



Winter Snippets 2026

To the LITTLE EDEN Family

As winter settles in, the warmth of the Little Eden family continues to shine brightly. The past few months have been filled with wonderful events, special celebrations, and countless moments of joy shared by our residents, staff, volunteers, and supporters.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors and friends whose generosity makes our work possible. A special highlight was welcoming two delightful volunteers from France, whose enthusiasm and kindness brought smiles and new friendships to our community.

While the days may be colder, we are excited about the many activities and events planned for the months ahead. Thank you for being part of the Little Eden journey—we look forward to sharing another season of blessings, laughter, and love with you.

With gratitude,
The Little Eden Team



Small Acts, Big Impact: Two French Volunteers Who Made a Difference



A Blessing Through Service – For the past three months, two wonderful young French volunteers have touched the lives of LITTLE EDEN's residents and staff while based at our Elvira Rota Village in Bapsfontein



Some comments from Sixtine and Inès ...

We came to support Little Eden in Johannesburg, South Africa, from February 28th to May 27th, 2026. Our mission was to spend time with the residents, get to know them, care for them, and support the staff in their daily work. This experience was something completely new for both of us. These three months gave us the opportunity to discover the world of disability care, while also learning about the day-to-day functioning of an association in all its different dimensions.

Our responsibilities at Little Eden were very varied, as the team made a real effort to help us experience all aspects of the association. Our main mission, however, was to accompany the residents at the ERV site in their daily lives through moments of sharing and a wide range of activities: dancing, singing, drawing, praying the rosary, attending Mass, sports, morning prayer, and games. We also assisted the staff during mealtimes, helped with moving residents in wheelchairs, and supported them during therapy sessions, including music therapy and sensory stimulation activities. Every day was different depending on the section where we were helping (Mary's Mill, Nicky's Nook, Butterfly, or BumbleBee) which made the experience even richer and more meaningful. We also took part in preparing and helping with several events such as Sports Day, Olympic Day, Heritage Day, Mother's Day...

This experience was made even more enriching and wonderful because, beyond our time with the residents, the team also made a special effort to help us discover South African culture and history. They organized cultural visits around Johannesburg and gave us the opportunity to experience an unforgettable trip to Kruger National Park. We are deeply grateful to Little Eden for all the care and attention given to our well-being throughout these three months. Your kindness, generosity, and trust made this experience truly unforgettable, and we will carry these memories with us for a very long time. This adventure was, above all, built through the human relationships we were lucky enough to create with every person we met at Little Eden. More than anything, this experience was shaped by the people who welcomed us so warmly and made us feel part of the family from the very beginning.

Comfort Made Possible: Candy & Grant's Recliner Gift



With heartfelt gratitude and celebration, we thank our donors for their generous and compassionate gift. The funds raised have enabled us to purchase two beautiful reclining chairs for Grant and Candy.

Living with significant circulatory challenges, comfortable seating has often been difficult for them. These chairs are more than just furniture—they are a gift of dignity, relief, and everyday comfort.

This thoughtful act will truly make a meaningful difference in their lives, and we are deeply appreciative of this kindness



Celebrate Your Birthday with Purpose – Our In Lieu Giving Programme

LITTLE EDEN Society offers a special **In Lieu Giving Programme**, inviting donors to celebrate their birthdays in a meaningful and heartfelt way—with our residents.

Through this programme, supporters can choose to mark their birthday by hosting or sponsoring a celebration at LITTLE EDEN, helping create a joyful party experience for residents who do not have family to celebrate with. These moments of connection, laughter, and togetherness make a truly special difference in the lives of those we care for.

For more email: info@littleeden.org.za





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Every ticket supports LITTLE EDEN, helping provide lifelong care and dignity to children and adults with profound intellectual disabilities.

SCAN BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS





VENUE:
The Barnyard Theatre
Emperors Palace



DATE:
Friday,
28 August
2026



DOORS OPEN:
17:30



SHOW STARTS:
19:00

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Fundraising at The Barnyard Theatre

When wishes come true...

For many years, a customised minibus designed to meet the unique needs of our residents has been at the very top of our wish list. Given the significant cost of specialised vehicles, it was a dream we hoped for but never knew would become a reality.

Today, we are thrilled to share that, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of a very special donor who wishes to remain anonymous, that dream has come true! LITTLE EDEN is now the proud owner of a brand-new Ford Tourneo, specially suited to transport our residents safely and comfortably. The vehicle is particularly valuable for residents who use wheelchairs, including our larger Madiba Buggies, which can be challenging to accommodate in standard transport.

This incredible gift will open doors to more outings, more experiences, and greater opportunities for our residents to engage with the world around them. It is more than just a vehicle—it is freedom, inclusion, dignity, and joy on wheels.

To our anonymous donor: thank you for believing in our residents and for making such a meaningful difference in their lives. Your generosity will be felt every day, for many years to come.

From all of us at LITTLE EDEN, and especially from the residents whose journeys will now be made easier and more enjoyable, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ❤️



This **Mandela Day**, LITTLE EDEN Society invites individuals, teams, and companies to **Roll with Purpose** and help create lasting change in the lives of the 300 residents who call LITTLE EDEN home.

Friday, 17 July 2026

09:00 – 14:00

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ERV Bapsfontein

How can you get involved roll?

Give a Gift – Donate essential items from our wishlists.

Give Your Time – Spend your 67 minutes making memories.

Give Together – Unite your team through meaningful impact projects.

To be part of our day call Michael on 011 6097246

300 residents 300 Smiles - endless joy!

The 300 Smiles Campaign brings joy, celebration, and connection to each of the 300 residents who call LITTLE EDEN home.

Thanks to the incredible support of our local community, we raised an amazing R150 000 last year. These funds helped create special birthday celebrations and monthly events that made our residents feel seen, loved, included, and part of a caring community.

This year, we're aiming even higher—and we need your help!

Whether you're a school, business, community group, church, or individual, you can help us create more smiles, more memories, and more moments of belonging for our residents. Join the 300 Smiles Campaign today!

Scan the QR code on the attached poster
Email us at info@littleeden.org.za

A load of love...

With 2.5 tons of washing processed every day at LITTLE EDEN, our industrial washing machines are true workhorses, keeping residents' clothing, bedding, and towels clean, fresh, and hygienic.

After 21 years of loyal service, one of these champions finally reached retirement age. Just when we needed help most, the incredible Easterns Nomads stepped in and generously funded a brand-new industrial washing machine valued at R152,000!

This isn't just a washing machine—it's comfort, dignity, hygiene, and care for our 300 residents every single day.

A huge thank you to **Easterns Nomads** for helping us keep the loads moving and the smiles shining!



A Little House with a Big Heart!

What looks like a simple Wendy House is actually a wonderful new space for care, stimulation, learning, and play for our residents. Filled with opportunities for engagement, creativity, and fun, it will become a place where special moments and happy memories are made every day.

A huge thank you to Olivia Almanza of **SLG (Pty) Ltd** for this wonderful donation. Your generosity has created so much more than a Wendy House—you have created a space for smiles, growth, connection, and joy. We can't wait to see all the adventures that lie ahead!



Our residents are at their happiest when sharing smiles, laughter, and special moments with visitors. From Father's Day and Youth Day celebrations to wonderful visits from our generous donors and friends, every interaction brings joy, connection, and a reminder that they are part of a caring and supportive community.



Our Winter Challenge

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