

MAKING A DIFFERENCE DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The building of the House of Hope – the brick, mortar, paint and plaster side of things – is going to take several months to complete. In the interim, the Denis Goldberg Foundation has launched several initiatives that give a taste of what will happen on a much-expanded scale once the House of Hope is in place.

One of these, the Jolly Hollyday Programme, started off by our asking the question: Are there enough activities for local children during the school holidays? The answer – most definitely not.

So Denis, Lavinia, Bev, Debbie and a handful of hard-working helpers stepped into the breach and put together a two-day programme over the December holiday. The venue for the programme was Snoekies hall (thank you, Justin!), and the programme was attended by 32 children, ranging from Grade R to Grade 6, from five of the local primary schools. Much of the funding for this and another holiday programme organised by James House was raised by Scarlett Osborn. Scarlett is a learner at the International School, and organised a Kidz4Kids event which both raised the funds for holiday programmes and showcased the talents of local young people.



A considerable amount of fun was had by all who participated in the Jolly Hollyday Programme. Activities included making holiday decorations, using toilet roll cores, pages of discarded books, brown paper bags and the like. Did you know one can make snowflakes using toilet paper cores and glitter? Did you know that juggling balls can be made from balloons and rice? Thirty-two Hout Bay children now have these skills.

There was singing, hip-hop dancing and a juggling lesson in addition to the arts and crafts. The programme began with an ice-breaker during which each child had to chat to, and then introduce, a new friend. There were sandwiches, biscuits, apples and other snacks, as well as delicious subsidised fish and chips provided by Snoekies. But most important of all, the children joining us could relax, laugh, learn and celebrate the end of another year.



The projects the Denis Goldberg Foundation is considering for the 2019 school vacations include soccer, netball, dancing, and more arts and crafts. We are confident that this list will keep on growing, as more and more children and supporters sign up and join us. We would also welcome any suggestions and resources that readers can offer in respect of future holiday programmes.

BUILDING THE HOUSE OF HOPE ONE CHOCOLATE BROWNIE AT A TIME

Massimos, the well-known Italian restaurant in Hout Bay, has introduced an innovative and delicious fund-raising initiative in support of the House of Hope. They have a chocolate brownie on their dessert menu and are donating R5 to the House of Hope for each brownie served by them.

Their support illustrates a principle which the Denis Goldberg Foundation holds dear. The House of Hope is being set up with the support of donors from all walks of life – businesses, philanthropic entities, substantial donors and also, vitally, our many hundreds of friends and supporters help out in whatever way they can..

It isn't only the monetary value of a contribution that counts. It's also the heart and the goodwill of the donor which is hugely important. The strength of the House of Hope project lies in the fact that it rests on the support, encouragement and idealism of a very large group of people, who have found dozens of ways of expressing their support.

The Masimmo fundraising initiative embodies that truth, and we thank them for that.

Turning to the culinary aspect, the chocolate brownies which are helping to build the House of Hope are light and delicate, with a chocolate outer crust which cannot be adequately described here. They might have more calories than you would ordinarily allow yourself, but think of it this way – each brownie means we get to buy several of the bricks which will be used in erecting the House of Hope.

Tuck in!

THE ACTIVE ACTIVIST

Founder and mentor, Denis Goldberg does not allow the fact that he is battling stage 4 lung cancer to stop his activism. The past few months have been particularly busy. Activities which have attracted public media attention include the following:

- Denis was awarded an honorary doctorate by Scotland's Heriot-Watt University. An award ceremony was held at the Hout Bay museum in August 2018.
- Denis gave the keynote address at the Social Cohesion Intergenerational Dialogue organised by the Department of Arts and Culture in October 2018
- On the 2nd of October, Western Cape MEC of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Anroux Marais, officiated at the signing of a Cooperation Agreement in respect of the House of Hope between her department, the Hout Bay Museum, and the Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation Trust.
- In January 2019, the Deputy President, David Mabuza, presented the Isithwalandwe/ Seaparankwe award – the African National Congress's highest honour – to Denis in recognition of his contribution to the liberation struggle.
- Also in January 2019, Denis was interviewed by Stephen Grootes on SAfm Sunrise.

The activities that attract media attention are but the tip of the iceberg. Denis is, in every respect, an inspiration to all of us involved in the House of Hope project.

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