



WHATZ-UP OC

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The last two months have been adventurous here at The Open Circle! While maintaining our



COVID-19 protocols, we started venturing further than the front gate to allow our residents a few novel experiences and some excitement amidst the day-to-day routine. Those that participate in vocational activities were paid their stipends and rewarded for their hard work with short



shopping trips; learning to prioritise needs and manage their money practically.

Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden opened their gates to us for a beautiful morning outside, where residents and staff enjoyed a picnic on the lawns. Our residents have not been allowed on such large outings since the start of the national lockdown, and although cautious – the excitement was tangible! A special thank you to John Masilo for making this outing possible for us. Our students from the University of Cape Town, who worked so beautifully with our residents for five weeks, joined us on this outing. The fun continued at home as we indulged in festivities of singing, dancing, and eating cake several times as we celebrated four **birthdays**. It was unfortunately not all fun and adventure. The



Open Circle hosted an **intimate memorial service** for our late resident, Aidan Behr. Residents and staff members were given the opportunity to bid him farewell and greet his family. Aidan will be sorely missed in the OC family,



but our memories of him will be cherished. We are looking for angels to sponsor **remembrance plaques** for residents and staff who have passed,



which will be placed in our **sensory garden**, which is still well underway. Our beds have now been built, plastered, and

painted and are now needing to be filled. Pure Legacy Pty Ltd has been integral in keeping this project alive with their generous donations and support. As an NPO we thrive on **partnerships with our community**. One such partnership is with The Oude Molen Eco Village Food Garden and all its volunteers, who welcomed us for Easter, as we undertook our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** before celebrating the Easter weekend. Residents had an amazing morning playing games and hunting for easter eggs in the garden. A big thank you to Surita Linde, from Pure Legacy, for joining us as a volunteer for the morning, as well as the Daniels, Uys and Langdon families for their **donations** of easter eggs. A special word of thanks to Elmarie Uys and Gordan's Bay Primary School for their continued support and donating in abundance. To see more of what we have been up to, please head over to our new and improved **Facebook page**, another platform on which we hope to grow our community support! With winter approaching, we are in desperate need of bedding for our residents, such as pillows and single duvet inners. If you or someone you know of can assist, please contact us at manager@opencircle.org.za or head over to our **"How to Help"** tab.



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