



Dedicated to healing
through tissue
transplantation



Newsletter

"DEDICATED TO HEALING THROUGH TRANSPLANTATION"

The CTE is proud to introduce our new slogan and affirm our dedication to the sourcing and supply of high-quality human tissue for transplantation. Central to the new look remains the royal blue butterfly symbolizing trust and tissue donation, while the use of violet and yellow represents compassion, encouragement and opportunity respectively. Always striving to improve, the CTE is moving forward with pride and gratitude for all the support received from the public and industry peers alike.

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After only four short months, Prof Magda Slabbert made her mark at the CTE and set in motion several strategies for internal enhancements. Unfortunately, and for personal reasons, she departed from the CTE at the end of June – we wish her only the best and look forward to maintaining the good working relationship.

67 MINUTES FOR MADIBA'S LEGACY



Hammanskraal – to reach out to people in need. Our first stop was **Dominican Primary School for the Deaf**.

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Following a brief welcome and introduction, we were able to spend some time with the children, ranging in age from 2 to 6 years old. We were touched by the children's need for interaction and many hugs were shared, while a variety of age-appropriate educational toys were handed over to the teachers and children. This was followed by teachers, children and CTE staff all enjoying a healthy picnic together. The general consensus was that the school receive ongoing visits and support.

Next stop was at the **Thamaga Maths & Science Centre at Temba TVET College**. This centre caters for the community children after school, over weekends and during holidays, and aims to improve their math and science experience and education. After a tour of the centre, the CTE staff handed over a donation of Scientific Calculators for both pupils and staff. The visit culminated with the sharing of light refreshments.

The **Kekana Garden Community Clinic** is a relatively new building which only recently opened its doors to the community. In support of the environment, the CTE staff set about planting 10 young indigenous trees on-site to provide much-needed shade for the many patients who visit the facility on a daily basis. The physical labour was exhilarating and so was the social interaction afterwards with the clinic staff. Thank you to the guys & girls from "Working on Fire - Dinokeng" who spontaneously joined us in the preparation of holes, mixing soil and planting the trees. We are looking forward very much to seeing the trees flourish and grow in the following months!



WE PAY TRIBUTE



Remaining committed to our donor family care program, the CTE recently participated in two special events dedicated to passed donors and their loved ones.

On Friday, 2 August around 80 people gathered at the Oliewenhuis Art Museum in Bloemfontein to pay tribute to the donors of the previous 3 years. Hosted by the CTE, we welcomed to the event donor families and our industry partners - Bone SA, Netcare Transplant and several funeral homes. After Mande Toubkin shared a heartfelt thank-you letter from an organ recipient, the donor memorial candles were lit by two donor families – both having donated the organs and tissue of a precious child.

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An encouraging message from clinical psychologist Renier Moolman reminded us of the challenges faced, not only by the donor family but also by those working actively in the field of donor sourcing. The traditional balloon release was a symbolic and emotional time for all present. Our special thanks go to the kind & generous sponsors of the event and to Arco Music for their exceptional performance.

Sunday, 4 August saw the Cape Town Organ & Tissue Donor Tribute event, hosted by the Tygerberg Hospital Transplant team at the Boston Methodist Church in Bellville. The New Apostolic Choir amazed us with their beautiful voices and encouraging lyrics.

The donor memorial candle was lit by Mr Fredericks (donor brother) and guest speaker to the event was Herman Steyn, WC manager of the Transplant Sports Association who himself received a heart transplant some years ago. Several stories of hope and joy were shared by

again distributed the flame from the memorial candle to the congregation – symbolising the gift of life shared by donors.

The event closed with the singing of the national anthem and a lovely spread of refreshments in the church hall.



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

The theme of **National Science** week 2019 was “**Facing the harsh realities of Climate Change**”

Feeling challenged by this theme and taking responsibility for our own impact on the fragile environment, the CTE has made a commitment to do its part!

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Since we are dedicated to the “recycling” of the human body, the CTE is in process of establishing a working group to consider various ways in which the CTE personnel can reduce, reuse and recycle everyday items in and around the office & laboratory. We think not only stationery, cartridges, paper, consumable packaging, water bottles, etc., but also chemical use and waste disposal. The CSIR campus where we are situated already provides recycle bins but we would like to take it a step further and make a real difference.

Watch this space for our progress...!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

A very Happy Birthday to our staff members!

- * Kabelo Mazibuko
- * Rose Pheto
- * Tshego Nkontla
- * Sam Mnisi
- * Rhyleen Chauke
- * Lindelwa Ndhlovu
- * Julie Purkis
- * Elzanne Cronje
- * Vince Mtsweni

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