



SAN SALVADOR HOME & WORKSHOP

THE SAN SALVADOR SNAPSHOT | NOV 2021



THAT TIME OF YEAR

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Believe it or not, it's Christmas time again! Which can only mean one thing at San Salvador: Christmas puddings!

Large Christmas puddings (900g) R200

Small Christmas puddings (450g) R100

As always, these puddings are made with the finest ingredients, including brandy, stout, cherries and fruit. Decorated and wrapped, they are ideal for Christmas presents. To order please contact 011 788 4646 or 082 878 8630. Or collect directly from the Home between 9am and 3pm.

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HEROES ON BIKES

SUPPORT OUR 947 RIDERS

Our cycling team has been hard at work both on and off the bike! The 10km mountain bike race took place on Saturday 13 November and our 7 entrants (and 6 chaperones) all completed the challenge! **What an amazing achievement!**

And last Sunday our cycling team conquered the streets of Jo'burg in the 94,7km road race - that is a lot of kilometers on a tiny saddle! Collectively all cyclists have already raised just over R60 000! **Please help us reach our target of R100 000 by donating at <https://helpingheroes.co.za> (scroll down and select '94.7 Ride Joburg').**

Please share with friends and family too.

END OF YEAR CRAFT SALE

Our end of year craft sale will take place at a lovely venue in Rosebank this year. It's the perfect time to do a bit of Christmas shopping and support San Salvador!

26th - 28th November

**The Jack Rose Inn, 10 Tyrwhitt Avenue,
Rosebank**



CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

We're hoping to be able to give every resident a Christmas present this year, so we're asking for donations of gifts. If you can help, please contact us. Ideas for gifts: bags for their knitting, nail polish, pens & adult colouring books, chocolates, or a personalised mug.





MESSAGE FROM RONELLE

STRESSED, BUT BLESSED

“CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS AND STAND STRONG WHEN ADVERSITY HITS, FOR WHEN THE STORM COMES, IT IS THE EAGLES WHO SOAR, WHILE SMALL BIRDS TAKE COVER.”

As we are nearing the end of the year, it is again a time for reflection. After a dreadful 2020, we started the new year with renewed hope, thinking that nothing can be worse than being confronted by a pandemic that brought the world to its knees.

Unfortunately, the pandemic continued, unabated, wreaking havoc and fear amongst so many people. We at San Salvador, like so many others, had no choice but to continue in “survival mode”. We too suffered too many losses this year, when a number of our beloved residents passed away, albeit not due to Covid. Although we continued with our normal operations, in that we continued our usual care and intervention programmes, we had to, yet again, suspend or cancel all our planned fundraising and recreational activities. It broke my heart, as our residents have so little to look forward to, and even these events and activities were withheld from them due to the Covid restrictions.

Although the past year was taxing and challenging, there were also some good times, lots of laughter, and some successes. As I said to my staff and the residents: “we are stressed, but blessed”. We survived, and still managed to thrive, albeit to a lesser degree than prior to the pandemic. But most importantly, we managed to maintain some “normality and structure”, during incredibly stressful and chaotic times. San Salvador remained a little “island of love, peace and hope” for all its residents and beneficiaries, in a world that would not have been a safe, accommodating and accepting environment for people who are incredibly vulnerable.

The Board, management and staff worked so hard and was absolutely committed to making life as safe and pleasant as possible for the residents and Workshop attendees. I wish to thank them all for their dedication and positive attitude. **To all who supported us during this trying year – family, friends and donors – our gratitude is endless. We could not have done what we did without your support.**

We wish you all a very happy, safe and blessed holiday and festive season.