

# CHOC TIMES

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EASTERN CAPE

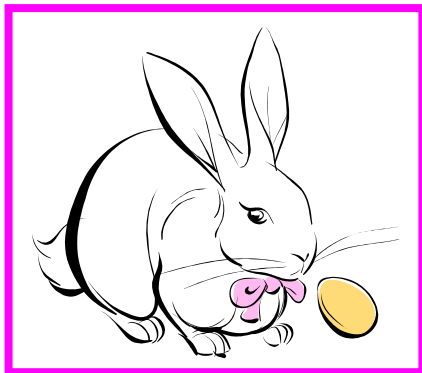
## EASTER SERVICE

A VERY SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE WAS HELD IN THE WARD ON THE 4 APRIL. OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO REV. BILL FOR CONDUCTING THE SERVICE AND TO MANDY GODFREY FOR MAKING ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.



## THANK YOU - TARRYN FLETCHER

Tarryn is a Grade 10 pupil at Clarendon High and she visited the children of Ward C5 just before Easter and gave them all Easter eggs



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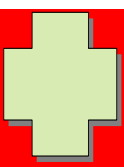
- CARA & THE STAFF OF INTENGU COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFTS THAT YOU GAVE THE CHILDREN AT THE EASTER SERVICE

## THANK YOU

- VISHNU AND MICHELLE NAICKER FOR THE DONATION OF EASTER PACKS FOR THE CHILDREN OF WARD C5

## CONDOLENCES - LANCE VAN ZYL

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HANNELIE, ADRIAAN AND CHANTE' DURING THIS SAD TIME WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR BELOVED SON/BROTHER - LANCE



## THANK YOU

- Crewe Primary School Staff and Pupils for choosing CHOC as their "Charity of the Term" and donating R3000 to CHOC East London
- Selborne College Interact Club for their generous donation of R1000
- Drs Cooper, Pienaar and Pohl for their monthly donation of R300
- Baysville Special School for their wonderful donation of R700
- Peter of Fruit and Veg City for the weekly donation of fruit for the children of Ward C5
- Di Branfield for distributing the fruit donation to the children with cancer, each Wednesday
- The anonymous ladies from Stutterheim who knitted teddies for the children with cancer - and thanks to Rena of CANSA for passing them on to us.
- CNA Vincent Park for their donation of toys
- Johnson & Johnson for the donation of items for our care bags that we give each new patient to the ward
- Debbie was invited to address the "Compassionate Friends" Support group's monthly meeting in April

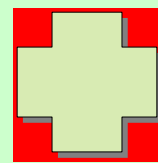


### **CHOC & WARD C5**

**Over and above the love, care and time that the CHOC volunteers give the children of Ward C5, this month - April - we have also provided the following:**

- 5 NEW IVAC DRIP STANDS FOR THE WARD - THEY WERE MANUFACTURED IN JOHANNESBURG BASED ON A DESIGN FROM THE U.S.A. AND IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOCK THEM OVER!
- A MICROWAVE OVEN FOR THE WARD KITCHEN, THE MOTHERS ARE ABLE TO USE THIS FACILITY, ESPECIALLY TO WARM BOTTLES AND FOOD FOR THEIR CHILDREN
- THE URN AND TV HAVE BEEN REPAIRED
- A CD/RADIO FOR THE USE OF THE CHILDREN IN THEIR PLAYROOM
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPORT FOR FAMILIES
- LUTHANDO, ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, AND HIS CHURCH GROUP ARE GOING TO BE VISITING THE WARD TO SHARE SPIRITUAL MESSAGES WITH THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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### **MEDICAL INFO** **HOW DOCTORS TREAT** **LEUKEMIA**

The main idea in treating leukemia is to get you into a state of remission. This is when you do not have any symptoms or signs of leukemia, and when your blood and bone marrow tests don't show any leukemia cells. Remission is not the same as being cured. Once you have been in remission for a number of years the Doctor may then say that you are cured. Once you are in remission you can lead a pretty normal life, but will just have to go to the Doctor more often for check ups. Doctors get you into remission by a process called induction. During induction drugs are used to kill as many leukemia cells as possible. The type of drugs used depends on your age and the type of leukemia you have. The drugs used are extremely strong and therefore your Doctor will want you to stay in hospital. Many of the drugs will be put into your blood vessels and you will have a lot of blood tests and possibly blood transfusions.