

The Equine Assisted Riding Therapy and Hope (EARTH) Centre inspired by SARDA Gauteng

NEWSLETTER



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Thank you to everyone that has supported us thus far in 2017.

In recognizing individuals and organisations, one always runs the risk of omitting someone. Should we inadvertently do so, please let us know and we will rectify our error.

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Oakfield Farm Sponsored Dinner



Oakfield Farm, an extraordinary and beautiful venue in Muldersdrift hosted and sponsored a dinner for SARDA Gauteng at the EARTH Centre on 16 March 2017. The dinner was a 'Thank You' to those who had supported the organisation over the years and an introduction to plans for the future.

It was attended by over 100 people and the guests included representatives from the Mary Oppenheimer & Daughters Foundation, FL Smidth, Muldersdrift Business Women's Association, Local Ward Councillors, and Edith Venter of Edith Unlimited. A huge thank you to Matthew Stubbs and his team for supporting the EARTH Centre; the décor was beautiful and service superb; after registration each guest enjoyed delectable canapes and welcome liquid refreshment. Julia Morris, the Fundraiser, welcomed the guests, thanked existing and welcomed new supporters.

Ronell Viljoen, the Marketing Co-ordinator, presented a slide show introducing the organisation's plan for the future, and the funds needed for this going forward. Stacey Stouris, representing the Mary Oppenheimer & Daughters Foundation was presented with a beautiful framed photographic collage acknowledging the tremendous support that the Foundation has given. Guests then enjoyed a sumptuous meal followed by a selection of delicious desserts and were treated to superb wines from the Estates of Ken Forrester and Porcupine Ridge.

Matthew Stubbs introduced a member of his staff whose son had ridden at the EARTH Centre after he had been injured by a drunk driver. The therapeutic horse riding that he received helped him immensely and he is now able to walk again and lives in Limpopo. This unexpected connection was a unique example of how therapeutic horse riding benefits and improves lives, the hope that is created through the work that is done at the EARTH Centre and highlights the importance of its continuation.



- Frank Carter Engineering
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Remember to use your MySchool card as often as possible! It will cost you nothing, will qualify you for Woolies discounts, and we get a percentage from each purchase.

If you do not have a MySchool card and would like to order one, please contact Julia, our fundraiser on 011 958 5044 or email: fundraising@earthcentre.org.za

Other ways that you can help include:

- Volunteer your time
- Sign a debit order
- Make a once off donation
- Sponsor and organise a fundraising event
- Fund construction projects

Have you paid your Tekkie Tax? Get your Stickers and Laces now!

12 National welfare organisations came together for one BIG fundraising campaign called National Tekkie Tax Day. Together Tekkie Tax represent more than 1 000 NGOs all over the country – and we are one of them!!!

Tekkie Tax Day this year is on Friday, 26 May and we are selling three out of the five beneficiary sectors:

My♥Animals

My♥Children

My♥Disability



You can choose to participate as an individual, or get your company involved! Julia, our fundraiser is happy to deliver your stickers and laces to your office. You can contact her via e-mail: fundraising@earthcentre.org.za. Stickers can be purchased from us at R10 each.

Once you have decided which sector to support, you spiff up your tekkies with a pair of our funky Tekkie Tax shoelaces (R35 per packet including beads and a sticker) and well done... you are ready! Be sure that all tekkies are proud to be seen in public...

Update on the new ponies

Five new ponies came to the EARTH Centre at the end of last year to be part of our new EduRide Programme. The ponies have settled in well and have recently been integrated into the rest of the existing herd. All of them have proved to be well suited to the work of an equine therapist and have so much potential for helping us grow this new programme.

They have all recently had their photographs taken by Bianca from [Atomic Images](#) and are available for sponsorship along with the rest of the equine therapists. Each pony's profile can be viewed [here](#), and donations towards their keep can be made through our [website](#).



- Hire straw bales and old tack for your function



Valentines Coffee Morning

The first coffee morning for the year was held on Valentines Day with the theme "spread the love", and that is exactly what the 70 guests did that day! Food was provided using a donation received from President Hyper in Krugersdorp and Bianca from Atomic Images manned our fabulous photo booth!



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