

Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society

002-276 NPO

**THE 72ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the above Society held on
Saturday, 28 July 2012 at
THE TONGAAT CHILD WELFARE OFFICES
Potgieter's Hill
Commencing at 14h30**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Messages
4. Presentation and Adoption of Minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting
5. Presidential Address
6. Presentation of Annual Report
7. Presentation of Financial Statement
8. Adoption of Reports
9. Introduction of Guest of Honour
10. Address by Guest of Honour
11. Notice of Proposed Amendment to Constitution
12. Election of Ordinary Members to Board of Management
13. Election of Patrons
14. Election of Auditors
15. Vote of Thanks
16. Closure
17. Refreshments

Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society

As a leading provider of welfare services, the Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society is committed to alleviating and eradicating social problems through effective programmes so that the lives of individuals and families are enhanced.

In support of our objectives we ensure that:

- Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society's community programmes and related activities are based on sound, universally acceptable humanitarian principles.
- The planning, organization and execution of the society's programmes are subjected to continuous evaluation and review.
- Carefully planned fundraising initiatives are embarked upon so that the organization is financially stable at all times.
- The finances and the financial affairs of the organization are managed according to modern and progressive accounting principles and methods.
- All members of Staff and Board of Management are exposed to all the latest developments in welfare matters.
- There is a strategic partnership network locally and nationally for the mutual benefit of the organization and its partners.

We are committed to:

- The highest level of quality and professionalism in our service to the community.
- Being a caring organization which makes a difference to the lives of those whom we are fortunate to touch.
- The highest standards of ethics and integrity in our interaction with all segments of the community.
- Giving deserving credit to the noble efforts of all our workers, members and volunteers.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF **MANAGEMENT**

Mr Harold Maistry, , Mr Balan Subramunier, Ben Kasavan, Mr Clyde Pillay , Mr Jimmy Naidu, Mr Kevin Reddy, Mr Colin Naidoo , Mr Juggie Govender , Ms Farah Kasavan, Mr Siva Narayansamy, Ms Rose Padayachee, Mr Shaun Sivalingam, , Mr Jason Nadioo, Mr Johnson Maduray, Mr Devan Chetty , Mr Vishnu Govender, Mr Kiru Subramunier, Ms Kay Charles, Dan Reddy, Kithen Chetty, Mr Anil Pravesh Narain

PRESIDENT

Mr Harold Maistry

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr Balan Subramunier

SECRETARY

Mr Ben Kasavan

TREASURER

Mr Jimmy Naidu

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr Harold Maistry, Mr Balan Subramunier, Mr. Ben Kasavan, Mr. Jimmy Naidu,

Mr Clyde Pillay, Mr Kevin Reddy,

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr Jackie Chetty, Mr Megan Reddy, Mr Bob Govender, Ms Babes Govender, Mr Roy Govender

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Mr Jimmy Naidu, Mr Kevin Reddy, Ms Farah Kasavan, Ms Rose Padayachee, Ms Kay Charles, Mr Megan Reddy, Mr Bob Govender, Mr Dan Reddy, Mr Anil Narain

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY WORK

Mr Balan Subramunier, Mr Clyde Pillay, Kiru Subramunier, Mr Kithen Chetty, Mr Juggie Govender, Mr Shaun Sivalingam, Ms Babes Govender, Mr Jason Naidoo, Mr Johnson Maduray, Mr Devan Chetty , Mr Vishnu Govender, Colin Naidoo

The President, Vice-President and Secretary are ex- officio members of all standing committees

PATRONS

Councillor Logie Naidoo, Dr P.A. Govender, Dr/Prof. Roy Durup, Mr Don Singh,
Mr Kola Govender, Mr Sadha Naidoo, Mr Siva Naidoo, Mr Haresh Ouderajh

AUDITORS

Messrs Rasheed Peerbhai and Associates (CA S.A.)

BANKERS

First National Bank, Tongaat

LEGAL ADVISORS

Krish Naidoo, Govender & Associates

STAFF

SOCIAL WORK MANAGER

Ms Homashni Peters

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Ms Thamendree Moodley

SOCIAL WORKERS

Faheema Dawood, Joyclyn Govender, Mpume Maphumulo, Muriel Masinga, Nelisiwe Sikhakhane, Nompembelelo Ganyile

SOCIAL AUXILIARY WORKERS

Meela Bangtu, Mr Collin Mokoena

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr Krishna Naidu

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Ms Meera Arbee, Ms Zeenat Abdool, Ms Mariam Mhkize

GENERAL ASSISTANTS

Ms Thuliswe Mpungose, Mr John Ndwandwe

PLAY CENTRE GWALA'S FARM CRECHE

Ms Sibongile Patricia Mngoma

TRURO EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

DOMESTIC EMPOWERMENT CENTRE –TRAINER – Ms Anita Maistry

COMPUTER CENTRE - MONITOR – Ms Shivone Naidoo

HOMEWORK CENTRE CUM TOY LIBRARY – MONITOR - Ms Nireshnee Moodley

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

As I was preparing this address two significant news items caught my attention. The first was the “Limpopo text book saga” and the second the plight of children requiring medical attention for life threatening illnesses at our various public hospitals. These two issues are a damning indictment on South Africa.

Former President Nelson Mandela in his first state of the nation address in May 1994 proclaimed

“ My government’s commitment to create a people centred society of liberty binds us to the pursuit of the goals of freedom from want, freedom from hunger, freedom from deprivation, freedom from ignorance, freedom from suppression and freedom from fear”.

The birth of a new democracy brought renewed hope for child welfare activists as Health, Welfare and Education was expected to be the key focus of the government. There was great expectation that we would reverse the devastating impact of apartheid and improve the lives of our children. Whilst there have been strides in delivering a better life for all, incidents like the “Limpopo text book saga” and the plight of our children at public hospitals paint a different picture.

The Limpopo saga and the response from the Minister of Basic Education is a disgrace. This incidence begs the question what where the education authorities, politicians (from the different political parties), community based organisations and parents doing to allow this situation to be only brought in the public domain six months into the school year.

The fact that doctors are “forced to play God” when determining which child would need to be admitted at the Intensive Care Unit of hospitals is indeed a sad day for our country.

These two incidents must be seen against the backdrop of a damning United Nations Report titled “A Programme of Co-operation between government and Unicef for 2013 to 2017” that has highlighted the horrific conditions under which many of the children in our country are forced to live. The Unicef report offered detail insight into unnecessary deaths and the devastating living conditions of our country’s children and demands that our government take immediate action.

The statistics are alarming. There are 11.5 million of the country’s 19 million children living in 20% of the poorest households. These children are seventeen times more

likely to experience hunger and three times less likely to complete their schooling as compared to children from wealthier backgrounds.

South Africa has been described as one of the most unequal countries in the world. The Report calls on the government to increase its understanding of inequity and its causes or lose the battle for children's rights. The major problem according to the Report is the government's lack of accountability and priorities.

What is unacceptable, is that many of the challenges in health, welfare, education and security that children have to endure are preventable.

How can we as a nation begin to grapple with the larger issues like job creation and stimulating economic growth when we have failed dismally in the most basic issues such as ensuring that our children are protected from harm and do not go hungry.

One of the problems we face is that the plight of our children does not receive the media attention probably because it is not as headline grabbing and sexy as that of Brett Murray's painting (the pun was not intended) of President Zuma or the e-Tolling saga.

This sad state of our nation is all the reason why we should strengthen child welfare organisations like the Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society to ensure that the plight of our children is constantly kept on the agenda.

The year under review saw significant developments at our Society. We have to date established five Homework Centres and our Computer Centre at the Truro Empowerment Centre provides access to computers and internet facilities free of charge. Through our School's Breakfast Programme, 1328 children are given a nutritious breakfast at the start of their school day. The direct cost of feeding each child is approximately thirty cents a day.

We have trained approximately 137 adults in domestic empowerment skills and equipped them to enter the labour market or be involved in the small medium and micro-enterprise sector (SMME) thus improving the lives of their families.

Our organisation will continue to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in our community, the children.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Board of Management, Staff, Volunteers, sponsors, the media, sister organisations and most importantly the recipients of our services for giving us the opportunity to serve them.

The greatest asset to any organisation is its volunteers. The Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society can be strengthened and the cause of our children put on the agenda

through the efforts of members of the community volunteering their services. The question we need to ask is ***'What is the lesser of two evils - If the wicked carry on with their wicked ways or if good men and women stand idly by and simply let it happen?'***

Charity Fair 2011

Charity Fair 2011 was held from 30 March to 4 April.

Charity Fair 2011 lived up to the reputation of providing a festival of entertainment for the whole family.

The Charity Fair apart from being a social event for the community of Tongaat has a far deeper significance as the proceeds are utilised to provide much needed social welfare services. It is this compassion for the less fortunate as demonstrated by the community of Tongaat through their support of our largest fundraising venture that inspires the Board of Management, staff and volunteers to continue in the service of the community. It is truly a honour and a privilege to serve an organisation like the Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society with the knowledge that we have the support of the community.

The proceeds from our Charity Fair are utilized to provide much needed services by the Society which *inter alia* includes professional social welfare services, AIDS programmes, Drug Awareness, Child Protection Skills, Poverty Alleviation Projects, School Feeding Schemes, Homework Centres and the Domestic Empowerment Centre.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the business houses, the medical and legal fraternity for their financial support for Charity Fair 2011. For an event the magnitude of the Charity Fair, we are dependent on the various sectors and in the particular the community organisations for their support through volunteers and assistance with fundraising. The Charity Fair is truly a labour of love. We extend our gratitude to the South African Police Force –Tongaat, Metropolitan Police Services, the eThekweni Municipalities Parks, Solid Waste, Electricity and Engineering Units for their assistance.

TONGAAT CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

1/03/2011-28/02/2012

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF CASEWORK SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 1/03/2011 TO 28/02/2012

METHODOLOGY

- An analysis was undertaken of the new cases for the period 1/03/2011 to 28/02/2012
- The analysis focused upon “intake” *i.e.* the clients that called at the office for case work services which included new cases.
- The information was extracted from the intake and reception registers.

Casework Statistics (New Cases) 1/03/2011 to 28/02/2012

***The codes for the different categories are in brackets**

Categories & Codes	No. of Cases
Foster Care and Supervision (*3)	9
Care Of Child Away From Parent (*4)	1
Foster Parent Screening (*11)	75
Adoption Screening (*12)	6
Adoption Investigation (Disclosed) (*13)	1
Adoption Investigation (Non- Disclosed) (*14)	1
Enquiry Regarding Origin (*15)	1
Sexually Abused Children (*16)	37
Child Neglect (*17)	37
Child Abuse (*18)	16
Uncontrollable Child (*19)	27
Orphans (*20)	2
Abandoned Child (*23)	5
Child Theft (*25)	1
	No. of Cases
Categories & Codes	
Marriage Counseling (*27)	51
Lobola Negotiations (*28)	1

Divorce Counseling (*29)	1
Custody Investigation (*31)	4
Pregnancy (over 18) (*33.1)	1
Failure To Maintain A Child (*32)	6
Teenage Pregnancy (Under 18) (*33)	2
Family Conflict (*34)	78
Mourning Process Support (*38)	2
Application Death/Birth Docs (*41)	37
Estate/Trust Money Investigation (*42)	7
Aged Persons (*43)	4
Neglected Aged Person (*44)	1
Abused Aged Person (*45)	2
Caretakers Of The Aged (*46)	2

Casework Statistics (New Cases)1/03/2011 to 28/02/2012 (cont.)

***The codes for the different categories are in brackets**

Categories & Codes	No. of Cases
Mental Illness (*50)	3
Multi handicapped (*52)	1
Persons With HIV/AIDS (*53)	28
Caretakers of the Disabled (*54)	1
Alcohol Abuse/Dependence (*57)	4
Abuse Of Drugs Or Other (*59)	3
Supervision Case Adult (*64)	1
Victim Of Crime: Adult (*78)	2
Victim Of Crime (*79)	1
Material Need (*81)	63
Homeless Person/Housing Need (*82)	11
Application For Social Grant (*83)	24
Unemployed Person (*84)	5
Administration Of Grant (*85)	11

Total : 576

ANALYSIS (NEW CASES)

- Foster Parent Screening (75 cases) is 13% of the total.
- Material needs (63 cases) accounted for 10.9%
- Marital Counselling (51 cases) is 8.9% and Family Conflict accounts for and 13.5% (78 cases) respectively.
- In respects of children at “risk”, Sexual abuse was at 6.4 % (37cases) and uncontrollable child at 4.7 % (27cases).
- 4.9 %(28 cases) of the total intake was to persons with HIV & AIDS

AVERAGE DAILY INTAKES (NEW CASES)

Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Tot
79	53	53	55	55	39	43	44	44	19	57	31	572
22	17	19	18	19	14	18	16	19	8	19	13	202
4	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3

- **First Column represents total cases per month**
- **Second Column is the work days in the month**
- **Third Column is the average number of new cases per day for the month**

ANALYSIS

A total of 2505 clients were seen by the Society for casework related services.

3011 interviews were conducted for the period under review.

An average of 15 cases per day was attended to by the Society.

The Society had an average of 8 social workers and 2 social auxiliary workers (90.91% of the complement) which translates to an average of 4 cases per social worker per day.)

The statistics excludes home and school visits

Based on the principle of equitable distribution a social worker would attend to an average of 301 casework related services per annum.

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Child Abuse and Neglect continues to be a crucial focus of social work service delivery. New trends have emerged and should be noted in child abuse cases; a larger number of young children have become sexually active (the ages vary from six to ten years), abuse of children by children is becoming a common practice. Children have also engaged in overt sexual practices such as bestiality. Issues of poverty, overcrowding, lack of supervision, the social networking sites and child pornography have perpetuated and exacerbated the situation. In view of current trends the society has engaged in child abuse awareness and protection programmes at crèches, schools and in communities.

During the period 1 March 2011 – 28 February 2012, 99 new cases of child abuse were attended to by this society and therapeutic services were rendered to 256 existing cases. Referrals are made by Schools, the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Child-line, South African Police Force (SAPF) and members of the community. The graphical breakdown in respect of abuse can be seen from the pi-graph below: Sexual Abuse – 37 cases, Neglect - 37 cases and Physical Abuse - 16 cases.

Therapeutic services are rendered to the survivor of abuse to cope effectively with the trauma of abuse. Family members and the perpetrator are also involved in the therapeutic process to cope with feelings of shame and guilt associated with child abuse. In order to empower children and parents awareness programmes were conducted at schools and in the community.

Child Protection Week was observed from 24 May to 1 June 2011 and the theme was "Working together with children."

During the month of May child protection and awareness programmes were conducted at 14 local primary schools and a learner population of 1776 was reached.

During the period under review child protection programmes were conducted at the following crèches: Siyazama (Ocean Drive Inn), Little Angels (Chelmsford Heights), Zamokuhle (Gwala's Farm), Qalakusha (Newtown), Zamani and Frasers. 124 children benefitted from these programme.

Awareness programmes were conducted with 556 parents of the following communities, Emona, Frasers, Belfrost Primary School, Qoqiswe crèche (informal settlement), participants of the Domestic Empowerment training Course and participants of the Women's Day Programme.

On 20 November 2011 at the society's Celebrate the Child Programme a protection programme was conducted with approximately 800 children. For the period under review 2000 children were taught child protection skills.

The society has planned a Child Abuse Protocol Workshop for Educators in the subsequent year.

The society will continue to work with key role players to prevent and fight against child abuse.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME

Life-skills programmes are organised due to the many challenges placed on younger children. They find it extremely difficult to cope appropriately, hence the programme allows children the opportunity to learn new techniques and skills so that they deal with stress correctly. This is from a strength based or empowering perspective.

During the period under review life-skills programmes were conducted at twenty-one primary schools reaching a target group of 6300 learners.

LIFESKILLS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The society hosted a one week holiday programme, commencing 30 June 2011 with 10 learners from local schools in Tongaat who are part of the Homework and Computer centres monitored by the society. The programme content was designed to accommodate the needs of the children and included developing a child's self esteem and self confidence, getting to know themselves, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, personal hygiene, cooking, and baking. A number of interactive games were incorporated into the programme.

STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

Over the years it has been observed that many learners undergo extreme stress during examinations. In order to assist learners to with cope this stress, stress management programmes were undertaken with grade10-12 learners from Secondary schools in Tongaat. 1 754 learners from Secondary schools were taught fitting skills to manage exam stress, bullying, pressure to succumb to drugs or casual sexual relationships.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future”- Franklin D Roosevelt

HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS continues to be a growing problem in the community. Many persons engage in casual relationships and fail to practice safer sex. They maintain the attitude that they will not be infected, or it will not happen to them. Many young girls are also involved in relationships with older men who provide materially for them with the understanding that there will be sexual favours which are non-negotiable.

Younger persons are also being infected as they have not internalised the seriousness of the pandemic. Greater awareness has to be created at schools and in urban as well as informal communities. To commemorate International World Aids Day the society held a Motorcade on the 3 December 2011. The main focus of the Motorcade was to create awareness in the community of Tongaat on the AIDS pandemic. Key role-players were involved in this awareness campaign which commenced at Belvedere community hall and proceeded to the main road of Tongaat. The Theme 'getting to Zero' was emphasised which symbolised Zero New HIV infections, Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS Related deaths.

Social Workers continue to render ongoing counselling, care and support services to HIV positive persons and significant others. Individuals are also assisted with grocery hampers on a short term basis and are encouraged to join skills development initiatives with a view to ensuring sustainable lifestyles.

The positive living support group was reinvigorated in April 2011. Five members attended group sessions on a regular basis. Due to the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS persons preferred face to face counselling sessions on a one to one basis instead of sharing information within a group context. The positive living support group served a two-fold purpose in that it was therapeutic in nature and skills development orientated. The group-members engaged in beadwork and focussed on jewellery making as well as gardening.

On 1 December 2011 members of the Positive Living Support Group were visited at their homes. They were provided with a hamper, blanket and condoms. The group members appreciated the visit from the co-ordinators and thanked them for their continued support.

WORLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATIONS/ 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM FOR NO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

To commemorate World Aids Day and 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children the society embarked on the following initiatives:

- Awareness talks on HIV/AIDS and domestic violence were conducted in urban and informal settlements within the society's areas of operation and approximately 850 community members were reached in this awareness blitz.
- The society in partnership with the Department of Social Development, Phoenix, District Office conducted awareness talks at Shayamoya, Pholani and Lungelani informal settlements reaching a target group of 100 persons.
- A Placard demonstration which involved the staff and management members of Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society was held on 8 December 2011 at two robots within the Tongaat Central Business District to commemorate 16 Days of Activism for no violence against women and children.

Domestic violence places women in a more vulnerable position to HIV infection and this is due to their psychological and more especially their physiological make-up which encourages their susceptibility.

Statistics show that 1 in 3 persons are murdered by their partners. Recent trends indicate that men are also victims of this heinous crime; hence

Violence Against Women, Men and Children is an ongoing problem and survivors of violence should be empowered to break the cycle of violence which if perpetuated results in a profound impact on children leaving life-long scars with irreversible damage.

Ongoing counselling and supportive services are offered to survivors of domestic violence and their families. Individuals are referred to the relevant resources and arrangements are made to accommodate these individuals at safe houses when necessary. It is imperative that all survivors of violence have a safety-plan in place. This ought to be discussed with available support systems.

“Remember there is no excuse good enough to pardon abuse”

FOSTER CARE

Foster care continues to be a national priority of the Minister of Welfare because an ever increasing number of children are orphaned, abandoned, neglected or abused. This necessitates placement in alternative care or kinship care. The introduction of the Children's Act No 38 of 2005 since 1 April 2010 stipulates the following requirements for prospective foster parents:

- Police Clearance of prospective foster parent/s and members of their household.
- Name of prospective foster parent to be checked against the child protection register.
- Whereabouts of the reputed father to be published in at least one local newspaper(it s a requirement even if the reputed father is living in another province)

These processes although crucial will lengthen the screening process in that time frames will be longer, due to the provision of the much needed information.

As a designated child protection organisation it is mandatory that the following mechanisms in respect of foster care be placed in position:

- A database of screened prospective foster parents
- A foster children's support group
- A foster parents support group

Foster Parents Recruitment Drive

Two recruitment drives were held on 5 April 2011 and 21 October 2011 respectively. Collectively 40 persons attended. These individuals were empowered on foster care and its requirements as well as their roles and responsibilities in terms of existing legislation.

On 12 and 19 December 2011 a foster care workshop was hosted for foster children and foster parents who are part of our existing workshop. 80 persons jointly attended. This forum afforded foster parents and foster children an opportunity to discuss issues within a controlled environment. Foster children and parents were taught effective communication and conflict resolution skills. Other issues of concern were also addressed.

In order for foster children to cope with their current circumstances a Holiday programme will be explored in the succeeding year that will serve a therapeutic and recreational role. The long term programme will be to commence a support group with

foster children; has a measure of bonding would take place during the holiday programme.

During the period under review, 72 new cases were screened; 92 Section 155 reports were compiled and 130 were placed in foster care. 65 Section 159 reports were submitted to Court for orders to be extended. 559 Statutory placements were monitored and supervised by social workers.

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is about" Angela Schwirdt

ADOPTION

Tongaat Child Welfare Society has been accredited to provide adoption services locally and internationally. Ongoing support and services were rendered to six adoption matters. An adoption waiting list with screened couples is maintained by the society. At times there is an unavailability of babies for adoption as many families volunteer to care for babies born out of wedlock.

In cases where children are placed in foster care or institutional care for prolonged periods and cannot be re-unified with their families due to varying circumstances, the option of adoption is explored.

"Famiy isn't always blood. Its people who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what" Unknown

PLACEMENT AT CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRES

Children are usually placed at child and youth care centres as a last resort. The society is supervising 31 children at child and youth care centres. 12 Children were reunited with their parents during the period under review.

SOCIAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

- **WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION**

The Society has been the beneficiary of the generosity of the citizens of Japan. This has been possible through the efforts of Thomas Kantha, an ex-resident of Tongaat who now resides in Japan. The society received 155 used wheelchairs, 48 kg of used stuffed toys, 20 kg of knitting wool, 42 kg used sports gear. Wheelchairs were distributed to Child Welfare Societies, Schools and many individuals.

- **SMILE GROUP –UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION**

On 14 March 2011 the, S.M.I.L.E. Group donated uniforms to 30 needy children on the society's caseload. The donation consisted of school dresses, shirts, pants, shoes, scientific calculators and mathematic sets.

- **BLANKET DISTRIBUTION**

The S.M.I.L.E. Group donated 100 blankets to the society. 60 clients and community members received the blankets and a meal.

- **Mitchford Primary**– The Welfare Club together with the learners collected 100 blankets which were distributed to needy clients and community members.
- **Sibiya Casino**- The Staff of Sibiya Casino provided gifts and treats to 70 disadvantaged children from the society's caseload on 15 December 2011. The children were ecstatic and felt very special by the warm welcome and pleasant surprises.
- **Mr and Mrs Singh of Van Rova, Tongaat**, provided a sumptuous meal to 60 persons in the Frasers community on 05/01/2012. Members of the community greatly appreciated their generosity.
- On 25 January 2012, **Ms Tanusha Trikamjee of Phoenix** provided meals to 100 children from the four homework centres operated by the society. The children welcomed her and thanked her for visit. She was most impressed by their behaviour, self confidence and the singing of the young ones.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa

COMMEMORATION OF CHILDREN'S DAY- "CELEBRATE THE CHILD" **PROGRAMME**

The Celebrate the Child Programme is held annually to commemorate Children's Day. This event was held on 26 November 2011 at the Outspan Ground. Approximately 800 children attended. The children were entertained by a clown show, face painting, water slides and jumping castles. The programme included an educational component focussing on life-skills, child abuse awareness and protection skills. The children were provided with an extravagant meal, treats and gifts. Feedback from children indicated that they felt special, their self esteem was developed and it was a day on which they felt special and recognised.

Children experienced a day of fun, laughter and belonging.

***"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" -
Eleanor Roosevelt***

FAMILY CONFLICT AND MARITAL DISCORD

Counselling services were provided to 51 persons experiencing marital discord and 78 families undergoing conflict during the period under review. Families are under stress due to factors such as economic hardships, marital unfaithfulness, care and contact of children, drug related issues, domestic violence, inability to manage conflict or anger appropriately, failure to compromise, dominant personality type or lack of support systems. Many mothers are also ensuring that fathers fulfil their parental rights and responsibilities.

The Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society celebrated family month with 30 learners from local schools on 30 May 2012. The programme motivated children to communicate with their parents as this will create better understanding and assist to develop stronger bonds amongst family members. Ways in which to preserve families

were highlighted. The importance of love and respect was emphasised. The learners were certainly given food for thought....

A workshop, focussing on effective communication, conflict resolution, anger management and in law difficulties was conducted with 12 individuals at the society's offices on 28 May 2011.

A motivational programme was held at Tongaat Islamic School to commemorate Family month and Child protection week on 27 May 2011. 50 Learners were taught child protection skills, child and human trafficking was highlighted. The importance of families and the role of this institution in the lives of children were emphasised. The learners benefitted immeasurably from these programmes.

"The only rock I know that stays steady, the only institution I know that works is the family" Lee Iacocca

POVERTY ALLIEVIATION PROGRAMMES

MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

During the period under review 63 new cases contacted the society for material assistance. Counselling services are usually provided to empower affected cases to explore skills development initiatives, such as enrolling for the Domestic Empowerment Training Programme, Beadwork, initiating food gardens etc. This is to encourage individuals to become economically independent. Home visits are also conducted to aid in the assessment process. These visits have indicated that many families are residing below the average standard. At times there is no option but to provide for these families materially.

The society assisted 718 families experiencing financial difficulties. 400 families were assisted with food hampers and clothing. In addition 128 families were assisted with blankets; 30 learners with some items of school uniform. Donations of cucumbers and tomatoes received from Dube Tradeport were distributed to 50 families. Donations received from Woolworths were also distributed to 50 Indigent families and 60 children from the society's homework centres. Individuals in need are referred to the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) to apply for child support grants in respect of their minor children. Individuals are also linked to community development initiatives.

DONATE A CAN CAMPAIGN

The Donate a Can Campaign was initiated in June 2010, as a poverty alliviation initiative. It was found that many clients required material assitance, therefore a trolley

was placed at a local supermarket (Golden Sun-Food Town) in order to give the community an opportunity to donate food cans to the needy. Within the period under review 343 cans were collected which were distributed to 65 families.

SCHOOLS BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

The Schools Breakfast programme was initiated because research undertaken had indicated that many learners attended school without having breakfast. Their last meal was dinner. These learners experienced extreme difficulty concentrating and were usually lethargic in class. Recent academic research has shown consistent connections among hunger reduction, improved nutrition and children's learning. In view of these findings the Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society introduced the Schools Breakfast programme. Morvite, a nutritional cereal mixed with water is provided to indigent learners. At the commencement of the programme there were 259 beneficiaries, in the 2010 year the programme was expanded and 856 beneficiaries benefitted and in the 2011/2012 year there are 1328 recipients. The Schools Breakfast Programme was also extended to Secondary School Learners. The breakfast meal costs 30 cents per child per day, R1-50 per week and R6-00 per month. Since the commencement of the Programme the Golden Sun Food Town has provided the Morvite at cost. We are graciously indebted to them. In addition there are many donors who ensure that the programme is sustained on an annual basis.

Comments from Principals and Educators have been positive. At times schools experienced challenges serving the Morvite. These issues have been resolved.



**Feeding Scheme Project at Sarasvathie
Primary School**

MEETING WITH RELIGIOUS AND FAITH BASED ORGANISATIONS

On 25 May 2011 a meeting was held with religious and community based organisations with the purpose of collectively discussing the Schools Breakfast programme and obtaining their support for the programme and encouraging a

mentorship programme. The Schools Breakfast programme addresses poverty, assists to improve learners concentration and ensures that families receive the desired social work services. Discussions were very fruitful.

WOMEN'S MONTH

A Women's Day programme was held on 12 August at the Truro Empowerment Centre. A talk on Domestic Violence and procedures in obtaining a protection order according to the Domestic Violence Act was highlighted. Access to court services in terms of maintenance etc was discussed by a Magistrate of the Verulam Court. Ways to nurture self was discussed by the Art of Living Foundation. The participants were treated to a sumptuous meal and were provided with gifts.

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform" Diane Mariechild

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TRURO EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

DOMESTIC EMPOWERMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Domestic Empowerment Training Course comprises of the following modules: Home Management, Office Management, Baby Care and Nutrition, Computer Literacy, Cooking, Baking as well as Crafts. Guest speakers who have special expertise in Baby Care, Nutrition, First Aid and other topics are invited to specific training sessions. These participants are also empowered with knowledge on social issues such as Domestic Violence and Child Protection as well as alternative healing such as Indian Head Massage.

For the period under review 86 persons successfully completed the training programme. Many participants have indicated a willingness to commence their own businesses and to train other members in their community on the skills. The training programme is geared towards empowerment and sustainable livelihood. Innovative skills are introduced in each course so that participants benefit most from the training. The Domestic Empowerment Training Programme commenced in October 2010 and to date 11 training courses have been completed and 137 participants have successfully completed the training course.

The Domestic Empowerment Training Course is undertaken at the **TRURO EMPOWERMENT CENTRE**.

HOMEWORK CENTRES

TRURO HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Truro Empowerment Homework Centre was established on the 1 March 2011 as part of our organizations 70th anniversary. The vision for the homework centre was to create a conducive environment for underprivileged children to complete their homework six days a week. A computer centre was also established which encourages computer literacy as well as monitored free usage of computer/ internet services.

The homework centre is situated in Plein Street, Tongaat and it caters for learners from grade R to grade 12 as well as it is equipped with a Toy Library for younger children. Their living conditions are a constant challenge to nourish a positive future. Since the centre's inception there has been regular attendance.

Educational and recreational activities are conducted in order to explore and realize the potential of these children as well utilize the centre as a platform for self-improvement and self-realisation, whilst empowering the children to enjoy the prospect of a better future.

The children have embarked on two income generating projects which also aim to improve the environment. During weekend activities the children engage in gardening and sell their herbs to the senior citizens living within the area. A recycling project has also recently been initiated to assist with income generation and improving the environment.

A homework centre was established at Belfrost Primary School with the assistance of a student as part of her university practicals under the supervision of an Educator. 25 learners attended the centre. The centre terminated in May 2012 because of poor attendance and children were referred to the Homework centre launched at Trubel Primary School on 22 May 2012.

BURBREEZE HOMEWORK CENTRE

This centre is operated from a creche. 16 learners attend the homework centre on a regular basis. The learners are monitored by a monitor under the supervision of a social auxiliary worker.

SARASVATHIE PRIMARY HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Homework centre was established on 20 September 2011. 25 learners attend the centre on a regular basis. A social auxiliary worker monitors the children whilst they complete their homework. The centre provides a conducive environment for many of the children of the community that come from impoverished homes and do not have assistance from parents. The children engage in activities when they have completed their home work. The Principal of the school has expressed her delight in having the home centre on the school premises and has noted an improvement in the children's academic performance.

TRUBEL HOMEWORK CENTRE

The Tongaat Child Welfare Society together with Trubel Primary School launched the Homework centre at the school on 22 May 2012. The Ward manager, Selvan Chetty was present and pointed out that, "studying conditions were not the same for all children and they need to be in a safe environment where like-mindedness can be shared." On average 15 – 20 learners attend the centre and the children are supervised by social auxiliary workers."

**"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later" Og
Mandino**

COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

The Society hosted a meeting with Principals of the Local Primary and Secondary Schools on 26.02.2011 at the Society's offices. A presentation on the society's services was made and how these services could be accessed. The schedule of the Society's activities for the year was also discussed. Principals were commended for their continued support.

A child abuse protocol workshop was held on the said date. A step by step guide was provided to Schools during the Child Protection Week programme.

SOCIAL NETWORKING WORKSHOP

Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society held A Social Networking workshop on 14 October 2011 to educate stakeholders on the dangers of the internet. Dr Iyavar Chetty a member of the Films and Publication Board and an international expert on Social Networking and its effects on children conducted the workshop. Dr Chetty encouraged Educators and parents to begin to understand technology and its profound impact on children. Dr Chetty explained terms and definition of child porn and the exposure to unsuspecting children.

The workshop clearly showed that “Cyber crime is beginning to take the country by storm”, hence community organisations have to take the lead in creating awareness on the dangers of social networking sites.

Educators were handed booklets to create awareness amongst learners within the School population.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

For the period under review the society assisted 30 individuals in cases of fire, theft and burglary. Food parcels, blankets, clothing and assistance to acquire documents were provided. Cases were advised to keep a set of documents with relatives especially if they reside in high risk areas. In addition cases are advised to keep a safety bag with essential items which could be utilised during periods of crises.

STUDENT TRAINING

During the period under review 2 fourth year UNISA students were placed at the society who are employed as Social Auxiliary Workers. They were involved in the following programmes of the society, viz, the establishment of Homework centres, Parenting Groups, Educational Groups, Holiday programmes, Schools Breakfast Programme, Lifeskills and Protection Programmes as well as counselling and foster care investigations.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- FAMILY PRESERVATION WORKSHOP
- COLOUR THERAPY AND ASTRO THERAPY WORKSHOP
- FOSTER CARE AND SCREENING PROCEDURES

- **MEDIATION AND PARENTING WORKSHOP**
- **CHILD JUSTICE BILL**
- **PLAY ACTIVE WORKSHOP**
- **CONFERENCE ON THE REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S ACT**
- **CHILDREN'S ACT TRAINING**

THE SOCIETY EXTENDS ITS THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Individuals, families and organizations, business houses for the donation of grocery hampers, clothing, shoes, toys and other items.
- And to those who contributed towards our programmes and Charity Fair.
- Also the following for their donations in kind

Shoprite Checkers
 Tesco Senior Citizens Club
 Mr and Mrs K Narainsamy
 Vishnu Naidoo – Star Signs
 Eva Loubser
 Hindu Students Society, Northlands Girls High School
 Dube Tradeport
 Radio Holland
 Sky Chefs, King Shaka International
 Woolworths, Ballito
 Woolworths, King Shaka International
 ECR Toy Story
 Community Chest
 Cllr Brian Jayanathan
 Logan Govender
 Compumouse
 SMILE Team
 Nerusha Perumal
 Tanusha Trikamjee
 Mitchford Primary School

Golden Sun Food Town
Estate late Billy and Elsie Nair
Road Freight Association, Isando
K Maraj- Umhlali
Mr Reggie Rama – Hi Tec Floral Art
Truro Marquee
Celrose Ltd
Inverse International

- Special thanks to all schools.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK STOP ORDERS

Mr Mike Balkisson
Dr C K Vallabjee
Mr Keenan Reddy

Mr R A Jayrajh
Apostolic Faith Mission

RAFFLE TICKET DONORS FOR CHARITY FAIR 2011

1 st Prize - R15 000 jewellery NWJ Gateway sponsored by DR Sanjay Nandlall and Dr V V Reddy

2nd Prize – Intel Computer Systems valued at R3 500

3rd Prize – Grocery Voucher to value of R1500 sponsored by Golden Sun Supermarket

4th prize- A microwave oven sponsored by Class Security Systems

5th prize- A cell phone sponsored by Nashua Mobile Tongaat, Keenan Reddy.

ETHEKWENI MUNICIPALITY STAFF

STOP ORDERS

Mr H Maistry

Mr A Perumal

Mr P Naicker

Mr D Dhurup

Mr P Moodley

Mr G Soobramoney

Mr P Pillay

Mr J.E David

Mr P.V Naidoo

Mr M Govender

Mr R.R Naidoo

Mr R Govender

Mr V Naggapen

Mr S G Pillay

Mrs. V Pillay

DONORS- CHARITY FAIR 2011

Clints Panel Beaters	Buffelsdale Service Station
Paradise Rest	Dr AS Lutchminarian
Makhulu News	Dr Hussain & Ptrns
Dr A Nandlal	Dr JN Mudaly (vet)
Dr C Hurbans	Dr KD Misra
Dr T.J Maharaj	Drs Kunnie & Naranbhal
Drs Sham Naidu & Sewcharan	Drs MI Saravan & R M oodley
First National Bank	Drs Subrayen, Moodley & Ptrns
KZN Cement & Brick	F Ebrahim Khan
Marley Roofing	Gans Tours
Oormilla Naidoo	Jackpersad & Ptrns
Pinetown Bolt & Nut	Lancet Laboratories
S & R Core Manuf.	Maidstone S/Station & Select Stores
Sandfields S.S Temple	Medi- Marl Pharmacy
Shula Construction	Multiserv
SR Sivi Pather	Protea Leather
Tongaath Hulett	Raj Maistry
Victoria Hospital	Tongaath Pharmacy
Vumani Civils	Tropical Printers
Digrite Wellvale	Universal Bolt & Nut
Drs Chetty/S Naidoo	Uthongathi Construction
Window & Door	Taurus Bottle Store
Krish Naidu, Govender & Ass.	Nabros Trubrick
Valog	Sandfields Temple
Shree Veeraboga Temple	Compumouse Computers
Tongaath Auto Industries	Golden Sun

Keenan Reddy

ABI

S & R Core Manufactures

Megan and Loges Reddy

Dr W Reddy

GMC Demolition

In addition to the above donors, the Society, acknowledges and thanks all other donors, volunteers and patrons who have contributed to the well being of the society and the success of the charity fair.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

The board of management members and staff of the Tongaat Child and Family Welfare Society convey their deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to all those who have lost their loved ones. We pray that you bear your loss with fortitude.