

July 7, 2020

Hello Care Village Friends!

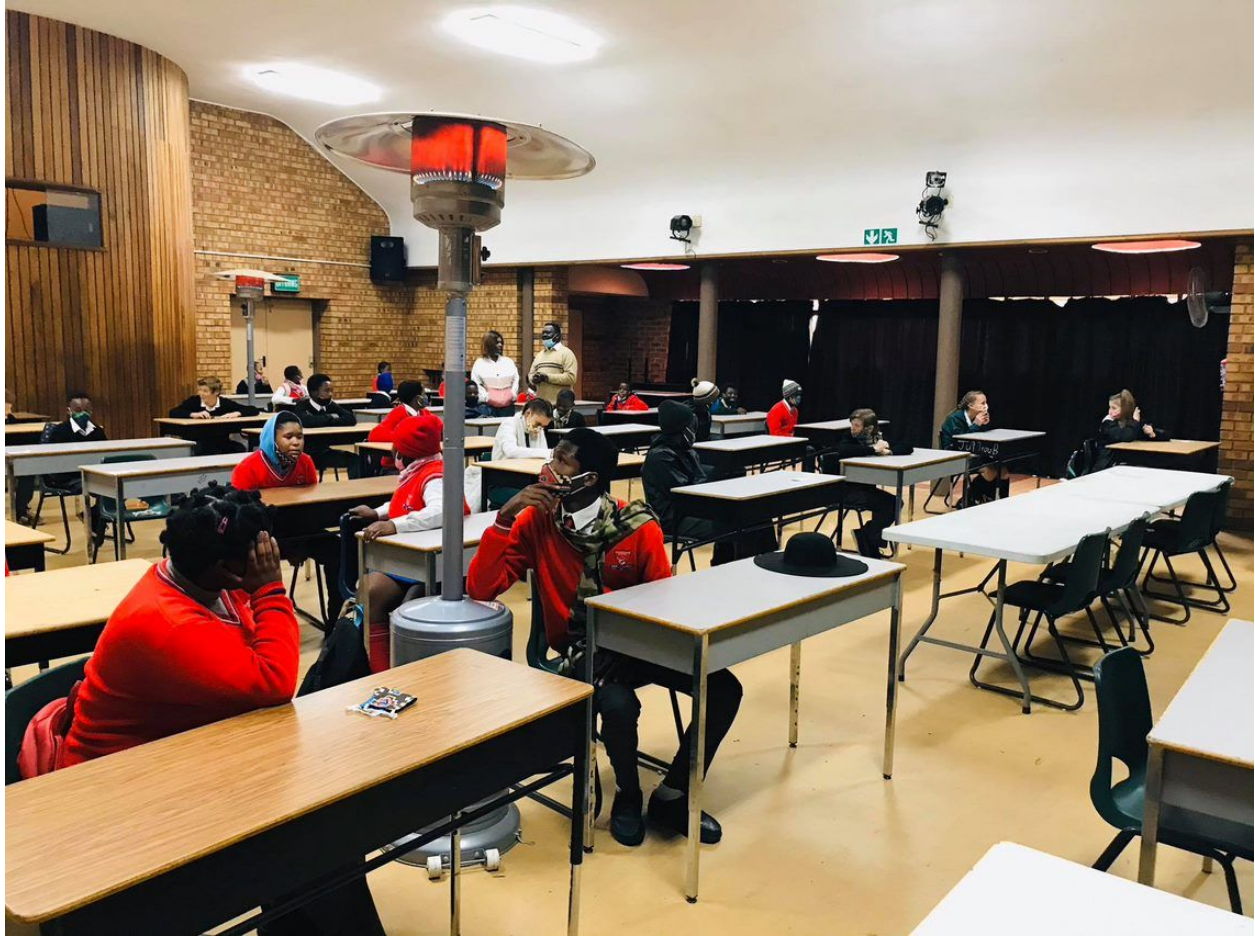
Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the children of Care Village. Your love and generosity have made such a difference in the lives of these children.

It is winter now at Care Village, and one of the Middelburg board member's family handmade warm pajamas for each of the 108 children!





The 7th and 12th grade students at Care Village have returned to school since they are the oldest grade in the primary and secondary schools, with an additional grade being added every two weeks to ensure there is not an increase in corona virus infection. The remaining children at Care Village have been “home schooling” in the large hall at Care Village using furniture donated from Saline. The children are asked to wear their school uniforms and masks, and practice social distancing as the staff tries to create an environment of learning for the children.



South Africa remains quite closed to reduce infection rates since hospitals have very limited capacity and ventilators. The three-month lockdown was intended to give hospitals the opportunity to prepare for the anticipated peak of COVID-19 in August or September. Care Village has a sanitation “tunnel” for all people coming into Care Village designed to prevent the spread of Covid. The children continue to be separated by house groups, and continue to get only an hour of outdoor time each day. The children are antsy and anxious. Siblings and friends from different houses still are not permitted to mingle. The house parents and staff are doing their best to offer emotional support, but resources are thin.



Many thanks to all of you who sent recorded video prayers and audio prayers for the children to play before their meals and at bedtime. As the pandemic continues, this is a great way to send your love to the children. It is still not too late to contribute to this wonderfully received initiative by the children and the house parents. Please continue to email your prayer recordings to Bob Cindric at [unclebob@mvcare.org](mailto:unclebob@mvcare.org).

All of the houses have Internet service and the majority of the children have email addresses. If you would like to send an email to one or more of the children to brighten their day, please [contact us!](#)



Over the past months that Care Village has been on lock down, Gerrie, the Care Village Manager, has been organizing special events for the children like surprise pizza parties, fun slumber parties, and special breakfasts.







Congratulations to Tess Carichner, a Saline High School student who has been named one of Washtenaw County's 2020 Young Citizens of the Year! Tess visited Care Village in 2018, and initiated some important donations to Care Village. Read more about this amazing student [here!](#)

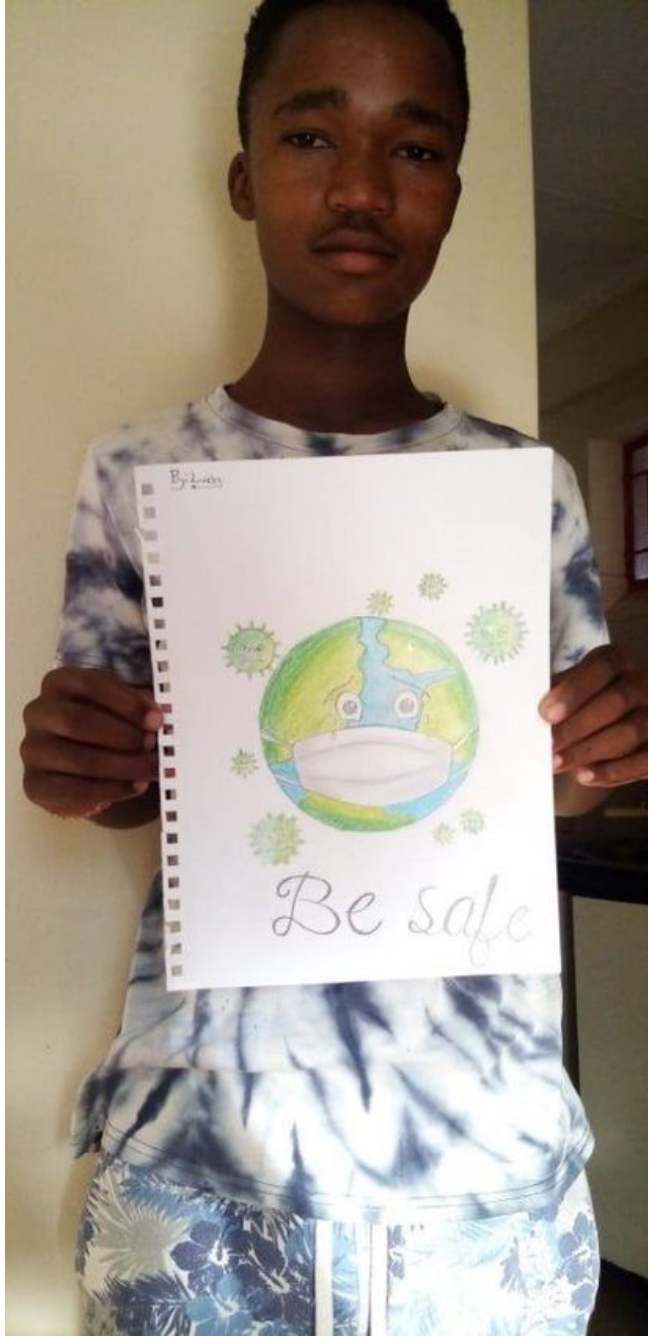
Many thanks to the past participants of the Care Village Outreach Golf Outing at Brookside. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the traditional golf outing has been cancelled for this year. However, we arranged for an alternative format! Between August 22-30, Brookside has agreed to provide a round of golf and hot dogs/hamburgers, for \$75, that will be donated to Care Village Outreach. Thank you Brookside for supporting our alternative golf event, and thank **you** for participating, and having fun for a tremendous cause. You can [register](#) for a round of golf on our website.



Care Village Outreach is getting ready to launch a fundraising campaign to purchase a new bus to transport the children to school, church, etc. Their current bus is breaking down with increasing frequency. There isn't heat, it guzzles fuel, and can not exceed 35 mph. More information will be coming soon! Thank you so much for your continued engagement and support of these children.

Please encourage others to [subscribe to our newsletter](#) for future updates, pictures of the children, upcoming fundraisers and community events.

Our Care Village community continues to give their hearts in support of their neighbors locally, and their friends and family globally. Thank you for the impact you are making in the lives of others. Stay safe and healthy.



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