

The ARYAN BENEVOLENT HOME

# Journey OF Hope

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## A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS FOR EASING THE BURDEN OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

We completed 35 days of lockdown and we are happy to say that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was significantly reduced by your much-needed donations.

Due to the Coronavirus, we didn't receive any food donations, our food bill increased by 50% but fortunately the response from our fundraising drive helped us.

Your support cushioned our losses. Your donation helped us pay for:

- FOOD
- TRANSPORT
- PROTECTIVE PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Thank you to our donors for making it possible to have masks, gloves and hand sanitisers for our staff. We have been able to serve breakfast and lunch to our frontline heroes. Our fuel bill doubled as we transported our staff to work and your donation has helped us pay for transport costs.



# RAMADAN



We understand that the holy month of Ramadan is a special time for nearly two billion Muslims all over the world. We are hopeful that during this period of fasting, introspection, praying and giving back to the community, you will consider the plight of the ABH. Pictured are some of our residents Shabeer Sheik, Sania Sheik Abdool and Yahyaa. We ask that you please hold us in your prayers. May this Ramadan bring joy and happiness to you and your family.

## GIVING BACK TO OUR STAFF



Our staff's contribution during the national lockdown provided us with a ray of hope. They are our unsung heroes as they left their personal responsibilities at home and punctually reported for daily duty to the ABH.

As a thank you gesture, we gave our staff gift vouchers which will be used for food, masks and hand sanitisers. Their families are now able to protect themselves by using hand sanitisers at home.

# PRESSURE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

Due to pressure from law enforcement we had to lay off some of our staff and we will be giving them 50% of their salaries.

## ISOLATION FACILITY

A dedicated isolation facility will help us avoid amplifying the Covid-19 pandemic. There is an urgent need to be in preparedness as eThekweni is the epicentre of the Coronavirus and Chatsworth has been deemed a hotspot for the virus. Our residents are extremely vulnerable because they are particularly at risk, due to their age and their communal living conditions. Our residents are accompanied by staff when they visit RK Khan Hospital for check-ups. When our residents return they need to be isolated as they have left the campus and we are in lockdown. We proactively started creating a dedicated isolation facility which will house up to 48 patients. The new building is almost complete and we urgently need to have the isolation facility ready for our residents. We will also have dedicated nurses that will be based at the isolation facility. As frontline medical practitioners our staff are putting our country first by fighting against this global pandemic.

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

We celebrated International Nurses Day on 12 May 2020 by providing lunch to our nurses, nursing assistants and caregivers. We thank them for their dedication, hard work and patience. Nurses and caregivers play a vital role in advancing the health and wellbeing of our society. We salute all nurses, nursing assistants and caregivers!

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our residents weren't able to physically see their children or grandchildren on Mother's Day. We ensure that our residents keep in touch with their loved ones by having regular video calls. Our staff also went the extra mile and treated our residents with a special menu throughout the day for Mother's Day breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner.

## ABH'S BACKABUDDY CAMPAIGN



We now have a BackaBuddy campaign so that it is easier for our international donors to support our charity.

We are appealing to you to please SHARE our <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/helpabhcopewithcovid-19> link with your family and friends that live overseas.

## UPCOMING NEWSLETTER

Our next newsletter will celebrate our 99 year milestone.

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