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### THE WORTMANN'S

For those who don't know, this is Rowen and Vanessa Wortmann. Vanessa transitioned into taking over the daily running of the place of safety from Gin over the past 2 years. She is doing a stunning job at keeping the home running like clockwork for government, but also keeping it a loving family for the children. Rowen has also recently come onto staff to help run our enormous home with Vanessa, and to keep on top of the maintenance needs and help me with some of the Fundraising. They have lived in our area all their lives and run a nursery just up the road. They are skilled at taking



little seeds and nurturing them into blossoming flowers. We can see how that experience overflows into what they do with our children daily. Vanessa speaks fluent Zulu which has been an incredible asset when working with the community and government. They have 2 children, a daughter who is almost a qualified teacher and a son who manages a specialized sports equipment outlet in PMB.

### Spring is Upon Us!!



Winter is almost a thing of the past in Kwa Zulu Natal!! Maybe not quite the winter weather that some of you may experience in other places around the world. But for us South Africans it is super cold!! Our children are very appreciative of all the donations of jerseys and beanies; they certainly helped on the frosty mornings.



With frozen ground comes burst pipes. Luckily, Uncle Rowen (as the children call him) has so many happy helpers all doing their bit. Water leaks don't stand a chance with our resident little plumbers in training.

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A big thank you to Henk and his family from the Netherlands for the stationery and running shoes that you bought all the way over to us. It was wonderful to meet you and congratulations Henk on your excellent time in the 2019 Comrades marathon.

The children love coloring in especially on the freezing winter mornings.



### A New Arrival

A little boy born in mid May 2019 was found on a railway line, totally covered in dirt! His name is Sfundo and we're so privileged to bring him home to a warm bath, clean clothes, cuddles, and keep him warm, fed and safe. The department have placed him here while we try find a long-term solution for him.



### A Success Story of Note

We understand that some children in our care are not here forever. So, with the help of social workers we strive to place children that do not have options into our foster care homes. But we get really excited when we find willing **and** able family members for our children so that we can reunite them. These family members are often unknown and impossible to find but we live for success stories with happy endings, and here is one.

Vanessa is our in-house private detective, when children are placed in our care, she will go out of her way to investigate each and every case. Recently this resulted with a young boy being reunited with his biological mother!!! Because of her tireless digging and relentless phone calls, Pison (pic attached) was reunited with his mother whose life circumstance had radically changed and who was now desperate and ready to have her son back in her arms.

This was made possible because Vanessa was here to follow every lead, and not give up, and that is only possible because our supporters help keep her in place and our doors open.

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## Electric to Gas

We have had some exciting changes here at Benjamin Generation, with gas geysers being installed in our homes. They have taken some getting used to, but we hope that we will see a drastic drop in our electric bill in the months to come.

Our utility bills continue to be a huge expense in our day to day running of the home. We are in the process of investigating solar panels and hope to install some on the roof of Moore House in the near future. If anyone would like to get involved with this project please contact us as we strive to lower our utility bills.

Huge and Heartfelt Thanks to Pietermaritzburg Community Chest for making the installation of the gas geysers possible.



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We have also started a WhatsApp Broadcast with short video updates. It is NOT a chat group so if you would like video updates then please WhatsApp your name and number to 0799322138 (or overseas users 0027)

You won't be added to any groups!!

**THANK YOU AS ALWAYS FOR ALL YOUR  
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