



We cannot say thank you enough for the dramatic and very welcome refurbishments happening at Cuylerholme Rooms. Thanks to the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund who provided the funding to start installing built-in cupboards in all the resident's rooms. The Milde McWilliams Trust for contributing the funds for much needed waterproofing as well as the external and internal painting. Also Durr Estates who will be putting in a new built-in linen cupboard and who have undertaken to replace all the old cupboards in the resident's kitchenettes soon after.

Nellie Doyle loves her new built-in-cupboard

After meeting the residents at Cuylerholme Rooms one of the Miss Port Elizabeth pageant finalists assigned to ABCA in the weeks leading up to the pageant, vowed to become actively involved with Cuylerholme Rooms irrespective of whether she won or not. The lovely young Chanel Strydom succeeded in convincing Durr Estates to adopt Cuylerholme Rooms. They raised some funds with a magnificent high tea and are planning several other fundraisers in the future. The publicity that ABCA got via this pageant raised lots of awareness about Cuylerholme Rooms and the residents there. Thank you so much Gillian Mc Ainh and Chanel for believing in our cause.



Chanel with Bernadine Jonker and Reinette Block Principal of Durr Estates at the High Tea Fundraiser that she organised



A huge vote of thanks must go the Bridgestone SA for fitting our bus with brand new tyres just in time for the annual roadworthy test. They have adopted the bus and will be taking care of our tyre requirements for the rest of the bus's lifetime. Also thanks to Sharwoods Speedy Newton Park who have agreed to partner Bridgestone SA by taking care of the fitting and balancing requirements.

Some of the elderly beneficiaries who are transported in the bus receiving the new tyres from David Hurd of Bridgestone SA.

Sadly the 1st of December saw the end of our boerewors roll sales in front of Builders Warehouse when they opened a coffee shop on the premises. But not before we held one last week of daily sales assisted by the Rotary Club of PE West. We raised a last magnificent amount of R6 190 for the week. Thank you Builders Warehouse for allowing us to raise funds in this manner and Rotary PE West for helping us go out with a bang.

The spirit of Christmas was certainly evident this year. Our elderly beneficiaries were remembered by the D.G. Murray Trust, the Herald Xmas Cheer Fund, the Tree of Joy Project, kind members of the public, churches and many businesses in PE. They are listed on page 14 of this report. People like Annemarie Craven and Madeleine van Niekerk and her friends and all the Service Clubs of Port Elizabeth did a lot to spread Christmas Cheer.

Several functions, Christmas parties, marvellous Christmas lunches and entertainment provided by people like Moore Stevens, Durr Estates and several schools in PE ensured that Christmas 2008 was one that will not be easily forgotten by all our elderly beneficiaries. We thank you one and all.



The ladies from the Women's Agricultural Society (Back row) spreading some Christmas Cheer at Buffelsfontein Village. (Residents front row)



One of the young staff members from Moore Stevens handing Nellie Taute a Christmas Gift. Nellie is a Buffelsfontein resident



Happiness is someone thinking of you over the Festive Season. Thank you for Caring People of PE & Tree of Joy



Bill & Loraine Wentzel with Maureen Andreka, Nando's Manager Donavon and the Nando's Cockrel. Mr and Mrs Wentzel volunteer for ABCA (Article below)

Thank You Nando's for the wonderful 64th wedding anniversary party held for Mr and Mrs Wentzel at Nando's Walmer Park. Celebrated at the same time was Mrs Kersley from Walton Park's 101st birthday. The three older persons were brought to the Centre in a Limo sponsored by Limo Hire PE. They were led to the front entrance by the ACVV drummers who ranged in age from 60 to 84. At the front entrance they were met by the Nando's Cockrel and many inquisitive shoppers who were tickled pink when they realized that the VIP's were some of Port Elizabeth's most senior citizens. Pick 'n Pay Walmer Park and Kings Mall contributed the huge cakes and these milestone occasions were celebrated in style with the old folk's families and friends in the Nando's Restaurant.