We also handed out teddy bears to the children as comfort toys after the traumatic events. In addition, we were able to restock a small spaza shop, which had burnt down in Avoca Hills. The spaza shop is not only a vital service for the community, but is also the only source of income for the family who runs it. We love a happy ending!



A HELPING HAND FOR BUCUMI

In May, we were alerted to the sad news of a young man who had just been released from hospital after suffering a stroke.

Before the stroke, Bucumi worked as a car guard which enabled him to send money home to his family in Burundi. Due to his stroke, he is now unable to earn a living.



We sent out an appeal on our social media platforms, and were so grateful with the response we received. We were able to supply Bucumi with a brand-new wheelchair, as well as groceries.

A generous member of the public also paid for his rent for the month, and we were able to sponsor a second month. This goodwill will go a long way in relieving Bucumi of his financial pressures during his recuperation.

We wish Bucumi a speedy and full recovery.



HOUSE OF DORCAS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We now have 32 children attending the after-school program at Cato Manor.

The amazing NPO, House of Dorcas, has been helping children learn to read and write after school hours. We are most grateful to our Angel Network Australia team members who were able to secure an incredibly generous sponsor for the program from Australia. Most of the children who attend are illiterate or have special needs. This program is allowing children an opportunity for a brighter future because of the wonderful volunteers and donors.





QUEEN FUNDRAISER

We all ROCKED at the Queen WE WILL ROCK YOU Show!!!
 With your incredible generosity and support of our We Will Rock You Fundraiser, we sold 170 tickets! This far exceeded our expectations and the funds raised will enable us to continue our support in the many vulnerable communities around the Western Cape.



EASTER EGGCITEMENT ACROSS THE WESTERN CAPE

Thanks to our amazing donors, we were able to collect 4324 Easter Eggs to distribute to our beneficiaries in our Easter Egg Campaign. This generosity enabled our beneficiaries to spoil the children a little this Easter, with treats, Easter Egg hunts and goodie bags.



BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE CAMPAIGN

This year, we were very fortunate to partner up with Spar Sea Point for our Back to School Shoe Campaign. SPAR, in partnership with Bata school shoes, enabled our amazing supporters to buy a pair of school shoes for only R60 when spending R500 or more at their store.

Through #connectingkindness we were able to change many children's lives by boosting their confidence as they walked into their new school year with brand new school shoes.



HOUT BAY FIRE

Unfortunately, there was another devastating fire in Cape Town, this time in Imizamo Yethu Informal Settlement, Hout Bay.

We worked with Thula Thula who are from Hout Bay and were on the ground, and donated clothing, blankets and toiletries to them to be distributed.

We also made a monetary donation of R10 000 directly to Yebo Fresh who delivered family packs of food to the fire victims.



MAMA NOMUTE'S ORPHANAGE



When Martine and Louis Chait officially opened Hannah and Ben's Kitchen in Langa, in honour of their late children, we were treated to the most beautiful traditional dancing. These children instantly won over our hearts and we learned that they were all from an orphanage nearby. We met the amazing Mama Nomute, who runs the orphanage, and we were advised that they were in desperate need of mattresses, linen, clothing, appliances, food and toiletries.

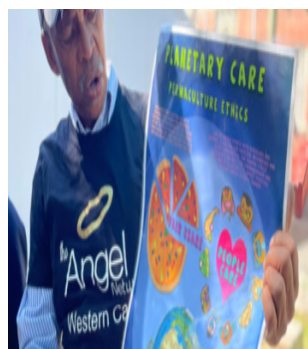
They often perform outside restaurants on the weekends to try and raise some money.

We are most grateful to The Angel Network Australia who sourced generous donors to assist the orphanage with their most urgent needs, one of which is an outdoor portable toilet. The children had previously used a toilet at a hostel nearby in the day and buckets at night, as it is too dangerous for them to walk around at night. This is a project we are passionate about, and hope to make a real difference in their lives.



GUFFI PARTNERSHIP

We are continuing our strong and very exciting partnership with Gugulethu Urban Food Forest Initiative – GUFFI – who planted the vegetable garden at Salt River School. They continue to monitor the growth of the vegetables, assist with harvesting and are vested in the students with an interest in the garden. We look forward to this partnership growing in the future, and hope to roll out many more gardens with them to ensure sustainability.





HANNAH AND BEN'S KITCHEN OFFICIAL OPENING

On Saturday 2nd March we were privileged to attend the special and very moving official opening of Hannah and Ben's Kitchen in LANGA, by their parents Martine and Louis Chait, who flew in from Sydney to officially open the kitchen in loving memory of their precious children Hannah and Ben.

It was a beautiful morning filled with emotion, humility, love and gratitude. Thank you to The Angel Network Australia for their continuous support.



OPENING OF TWO NEW KITCHENS IN DESTITUTE AREAS

We are incredibly grateful to have received funding from The Angel Network Australia to open two new kitchens in Bonteheuwel and Blikkiesdorp, both extremely destitute areas in the Western Cape.

The generous donors funded the set up costs for both kitchens including gas burners, pots, utensils and gas. Vanessa Nelson from Hope for the Future, one of our amazing beneficiaries, will oversee the running of both kitchens.

The kitchens started operating in March. In partnership with Yebo Fresh, we pay them directly for the food ingredients and they deliver directly to Vanessa, who then supplies the two kitchens.



TRE WORKSHOP- SUPPORTING OUR BENEFICIARIES' MENTAL HEALTH

We have seen a dramatic increase in the amount of traumatic situations which our beneficiaries running the kitchens are dealing with on a daily basis. We often receive desperate pleas for help from our beneficiaries, when there has been a shooting, a fire, a rape, an attack or similar experiences, and we feel totally overwhelmed and helpless.

We realized that our beneficiaries, who take on so much for their communities, need our support to ensure their mental well being. Daphne, our admin assistant and social worker by profession, has taken on this project, and arranged a TRE WORKSHOP for our beneficiaries. We see this vital initiative as an investment in the overall well-being of our beneficiaries.

TRE or Trauma Releasing Exercises, is a form of exercise where tension and trauma are released. We believe that in order for our beneficiaries to function at their optimal level, they need to be emotionally and mentally strong, and our support is vital to ensure this.

We held a very heart warming and successful workshop on the 24th of April and will be holding another on the 30th June. We will continue on this journey of mental health for our beneficiaries.



MANDELA DAY TOILETRY CAMPAIGN



R67 fills a toiletry bag-

This Mandela Day please help us

#connectkindness



MANDELA DAY TOILETRY CAMPAIGN - FILL A TOILETRY BAG FOR R67

For Mandela Day this year we are running a Mandela Day Toiletry Campaign. Toiletries are luxuries for so many, which we take for granted.

We received a very generous donation of toiletry bags from Alligator Manufacturing which we will be filling with essential toiletry items for just R67 per bag.

We are hoping for a very successful campaign to enable us to fill as many bags as possible and make a difference in the lives of hundreds of children in vulnerable communities.

See our Facebook page and Instagram for details

THE "HEART 4 AFRICA" BAKERY

In March this year we officially opened our first bakery, sponsored by The South African Jewish Board of Deputies and The Angel Network, Gauteng, at Sacred Heart College. 10 women are now able to make a living from baking and selling delicious bread, rolls and pizza.

For further information on how to sponsor a bakery, please email Glynne at glynne@theangelnetwork.co.za



EASTER EGGS

We set a target of 10 000 Easter eggs and with your help exceeded our target.

With heartfelt thanks to Joburg Mini and Junior Council, ITOO Special Risks, Parkmore Nursery School, Greenside Primary School, Colleen Suttner and friends and every individual who contributed to this year's Easter appeal. As a result of your incredible generosity and kindness, more than 10 000 orphaned and vulnerable children felt special over Easter!



COSY COMFORT PACKS

This year our annual Cosy Comfort Pack drive was so successful that we were able to gift over 450 people with a sturdy carrier bag, containing a sleeping bag, blanket, porridge and a pillow. With heartfelt thanks to Citi Bank for donating 300 packs.



COSY COMFORT PACKS

We distributed hundreds of lights and hot water bottles to impoverished communities as well as to matriculants at Mitzvah School as well as in Mamafubedu in the Free State during a youth event.



FOREVER TERI WINTER WARMERS

A big shout out and a massive thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Forever Teri Winter Warmer campaign. We have been able to distribute 450 sets containing a blanket, gloves and scody (scarf and hoody) to kids who will no longer be cold this winter.

Thank you ALL for caring. Special thanks to Herbert Smith Freehills and NuSkin South Africa for donating hundreds of sets.





DONATION OF TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE

We all take for granted that we brush our teeth twice daily. Hundreds of thousands of people in South Africa do not have the luxury of something as simple as a toothbrush and toothpaste. Louise Fisher, an ex-pat living in Australia, made it her mission to gift over a thousand people with a toothbrush and toothpaste. Heartfelt thanks to Louise for her ardent support of The Angel Network and to every person from Australia that brought these gifts to South Africa.

DIS-CHEM DONATION

With heartfelt thanks to The Dis-Chem Foundation for donating 500 warm blankets to The Angel Network for our beneficiaries. We are, as always, enormously grateful.



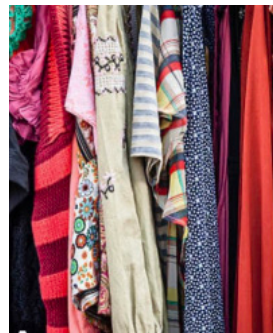
SIMPLE TO SIGN

For anyone considering making a monthly donation, Simple to Sign is your answer. We would be so grateful if you would consider signing up, thereby making us one of your monthly beneficiaries <https://theangelnetwork.co.za/monthly-donations/>

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SUPERHERO TO GIVE US WINGS.
Be an everyday hero
 Sign up to donate a monthly amount from as little as R50.
www.theangelnetworksa.co.za/donate
 #BeAnEveryDayHero

SOUP KITCHENS

Our 40 soup kitchens supply 120 000 meals monthly at a cost of R240 000 a month. Every R2 donated supplies a meal. For further information on how to sponsor a soup kitchen for a day, a week or a month, email glynne@theangelnetwork.co.za.

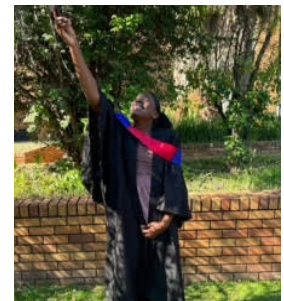


ANGEL CLOTHING - GIVING A HAND UP

We appeal to everyone to please donate their second hand clothing. Mothers of special needs children make a living this way as they are unable to leave their children to go to work. Call Marion on 083 448 8675 or Glynne on 083 777 1621 for drop off details.

EDUCATION

We continue to support dozens of students at both a secondary and tertiary level and help where helps is needed by giving a hand UP.



THE ANGEL NETWORK IS ONCE AGAIN HOSTING THE INIMITABLE NIK RABINOWITZ

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the Angel Network

RAM BUNCIOS!

THURS 27 JULY - 7.30PM
 SAT 29 JULY - 8PM

THEATRE ON THE SQUARE

CALL OR WHATSAPP GLYNNE ON 083 777 1621
 NO RESERVED SEATING



The Angel Network Australia has enjoyed growing and networking this year.

Our team of volunteers has grown and now includes Martine Chait, Tammy Ceppi, Candy Mervis, Jo-Ann Bloch, Simone Joffe and Cathy Crawford in Sydney, and Louise Fisher in Melbourne.

Our inaugural fundraising event for International Women's Day raised \$9000.

The event was intended to host 60 guests but very quickly grew to 90 guests. No one left empty handed as we had plenty of door prizes, raffles and treats for all, as they contributed to the evening of love and kindness.

KITCHENS

For the year ahead, we hope to keep our focus on the 6 kitchens under our care.

As the number of dependants continue to grow, we hope to fulfil our commitment to these vulnerable souls, and in order to do so we have planned for a couple of interesting events to take place in the second half of the year. We aim to continue to raise funds for our existing projects and to continue to spread the word about how, and why the Angel Network operates in South Africa and in Australia.



Two new kitchens have been set up in Cape Town in collaboration with the Angel Network Western Cape. The kitchens are located in the townships of Bronteheuvel and Blikkiesdorp, and are sponsored on a monthly basis by two kind-hearted Sydney families. These kitchens are managed by a local charity called Hope for the Future and Funded from Australia.



MAMA NOMUTE'S

In collaboration with The Angel Network Western Cape, and with the generosity of a few wonderful Sydney families, we were able to purchase a portable toilet for Nomute's Childrens Home, beds, mattresses, linen, cushions, blankets, heaters, a washing machine, microwave and warm winter clothes for the children. We are still in search of a sponsor to cover the daily costs that Mama Nomute incurs in supporting the 33 orphans in her care.



HANNAH & BEN'S KITCHEN

While Martine and Louise Chait were visiting H & B Kitchen, which they sponsor in Langa, Cape Town in April, they were treated to a day of celebrations and were able to meet some of the Kitchen volunteers and kids who visit the kitchen on weekdays. H & B Kitchen is run in collaboration with The Angel Network Western Cape. During this celebration The Angel Network made contact with a nearby orphanage that makes use of the kitchen.



LOCAL VISIT

Our Melbourne Angel, Louise Fisher was also privileged to be able to visit a few of the kitchens that we sponsor on a monthly basis, namely Hannah & Ben's Kitchen, Salt River Kitchen in Cape Town as well as Sammy D's Kitchen in Orange Farm, for which Louise tirelessly raises funds.

Her warm welcome was both touching and inspiring, and it helped us to understand the dire circumstances and needs of many of the communities within South Africa.

In addition, The Angel Network Australia in collaboration with the Angel Network Gauteng, continues to support a Kitchen in Port Elizabeth, which is run by 3 retired Domestic workers.

Finally, over the past 6 months TANA has been able to contribute funds in cases of emergency, such as shack fires, floods and unusually cold winter conditions.

DONATIONS TO AUSTRALIA

To make donations to the Angel Network South Africa from Australia, please visit the following website and you will be provided with a Tax Receipt.

<https://theangelnetwork.org.au>

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