# HOUSE OF HOPE NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR




As the year draws to a close and the festive season approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared with you—our cherished supporters, volunteers, and friends of House of Hope.

Your generosity has been a beacon of light in the lives of children and families who needed it most. Whether through donations, time, prayers, or simply spreading the word, your compassion has helped us provide safety, healing, and hope to those who walk through our doors. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Yet, as we prepare for Christmas—a time of joy, togetherness, and renewal—we are reminded that our work is far from over. Many children still need shelter, comfort, and care. Our pantry shelves need replenishing, our programs need sustaining, and our staff need support to continue their tireless service.

This season, we invite you to journey with us once more. Let us continue to be the hands and hearts that lift others up.

**Marco Styles**

## Call for Action

We couldn't do this without you. Here are a few ways you can help us continue our mission:

**DONATE** **VOLUNTEER** **SPREAD THE WORD**

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MEET PASTOR JACKIE BOTES: THE HEART BEHIND HOUSE OF HOPE

For over 21 years, ***Pastor Jackie Botes*** has been the dynamic force and compassionate anchor of ***the House of Hope (HOH)***. Her journey began with a divine vision, and today, she remains firmly rooted in her calling, guided by her life motto: ***"Do everything as if for the Lord!" (Col 3:23)***. As a self-proclaimed "connector," Jackie thrives on energy–whether she's working out to live music at the gym, finding peace in her blue "colour of the sea," nibbling toffees or pouring passion into HOH's mission. In her own words, ***"I am in my dream job."*** We asked Jackie a few questions about her motivation and life away from the mission:

**Q: When you need to take five minutes away from the challenging work, what is your go-to activity?**
A: I love gym classes–especially the ones with live music. They energize me! And being in nature, whether it's my garden or someone else's, always brings peace.

**Q: In your time as Programme Director, what is one memory that stands out as a powerful example of the hope HOH provides?**
A: Two cases stand out. There was Joy, who was supposed to be dead from malnutrition but God rebuilt her little body, and today she's an energetic young woman. The second was a baby hardly breathing–I prayed all the way to the doctor she wouldn't die on me in the car. Both were successes because the community poured love on these children.



**Q: If you could have dinner with any person, who would it be?**
A: Anyone who has conquered something inspires me–Mother Theresa, Heidi Baker, the woman who swam the English Channel… women who've changed the role of women in history.

**Q: As we look ahead, what is your biggest vision for the children and families we serve in the next 12 months?**
A: To be faithful carers for every child–even if it's just for one night. With our community groups, we aim to change lives through His calling. The challenge is staying faithful and resourced to do so.



# BIRTHDAYS

🎉HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: PASTOR FANSIE (DOXA DEO) 🎉

On this special day, we celebrate the gift you are to all of us. Your unwavering faith, compassion, and leadership continue to inspire and uplift our community. May your year ahead be filled with joy, strength, and abundant blessings. Thank you for being a true shepherd of hope!

# MOMENTS OF HOPE

We've had a packed and rewarding time at House of Hope.

This period brought some great activity, including hosting student social workers from the University of the Free State and conducting important infant first aid training for our team. We also successfully held an Adoption Open Day, providing guidance and information to potential families.

Most importantly, we've had countless happy hours spending quality time with the kids. Their laughter and energy are the very best part of what we do!



INFANT FIRST AID TRAINING



FUN IN THE SUN



UFS STUDENTS VISITING HOH

# WISH LIST




We are currently in need of essential baby care items to support the little ones at House of Hope. Our wish list includes **Lactogen Formula 1 & 2**, **gentle baby shampoo**, and **Zinplex** to help boost immunity and keep our babies healthy and thriving.

# NEWS AND MILESTONES

📣 Join us for a powerful training session on **14 November 2025** from **08:00 to 10:00** at Doxa Deo Church, 220 Stateway, Bedelia, Welkom.

Hosted by Dr Carel van Wyk, this workshop will focus on ***"How to Work with Traumatised Toddlers Around Discipline"***–a vital topic for caregivers, educators, and anyone working with young children.

💰 Cost: R250 per person
📞 For more information, contact 057 101 0286

Let's grow together in compassion, understanding, and skill as we care for the most vulnerable.

# DONOR RECOGNITION




We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors–**Lighuis, Axis Mining, Barbour & Thorne Estate Agents, Elizabeth Pharmacy**, and **G Muleya Goliath**.
Your unwavering support empowers the mission of House of Hope and brings light, care, and transformation to every child and family we serve.

Thank you for being part of this journey of healing and hope.




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