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News Letter

2nd Term 2022

This term has passed in a blur. Not only that, this year is going by way too quick! But ... Credo still managed to fill the 2nd term with quite a few activities.



A total of **355 Loveboxes (Bloemfontein & Reddersburg)** were packed for the 2nd term! Lots of boxes were so full that they had to be tied with rope.

With big appreciation Cherie had quite a few people who helped her out.

A huge thank you to Elsa, Berlina, Brenda & Shani!

Also, a special thank you to our helpers from AMC that are always there & ready to load, unload, sort, fill-up, pack & then deliver.

People don't realize the work that goes into this planning, until they actually see it. But when handing out these boxes the reward to see the exited faces makes it all worthwhile!

The Children were so excited to get these boxes & couldn't wait to warm up with their warm jackets, scarfs, beanies, gloves & fluffy blankets. Not only that, but all had something sweet that ALWAYS makes you feel better in these dreadful winter times.



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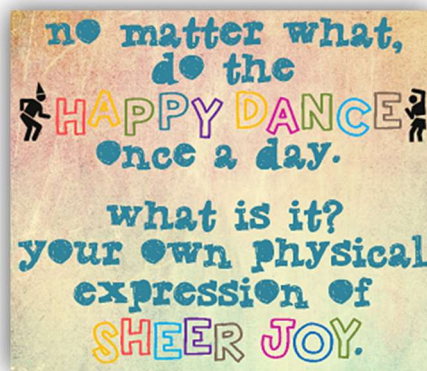


Generosity is doing
something for someone else
expecting nothing in return.

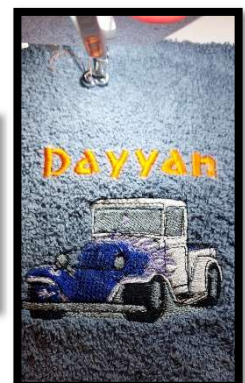




House of Compassion's kids were so happy they did a **HAPPY DANCE** when we arrived! This just made the delivery even more special.



Some of our Reddersburg packers even decided to embroidered their kids name on their blankets; this came out beautiful. The children love having their own personalized blanket.






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Some very special thank you letters from the children.

Two kinds of

GRATITUDE:

The sudden kind we feel for what we take; and the larger kind we feel for what we give.

Liewe Tannie
Baie dankie vir die laetel ek waerder dit spie-
bele. Ek gaan vir die vakansie bakkie in my ouers toe
en is baie opgewonde. ~~My~~ my ters toe dankie tannie
is awesome. Hoop tannie en tannie se familie het
'n wonderlike vakansie en kerstes, liefes tannie.
Kin, Justine Lange 

Baie dankie vir al julle
liefde en omgee. Ek waardeer
dit so baie.
Baie dankie vir die
mooi geskenk.
Hoop julle het 'n baie
mooi jaar wat voorle.
Liefde henell.

Baie danke vir al die geskenke. Dit was enis net wat ek
vrou gehand het, asook nodig gehand het. Ek waardeer dit en
saie baie danke vir al die moeite, wat tannie in sit, Ek kan nie genoeg
dankie sê nie, Ek hou baie van die teekies en kere die ras perket
en dit is uiters mooi, Ek hoop tannie het 'n goeie Jaaren bly gelukkig
in vol vreugde.
VAN JAMES

Baie Danke vir die twee PS 2 remoes
en die letters veral vir die freetas. Dit lyk
baie lekker, en dan wil ek net se hoe baie ek
die kere waardeer. Dit lyk baie mooi, en
ek kan so nie wag om dit aan te trekke.
Ek kan nie genoeg danke sê nie, dit is 'n
volmaakte geskenk en dit beteken so baie
vir my mens sal dit nie eers glo nie, want
dit kom met liefde en van die hart af.

8. My gunsteling koekies is ...klofers

Liewe tannie
Hallo tannie ek wil net se baie dankie
vir als wat tannie heel vir ons doen so
al vir tannie hul se moeite met die kere
dit is baie mooi en dankie vir al die
mooi goed wat ons altyd daar in
kry dit is verig baie mooi
ek hoop tannie geniet tannie se
chaggie verder en dat tannie 'n mooi
jaar voers toe sal se
van: Caylin



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Credo also managed to hand out 20 blankets & some treats to street children. At least we knew they could sleep a little bit warmer.



Lovebox Drop-off/Pickup Points

Unfortunately, **Techstop Woodlands** couldn't accommodate us anymore, because their shop setup had changed.



THANK YOU TECHSTOP
*for all the years you
helped us out!!*



New drop-off point is now at St James Church in Heuwelsig. Thank you for being willing to help.

******These drop off points makes things easier for the packers to be able to drop off at a point closest to them!***



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Current Drop-off/Pickup points:

- ♥ Bayswater – Shaggy Hair (Franklin Street)
- ♥ Langenhoven Park – Library (Boerneef Street)
- ♥ Hospital Park – Cherie's House (Dover Street)
- ♥ Bainsvlei – AMC Office (Venter Street)
- ♥ Heuwelsig – St James Church (Erns Jansen Street)

Bi-Weekly Fruit & Veg

Not even the rain could stop Credo from delivering fresh fruit & veggies to the children houses every 2 weeks!

Special thank you to **Workshop Warehouse Bloemfontein** for making an awesome plan & wrapping the bakkie's cattle rails with plastic wrap!





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Various types of citrus fruits were in season & not only is this super healthy but the children love it!! Some extra added vitamins help to keep the winter flu at bay.



Thank you, Manguang Market, for always giving us the best prices possible so we can ensure everyone gets a decent amount of much needed fresh fruit & veg.



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With the help of Social Worker, Marinique du Plessis from Engo, 5 of the children's homes had a big Fundraising Event at Leopards and Lace in May.



The children did a show, wearing their Tie Die shirts that were donated by African Mining and Crushing.

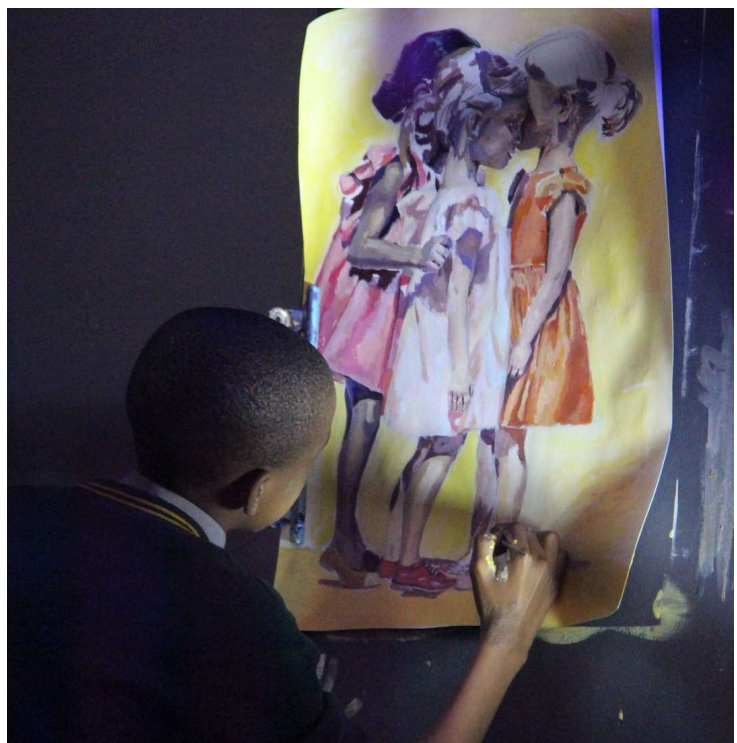
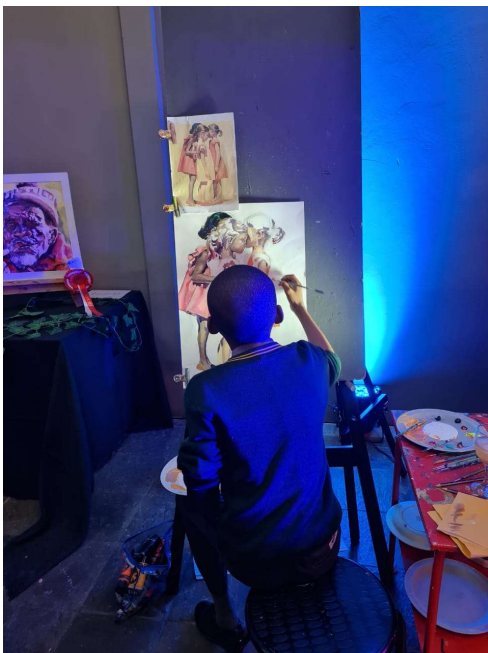




On each guest table were paintings that were made by the children. These paintings were auctioned off & they managed to raise R100 000.00!!! This also taught the children about giving back. Funds will be used for special therapy.

Siyabonga Gans, a 12-year-old boy, did a painting during the course of the evening. This painting & 2 more of his paintings were sold for a big amount.

Engo gave him R9000.00 to help him towards his amazing talent





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A special thank you to **Mr. & Mrs Caldas** for coming all the way down from Johannesburg to attend this event. **Caldas Engineering** has been one of Credo's biggest sponsors for years. We really do appreciate you!!!

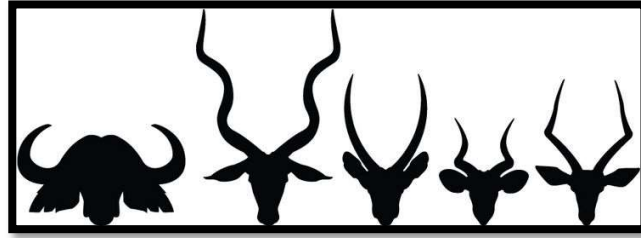


Thank you to **African Mining and Crushing (Zane Murray & Gustav van Aardt)** for also being there, not only at the event, but every step of the way on everything Credo does in the community.





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Winter Season =
Hunting Season =
Warm Meaty Stew!!!



A few Americans came and visited South Africa to hunt & made a huge donation of meat to Credo. After processing, it was a total of 1800kg's of meat that we managed to divide between the houses. They couldn't believe it & this brought tears to their eyes. Meat is a luxury that they seldomly can afford. This donation makes a big difference especially during winter time.

Thank you to Matthew Hughes & his friends for this amazing donation!



Johan Olivier from Bloemdal Slaghuis processed this meat for us free of charge. Credo couldn't leave it there & gave him something for all his hard work & time he put into this. It's a pleasure to work with Johan, because he helps with a smile and is always willing to process meat donations for Credo.





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Not only did the American's donate meat, but we also have a Lovebox packer who frequently donates meat during the year. Thank you for all your donations as well. We really appreciate it.



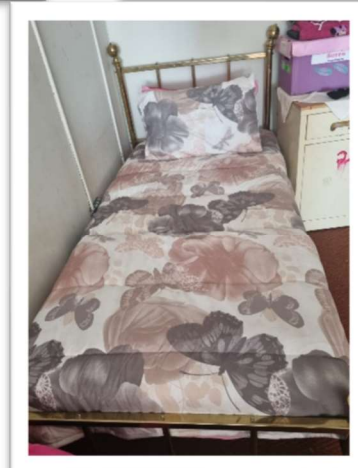
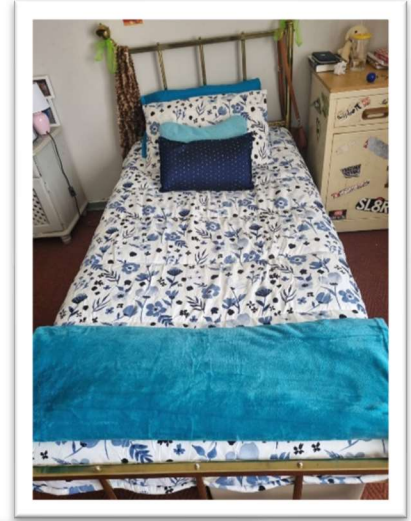
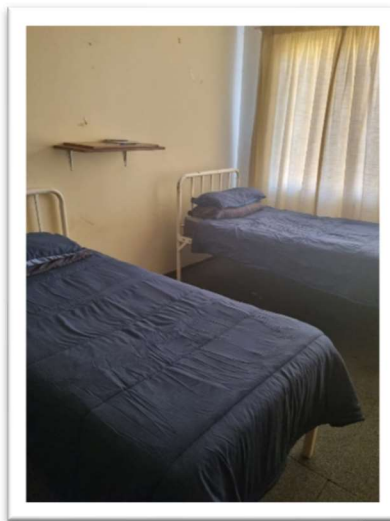
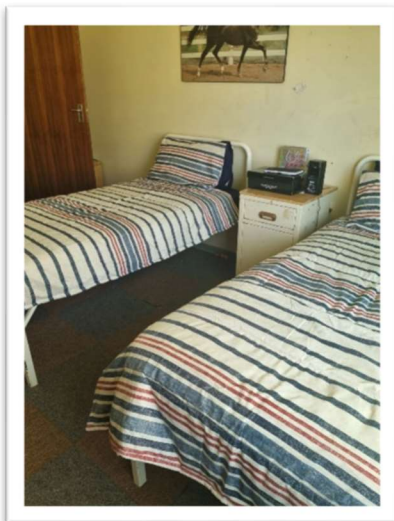


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New Bedding at Esperanza Children's Home

The children desperately needed new bedding. Gizelle Pienaar (One of our BIG helpers) took the initiative to collect funds from a few Lovebox packers & friends. They managed to buy 12 new comforters, pillow cases & sheets. Each room was colour coded. The children were so excited about their new bedding & couldn't wait to sleep in it.

Thank you, Gizelle, for doing this & for everything else you do for Credo!!!





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This year there are 19 Matrics! All who would love to attend



their Matric Farewell dance & this is something we really don't want them to miss out on. Some schools ask up to R400.00 per person to attend their matric farewell & the houses struggle to afford this. This is excluding the clothes they'll need to look pretty for the event.

If there is anyone who would like to donate toward this, please get in contact with us as soon as possible.

Needed donations:

Cash

*EFT's into Credo's account with reference – **Matric**

Dresses/suits

*If anyone has dresses / suits hanging in their cupboard & are willing to donate, please contact Cherie.





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Thank you, Jimmy & Marianne that sponsored a dress to Lolo. She going to look stunning for her dance!

Memories

... is making them!



As always, we just want to thank all our Sponsors – without you we will definitely not be able to do what we do!



**All private donations.
You know who you are**



Who is Credo Home of Hope?

Credo Home of Hope is a registered Non-Profit Organization with our main goal being the care or counseling of abandoned, abused, neglected, orphaned or homeless children. This includes helping with all the children's needs such as food, clothes, paying for education etc.

Credo was established by African Mining and Crushing to help Children's Homes in and around Bloemfontein. Currently there are just over 300 children living in 24 houses.

Children in these houses each receive a daily subsidy of R20 for food and a monthly subsidy of R60 for toiletries. This is not enough for all a child's needs.

With the help of some wonderful monthly sponsors, Credo is able to deliver fresh fruit and vegetables to each house twice a week. This helps to provide nutritious meals for the children.

Over time we have improved some of the houses where children stay but there is still much work needed. Some of these houses still need upgrading their appliances like stoves, fridges, washing machines etc.

We also started a Love Box Project a few years ago. This project has grown to 355 love boxes and is growing each term. These boxes are packed by volunteers and consist of much-needed clothing items, toiletries and snacks. We gather and distribute the boxes every term. The children can't wait to receive them!

A newsletter is sent out at the end of each term to thank all sponsors and volunteers involved.

With our current sponsors we are making a valuable difference in the lives of these children, but we would love to do even more!

If you want to become a part of this amazing project please contact:

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We will provide a Section 18A Receipt for any contribution received.

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