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# NEWSLETTER

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## GCF'S JUNE JOURNEY..

### GCF Golf Day

This year, we will be hosting our very first Golf Day, #TeeOff4Kids, on Friday the 15th of September 2023, at the Margate Country Club. We are so excited, we can hardly wait! The price for joining a four-ball including two golf carts and meal vouchers, is R2,200. If you don't need carts, the price will be R1,600.

Put the date in your calendar and come support a very worthy cause. If you would like to sponsor a hole, or prizes, or join in the fun, please contact Mareli Schwartz ([mareli@gcf.org.za](mailto:mareli@gcf.org.za) or 039 317 2761) to be a part of this amazing day.



### Child Protection Week

"It should not be a Child Protection Week, but a Child Protection Day, EVERY day," says Nozuko Mkhwalo, GCF's Training Manager, "but the week is good in that way that especially people working with children are reminded that they always need to be protected."

This year's national Child Protection Week was from 29 May to 5 June, and just like every year, Nozuko and her team of community workers were invited to join school awareness sessions together with other important role players in the community, such as Child Welfare and the South African Police Services. Altogether, the team went to four different schools and spoke about child protection to about 500 learners and their teachers.

Every little step for a safer world for children counts!

### Solar Panels

Thanks to our wonderful friends in the Netherlands, GCF is no longer affected by the power outages that have crippled the country over the past few years. A huge thank you to everyone who has given towards this fundraising campaign, through our fundraising partners Stichting GCF Nederland, and Wilde Ganzen.

We received this happy message from our colleague, Finance Assistant, Sarah one morning: "This morning I saw the notification of load-shedding from 09:00 to 11:00. At first, I'm thinking 'Oh no, my payments, I need to load them!' and then it hit me.... SOLAR! Then I started doing the happy dance!" We appreciate our funders!



### Community Service

We have had four amazing Grade 10 students from Port Shepstone High School completing their 15-hour compulsory community service with us at GCF. They assisted our colleagues in the kitchen and housekeeping department, which may not sound like the number one choice for a teenager, but their joy and willingness to help gave so much pleasure. We want to commend their exceptional dedication and compassion in making a positive impact on our organisation and the community we serve.

Thank you, for choosing us. Your selflessness inspires us all!

### Staff Training

GCF is always investing in its staff, to broaden their knowledge, skills, and expertise in their respective fields. June has been a busy month for our social work practitioners. Themba Shumane and Anna-Karin Öhrnstedt went to Westville, Durban to attend a training about various amendments of the Children's Act facilitated by Crystal Theron from Le-Shika Development and Training Consulting. Hazel Gigaba and Monica Nomlala attended a virtual training on Alternative Care by Sanet Viljoen from Child Protection in Action. Sthembile Mngayi, Themba Shumane and Sinesipho Gubela participated in the Department of Social Development's (DSD) training Standards and Norms of Child and Youth Care Centres.



Well done to our colleagues for keeping GCF up to speed!



If you want to know what we get up to on a more regular basis, make sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram @givechildfamily



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