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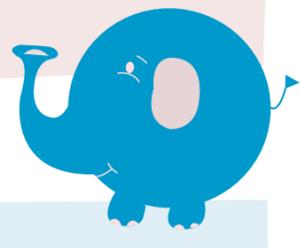
With your support, Sunshine Association came in the top 10 participating Gauteng NGOs for the most number of stickers sold in 2014.



CONGRATS TO SHANNON O'KEEFE WITH HER APPOINTMENT AS SUNSHINE ASSOCIATION'S NEW GENERAL MANAGER!

Shannon has been heading up our Craighall Early Intervention Centre for the last couple of years. Her kind heart, dedication, and passion for our children has engraved her in our hearts.

Shannon, we wish you the best of luck with your new responsibilities!



TRAINING COURSES

- Do you need to assess your child's development?
- Do you work with children from 0-7 years?
- Do you run a day care, crèche or stimulation centre for children?
- Are you a professional working with children?
- If you answered yes to any of these questions

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Thato is a 4-year-old boy with cerebral palsy who struggled to do the things that most children his age could easily do. The day he started to walk and then talk is what motivates our staff to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities. The constant dedication of his teacher, granny and very proud dad has dramatically changed Thato's life...
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On Friday 4th September we celebrate Casual Day, our country's most successful fundraising project for persons with disabilities. In 2014 Sunshine Association came in the top 10 participating Gauteng NGOs for the most number of stickers sold. This year we are aiming for second place in the province, and we hope that with your support we will reach our target.

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Casual Day is about raising money and awareness, and it's done this one sticker at a time for 21 years. You can make a difference by buying stickers and helping to raise much-needed funds to support those with disabilities.

CELEBRATE SPRING AND CELEBRATE LIFE BY SUPPORTING CASUAL DAY.

How do I make a difference?

Everyone can participate by buying a sticker and wearing it on Casual Day. This year we have five different stickers, so you can buy one or collect them all and wear the bunch. Each sticker costs R10, and Sunshine Association gets to keep R4, this means that the more we sell, the more we raise for one of the most vulnerable sectors of our society.

The colour for the year is mint, so on Friday 4th September it's your turn to have fun and get creative by dressing up in your greatest green outfit. Show you care with what you wear, and don't forget to attach your sticker to display your support of disabled persons.

Every small action makes a difference, so start planning now, get your stickers and show your commitment on Casual Day. Let's work together to bring sunshine into the lives of persons with disabilities.

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The CASUAL DAY MERCHANDISE

Promotional Material

1 Stickers

2 Poster A1 & A3

3 Counter Card

4 Brochure

5 Wobbler



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1 Golf Shirt

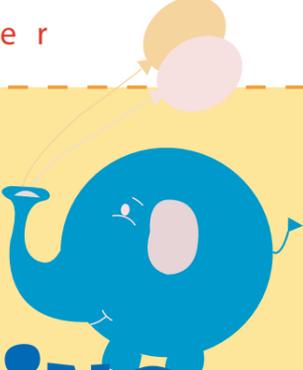
2 Cap

3 Mint Goggles

4 Paper Mask



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Thato Chauke is a 4-year-old boy with cerebral palsy who attends Sunshine Craighall Early Intervention Centre. When he joined in 2014 he was unable to do the simple things that most children his age could do. He could crawl but he needed to use his elbows, he couldn't hold anything very well, and he found it difficult to feed himself and wash his hands. Thato also struggled to speak properly, which was made harder as English is a medium of instruction at our centre.

His teacher used the recommended activities in our START programme to stimulate him, especially his arms. The activities encouraged him to straighten his posture and gradually he began using his palms, rather than crawling uncomfortably on his elbows. After some time, and as a result of these activities, Thato started crawling with both hands out straight. In class he was encouraged to start building blocks and basic 3 piece puzzles, to improve his fine motor skills. As these developed he began doing more things for himself and this boosted his confidence. Thato has shown the greatest improvement with his gross motor skills and we're delighted that he is now walking.

He is able to join in with the other kids during outdoor play, and he can walk up and down the stairs confidently using the handrail. He is a champion in Special Olympics and while he used to sit and hit the ball off the cone, he now hits the ball with greater energy and gets to chase after the ball and pick it up himself. It's incredibly rewarding to watch this young boy investigating the world on his own and discover something wonderful and new every day.

Thato can now feed himself and he drinks unassisted from a cup. After he has finished eating, this kind and gentle boy normally offers to help feed the other children. Something that we're enormously proud of, is that Thato has started talking and he can recite songs. He knows all his classmates and he has a best friend – Vuyani. His teacher has observed him "reading" to Vuyani, and on one occasion he was turning pages, naming the pictures and asking Vuyani to do the same.

These significant achievements are due to the constant perseverance of his remarkable teacher Albertina, his granny who will do anything to help him, and of course his dedicated and very proud dad. Both granny and dad attend all parent meetings and school events, and they do all the activities Albertina sends home, to ensure continuity of the programme for Thato. Thato's dad is also part of the first ever, Sunshine Father's Forum.

Thato's story is a testament to what keeps our staff members motivated. We're passionate about changing lives and we're committed to giving hope to children with disabilities, so that they too can achieve their dreams and goals.