

HOSPICE

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LOVING ARMS PROJECT

Dear Friends

Our Knysna/Sedgefield Hospice (situated in the Western Cape province of South Africa) strives to serve the community by providing palliative care for persons with progressive, incurable or chronic illnesses. As our facilities are unsuitable for live in care, most of our work is 'home-based', and on average, our carers make 3500 home visits every month. This encourages a holistic approach that seeks to meet the physical, spiritual and psychological needs, not only of the patients themselves, but also of their immediate families. For many patients and their families, Hospice care is the only assistance they receive during a long illness.

The recent economic crisis has resulted in the reduction or loss of both national and international funding for Hospices throughout South Africa. This has forced Hospices to become more creative with the fund raising that is so crucial in supporting and maintaining the valuable services that Hospices provide, at no cost, to the most vulnerable members of our society.

The **Knysna/Sedgefield Hospice** fund-raising committee is made up of a group of twelve persons who volunteer their time and talents, to organise and execute various fundraising events, throughout the year, in support of our local Hospice. These fund raisers have included Bridge Days, Art Auctions, Golf Days, participation at various festivals, Music and Ballet performances, a Beautiful Homes Exhibition, surfing contests, book sales, talks etc.

We are currently launching a new and ambitious long term project called **Loving Arms**. Through the **Loving Arms** project we hope to raise an awareness of the work that is done by our local Hospice and thus, give people in more developed countries the opportunity to extend their love and concern to our corner of South Africa.

Loving Arms wishes to engage:

- All ex South Africans, who continue to care about its people, but now live elsewhere.
- All those dedicated individuals who, having visited our beautiful town or country, would like to contribute towards the care of its people.
- Hospices and caring communities, from other parts of the developed world, who are willing to extend their love and care by entering into a partnership with us.
- All people who are concerned for their fellow man.

Loving Arms in practise:

- The aim of **Loving Arms** is to extend our fund raising efforts by involving you and your networks, and allowing you to assist us at whatever level you feel comfortable.
- The link www.hospiceknysna.org.za will lead you to our website that contains a short U Tube documentary describing the work undertaken by our Hospice. Together, the website and film could provide you with a base from which to start your participation in **Loving Arms**.
- Participation could be done very simply e.g. when the next celebration comes along you could request that family/friends offer you a monetary contribution, dedicated to our Hospice, in lieu of gifts. Alternatively you could host an intimate fundraising event (tea/lunch, games/movie evening) of your choice on our behalf.
- More ambitiously, you could involve other networks (sports clubs, church groups etc.) at your disposal and organise or host whatever fund raiser interests you.
- If you are personally unable to assist, you could pass this information on to your local Hospice, church community or any other network that might be open to joining our **Loving Arms** project.
- We would be delighted if you, your family, friends and network could become long term **Loving Arms** partners and host **ONE ANNUAL** event for us. However, we are also grateful for 'once off' partners who are only able to participate in the project once.
- For **all information** regarding the Loving Arms project please contact Lynne Barnhoorn: lynbee@mweb.co.za or Laura Colarossi: cola.clan@gmail.com
- Any income that your participation and activities generate can be deposited directly into our Hospice account using the words **Loving Arms and your surname** as a reference.

Bank: NEDBANK

Account Name: KNYSNA/SEDGEFIELD HOSPICE

Branch Code: 108914

Account Number: 1089003145

Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

If you are willing to become involved and join our **Loving Arms** partnership we would love to hear from you.☺

Warm Regards

Knysna Hospice Fundraising Committee

