



SAN SALVADOR BULLETIN - END FEBRUARY 2019

Hello everyone.

We blink twice and two months have evaporated into the air. A belated Happy New Year to all and the following is a record of what has been happening of late.

The run-up to Christmas and New Year (first two weeks in December 2018) was exciting and enjoyed by all the residents and Sally's Workshop attendees. The prize giving ceremony took place at Sally's Workshop, the San Salvador Home residents held their annual Christmas play and they were treated in many ways during December.

Christmas is a special time and we were very fortunate in that we were able to also make it a special occasion for our residents and Workshop attendees, through the kindness and generosity of several donors. We wish to thank Balkan Burgers for donating their Christmas lunch, Jumbo Sweets for donating sweets and chips for the Sally's Workshop Christmas party, Sue Ratcliffe and members of the St. Mary's Village, as well as Sheilagh Cheketri and Leila Barbaglia for donating beautiful Christmas gifts for our residents.

India Cares furthermore, arranged a lovely Christmas Carols afternoon and tea for our ladies on 16 December 2018.

Sally's Workshop was closed between 15 December 2018 and 15 January 2019, allowing the attendees to enjoy a well-deserved rest. Several Home residents also joined their loved ones during the festive period. The remaining residents enjoyed the peace and quiet, and the staff members who did not take leave enjoyed their travelling time to work being halved, due to less traffic. All in all, it was a good December!

Unfortunately, the New Year started off on a less pleasant note, with the weaving room being flooded and various other parts of San Salvador Home being damaged by the exceptionally heavy rain and extreme storms we had since New Year's Day. The switchboard was also struck by lightning and we are currently using a switchboard on loan. All these events were unexpected, not budgeted for and created a situation where we are once again under financial strain.

In 2018, the Board adopted a new policy on the payment of fees, that was forwarded on to all account holders. In order to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of San Salvador, this policy will have to be strictly enforced during 2019. We have great understanding for the fact that everybody is under financial strain, but the reality is that the fees charged for the residential facility are not exorbitant and it is only increased marginally every year in order to keep the fees affordable. However, accrued non-payment of fees by some, jeopardizes the future of the Home, and we appeal to all to meet their financial commitments to the Home.

The Board is planning a meeting and brainstorming session to which all the families and significant others will be invited. Details will be e-mailed to you. Please be involved in planning the future of San Salvador and attend this meeting! Be involved in whichever events we organize. We must ensure that this is a "lifelong Home" for all our residents, **present and future!**

Valentine's day was made very special, and employees from GIBS (Gordon Institute of Business Sciences) organized a stunning Valentine's Day breakfast for our people at their conference venue. What a treat this was! They truly lived up to the legacy of Saint Valentine; i.e. to show love, kindness and generosity to those who are less fortunate. Thank you to Khanyi Ndlovu and her team for organizing this very special event.

Unfortunately, dates for the upcoming events have not been finalized, due to the flooding of the weaving room. We plan though to still have our weaving day sale in May 2019.

Please keep an eye out for posts on our Facebook page: **San Salvador Home**, and our website: www.sansalvadorhome.org for the upcoming events. Your support of these events is vital.

Although belated, with us already being into the third month of 2019, we wish you a prosperous and healthy year ahead!

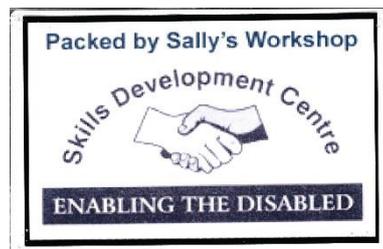


San Sally Workshop:

The Workshop has begun the year on a positive note. There are 5 new workers coming on the bus from Alexandria - we would like to welcome Lesego Khumalo, Amanda Shiburi, Emmanuel Matlala, Buti Marule, Tamasanga Jaxa, and Justin Tladi. The bus is now full.



We are now putting the label below onto everything packed for Premier Plastics.



Yours in assistance to our fellow San Sal ladies.

THE SAN SALVADOR FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP (FSG)