



12 October 2018

Dear Parents

END OF YEAR COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

The end of the year is fast approaching – a time to think of others and reach out to organisations in our community. As a school we would like to support worthy causes in our community, particularly those changing the lives of children in the Helderberg area. Please see the reverse side of the page for details regarding the different collections for the respective grades / classes.

The Junior Primary children have completed their own projects, doing chores to raise money in order to provide our Tereo friends with Christmas goodies.

The remaining collections are humbly requested, but not compulsory. You are welcome to contribute towards as many of the projects as you like. No contribution is too big or too small.

We hope that you will make your children part of the process by involving them in selecting the item(s) for these special gifts.

Please take special note of the deadline for each collection.

If you have any queries – please feel free to e-mail Mrs du Toit – info@somersethouse.co.za

Please also check the weekly newsletter, The Blah, for details regarding the collections we do for our own staff. As a gesture of thanks to our ever-smiling, hard-working kitchen, cleaning, maintenance and garden staff as well as the security guards, we would like to present them all with a **Christmas hamper of special treats from the Somerset House Family**. There will be 24 hampers in total, and contributions of food (luxury or basic items) would be most appreciated!

Your support is sincerely appreciated.

Kind regards

THE STAFF OF SOMERSET HOUSE

Grade / Class	OAKWOOD	
Worthy Cause	HEARTLANDS BABY SANCTUARY	WALK WITH A PURPOSE
About the Organisation	Child and Youth Care Centre and Hospice for abandoned, abused and/or orphaned and chronically ill children - Providing a temporary and emergency place of safety. Counselling and training for primary caregivers and extended families on basic childcare is also provided. Please visit the Heartlands Baby Coffee Shop to assist with their fundraising!	The drive involves donating a pair of school shoes or takkies to the ones that cannot afford it in the Macassar, Kayamandi and Sir Lowry's Pass Primary Schools. Please watch this video to gain a detailed understanding of the project https://vimeo.com/180618102 .
Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet wipes • Nappies (sizes Prem to 6/Junior) • Infacare No.1 (400g) Formula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoes in good condition (specifically school shoes or takkies)
Deadline	Friday 16 November	Friday 14 December
Collection Point	Oakwood	Finance Office / 2 nd Hand Shop

Donations are not compulsory

Grade / Class	PREP SCHOOL		
Worthy Cause	GB OUTREACH TEAM	PATCH	WALK WITH A PURPOSE
About the Organisation	GB Outreach is a registered NPO and PBO that offers hunger and other relief to people who are in distress. Their projects include feeding schemes, soup kitchens, care for the elderly, as well as support for a creche and aftercare centre. They are currently focussing on a stationery drive for disadvantaged schools in the Helderberg.	PATCH / Helderberg Child Abuse Centre aims to support all child victims of sexual abuse in the Helderberg area of Cape Town, South Africa and strives to prevent the incidence of this horrific crime committed against innocent children. They believe that every child victim of sexual abuse is entitled to immediate crisis intervention, free professional therapy in his/her home language at a PATCH facility close to the child victim's home, and preparation for the court case, should their case go to court	The drive involves donating a pair of school shoes or takkies to the ones that cannot afford it in the Macassar, Kayamandi and Sir Lowry's Pass Primary Schools. Please watch this video to gain a detailed understanding of the project https://vimeo.com/180618102 .
Items Requested (per child)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New or 2nd hand Stationery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New underwear / socks for children • Toiletries i.e. soap, toothpaste, vaseline, body lotion, shower-gel, roll-on or deodorant (male or female), hand sanitizer • Tissues, plasters, cotton wool • Towels or face-cloths • Tennis balls, stress balls for therapy sessions • Dolls of all races for dolls house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoes in good condition (specifically school shoes or takkies)
Deadline	Friday 16 November	Friday 16 November	Friday 14 December
Collection Point	Knowledge Centre	Mrs du Toit's office	Finance Office / 2 nd Hand Shop