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A Project of the *Coca-Cola Salvo*  
Community Foundation

**DECEMBER 2010**

Children supported to date: 315  
Flights sponsored to date: 1345  
Bus tickets sponsored to date: 50  
Children assisted last month: 14

## PATIENT UPDATES

- **Lukhanyo** – Age 8 months. Leukemia. Returning from Red Cross, and will continue his treatment in hospital in Uitenhage for 2 months, and will then return to Cape Town for follow up treatment.
- **Bongani** – Age 16. Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Bongani regularly travels by bus between Peddie and Port Elizabeth for treatment at Provincial Hospital.
- **Pumza** – Age 19. Relapsed Leukemia. Travels by bus between Aliwal North and Port Elizabeth to receive treatment at Provincial Hospital.
- **Anathi** – Age 17. Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL). Anathi has relapsed and receiving treatment at Provincial hospital in Port Elizabeth. She regularly travels between East London and Port Elizabeth for treatment.
- **Thandile** – Age 1 month. Complex cardiac lesion. Cardiologists at RCCH have advised that his case is inoperable, and they are sending home to East London for palliative care. Urgently flew to Cape Town for surgery at RCCH.
- **Lukhona** – Age 4. Burkitt's Lymphoma. Flying to RCCH for Chemotherapy.
- **Nompilo** – Age 13. Aplastic Anaemia. Requires a bone marrow transplant in Cape Town. Her brother, Sanele will be the donor. Evaluation was successfully completed, and family flew home to Durban.
- **Othembela** – 4 years. Spinal Cord tumour. Flying from East London to Cape Town for a check up at RCCH.
- **Ewan** – Age 3. Born prematurely, and eye sight severely affected due to over exposure to oxygen. Ewan has a chance of regaining some of his eye sight with an operation by a retina specialist in Johannesburg. After consultation with the specialist, Ewan needs to wait another 6 months before surgery can take place.
- **Wayne** – Age 6. Renal tumour. Wayne was due to fly to RCCH for treatment, but sadly passed away a few days before his flight. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.
- **Janece** – Age 2. Relapsed Wilm's tumour. Doctor's in Cape Town have advised that there is nothing further that can be done for Janece, and she has been sent home to Port Elizabeth for palliative care.
- **Simangaliso** – Age 3. End stage kidney disease and on the transplant list. Going to RCCH for a follow up appointment.
- **Yibanathi** – Age 8. Leukemia. Completed his treatment at RCCH and returning home.
- **Terry Lynne** – Age 14. Congenital Scoliosis. Follow up treatment at Groote Schuur in Cape Town.



## LAST NEWSLETTER FOR 2010

**Thank you to all our loyal readers, sponsors and donors for another successful year.** We are proud to announce that to date this year, Wings and Wishes has assisted 80 children, resulting in over 300 air tickets and 43 bus tickets.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS OF MONTHLY CLUB 500 DRAW

**Congratulations to the following winners:**

- **First Prize:** R300, Dorothea Moors
- **Second Prize:** R150, Greg Morgan
- **Third prize:** R75, Ted Dowling

With a membership fee of only **R150 per annum**, you too can become a member of the Wings and Wishes Club 500. Each member will automatically be entered into the monthly draw. These take place at the Coca Cola Sabco offices in Port Elizabeth on the last Friday of every month, under the guidance of our auditor's, PWC. Member's attendance is not required at the draws, and winners are notified telephonically. If you're interested in joining, please contact Lisa on (041) 364 3055 or email [letords@iafrica.com](mailto:letords@iafrica.com)



## COCA COLA CHAMPIONSHIP DONATES TO WINGS AND WISHES

It was with great excitement that we learnt during the month of November, that Wings and Wishes had been selected as the beneficiary for all funds raised during the recently held COCA COLA CHAMPIONSHIP, hosted by Gary Player at Fancourt in George.

A whopping R290 000 was collected from the participants, and an additional R10 000 was donated by the Professionals of the Sunshine Tour. In addition, we have subsequently been contacted by a few individuals who will be donating their Voyager miles.

Thank you to the organizers of the event, especially Bill Egbe from Coca Cola South Africa, for making this all possible.



## SUCCESS FOR GEMMA IN GRAZ, AUSTRIA

Gemma (age 3) has just returned from Graz, Austria, where she attended the Feeding Clinic at University Children's Hospital. Gemma had her feeding tube removed, and is eating and drinking independently. This is an excerpt from her blog off her website <http://preciousgem.weebly.com>:

'After 27 hours in 3 "hairyplanes" (a new word from Bryce), and 10 of the hours in transit, and a VERY good nights rest, family Deutschmann is back at home with an eating Gemma.

When I last wrote, we were waiting to speak to Prof. Dunitz Scheer about not admitting Gemma as an outpatient. We met with her at about 1pm, and she was very happy to discharge Gemma from the hospital. One of the things she told us right at the end, was that she was not totally confident at the beginning that the therapy would be successful for Gemma as the endocrinologist had said Gemma's sugars were too unstable. All the doctors were amazed at how well Gemma had done. We said our sad farewell's to her and Prof. Scheer and Dr. Tauschmann.....Garrick (Michael's brother), Josh and Daniel were at the airport to meet us. We had a breakfast together, the boys ordered muffins and hot chocolate. Gemma wanted the same. She had a bite of a muffin and two sips of hot chocolate. We then encouraged her to drink her Nutriini milk. We have brought a constant glucose monitor for her, and will be getting a lesson next week on how to insert it etc. It will be very useful to know how much she needs to eat to keep her sugars stable. At the moment for example, we don't know how much of the muffin she needs to eat to keep her sugars stable, and then feel she needs to "top up" with



Gemma - Age 3



something like yoghurt. The CGM, we feel, will give her more freedom to eat things she enjoys to eat without us worrying. The cousins were all happy to see each other again, and this helped our 4 hour transit to go by very quickly.

We received a wonderful welcome in Bloem by Manny, Bapo, Dizze, Jax, Katie and Matty. It was time for Gemma to eat again, and she had no problem in showing off, by eating her favourite (vanilla yoghurt). It is going to take some time to get her to eat different foods, but we will leave her to go at her own pace.

It is wonderful to be back home. We will miss Graz, but now Gemma can start leading her normal life at home. We will stay in Bloem for a few days, and then head back to Lesotho next week. We promise to keep updating Gemma's progress, the internet in Lesotho is not very reliable, so we will write when we can.'

We hope that Gemma continues to explore new tastes, and that her sugar levels will be maintained successfully through a normal diet and regular meals.



Tayden - Age 2

## UPDATE ON TAYDEN

Tayden, Age 2, attended the same feeding clinic in Austria and returned home at the beginning of November, after a successful trip. This is an excerpt from his blog:

"Weight: 11 kg.

The past while has been a really trying time for us as we let Tayden explore new tastes and flavours. The problem is that the little monkey has lost interest in drinking which is a major problem for us! Over the past while his drinking has become less and less, to less than 100ml on some days. Obviously this is very worrying, his body needs at least 500ml liquid a day to function properly so you can imagine we have been in quite a state.

We held his peg coming out / belated 2nd birthday party on Saturday and in a nutshell the best way to describe it would be a disaster for us. The other kids who attended had a total ball and really enjoyed it, but unfortunately my little man did nothing of the sort. We decorated the room like a play picnic and he was so excited to get inside and while I was setting up he helped me and was so happy, clapping his hands and smiling saying, "Yay!" Then, the kids started arriving and he wasn't too happy anymore...

He refused to even stay in the same room as the party and spend most of it in granny's arms, with his Aunty Raleen or playing with the pool leaf scoop – away from any of the other kids. He was visibly distressed about the whole thing and it broke my heart to see him so upset

The drinking is still at about 100ml or below per day and we are sure that he is why he is so frustrated as well. He doesn't realise he is hungry or thirsty or how to explain that he is which is causing us major issues as you can imagine because he doesn't know how to explain it and just gets so frustrated that he totally freaks out. He is also getting freaked out by places that have a lot of people or strangers even more so.

The major issue is that he is still not sleeping well and apart from that, he is hungry and thirsty and feeling all these new sensations that he doesn't know. The nightmares are now at fever pitch since the party and the OT session and we are at our wits end with everything as we don't know how to help him except to be there, be patient, give him love and let him develop and try and deal with these new things in his life. People don't realise how traumatic it is for a little soul to have the feeding peg taken out, there are so many new things that the child needs to learn and experience. They have never been hungry before, never been thirsty before and now they are feeling all these new feelings and don't know how to deal with them or what to do.

Tayden's lack of speech is also a major source of frustration for him. He is trying very hard and there are new sounds each day as he tries to say new words but as yet he has not been very successful BUT there is an



improvement. These things take time but it is not easy to explain that to a 2 year old when there are so many new things happening around him and he cant even begin to try and understand it all.

Our main aim is to try and get the times of frustration less and to help him to communicate what he wants to me and those around him. We are trying to sort out the sleep issue as well because if he is not sleeping well, we cannot expect him to be doing well during the day, to be able to concentrate or be happy and content.

Tayden and I are taking turns crying in frustration....although sometimes we do manage to cry together as well. Let's hope he starts feeling better soon and that mommy is able to understand what he wants and be able to support him as he continues on the road of developing his talking skills and getting better each day!

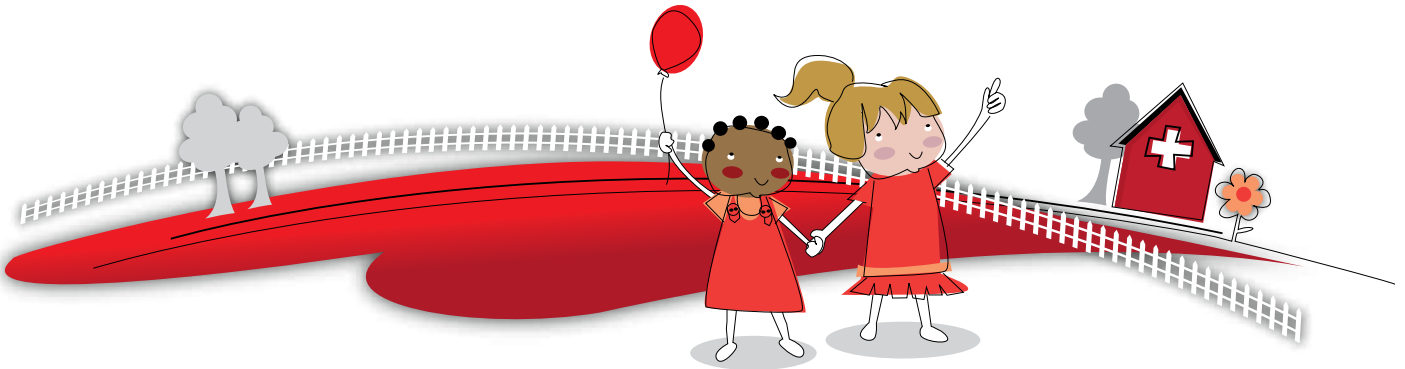
Today I question whether I did the right thing in taking this peg out when we did, maybe he wasn't ready.

We never expected post Graz to be so hard... :-("

We really hope that Tayden will improve on all fronts soon, and that our next report back will be full of good news. Good luck to Brene, Rob and Tayden.



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