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COVID-19 AND BEUDENE DAYCARE FOR DISABLED

On 18 March 2020 Beudene Daycare for disabled closed their doors. This was before the National Lockdown was announced on 23 March 2020. This was such an unusual closure for Beudene as holidays are always associated with a year-end party, lots of festivities and presents. For our learners and their parents, it was an uncertain goodbye - without realising the true challenges of social isolation that lay ahead.

There were two sides of the coin. For the learners on the Autism spectrum it was convenient to hide away and not having to comply with social demands. On the other hand, for the mentally handicapped individuals, who thrive in social environments, it was disastrous. They suddenly lost all social interaction and purpose. They were stranded at home where they could not contribute to anything or share feelings and thoughts with anyone except their families.

At Beudene they care for one another in a real and tangible way. The contributions that they provide in the Beudene environment are a display of their skills and identity. These losses due to Covid-19 caused extreme anxiety and depression for some of our learners. Many of them were not able to express their feelings in a coherent and understandable way and it caused that some of them having to undergo psychological treatment.

The parents were completely unprepared to absorb the anxiety and depression of their children in these uncertain times. The reaction of the learners was totally unexpected and unprecedented. The demands on the parents were very high, they had to replace the friend, the therapist, the teacher, the caregiver and the social structure. They had to absorb not only their own fears and anxieties, but also the reaction of their children.

THANKFUL HEARTS AT BEUDENE

Many parents have lost their income; Beudene understood their realities and did not expect payments from them. Yet, Beudene was committed to pay full salaries to their staff during the whole lockdown period. So many of the parents graciously continued to pay their fees and support our staff without receiving any services. We are forever grateful for those who supported us during these uncertain times.

The doors opened again on 24 August 2020 and we welcomed 30 learners during the first week. Beudene received assistance from the school of nursing who placed eight students at Beudene. They were a great help with the daily protocol and sanitizing of the facilities twice a day. These students ensured that our learners got more personalized attention than ever before!

GALLERY: BEUDENE DAYCARE FOR DISABLED



COVID-19 AND RAUBEX VEGETABLE TOWNSHIP TUNNELS

During March 2020, the team of Spoudazo excitedly started to identify new beneficiaries for our Township Vegetable Tunnels as Raubex paved the way for nine new tunnels to be setup in the Mangaung township areas.

Shortly hereafter lockdown was announced and everyone had to revert to the safety of their homes with lots of uncertainty of the months ahead. The project was put on hold and postponed to September 2020.

Fortunately, things have developed for the better and the Spoudazo team completed the setup of nine new tunnels. Planting of seedlings and training will take place during October 2020. We are grateful for the continuous support from Raubex towards this initiative.



IN CLOSING

2020 has definitely been something out of the ordinary. It was filled with so many challenges on different levels, but it provided much time for reflection on the true meaning of life and what matters most. Spoudazo Enterprises also utilized the lockdown time to embrace a fresh perspective on our vision and purpose. More initiatives and core relationships with role-players in the community are on the table to better meet the needs of the vulnerable amongst us.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the work at Spoudazo.

God bless.

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