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As we start the New Year we need to look back at 2025 and realise how blessed an organization Benjamin Generation is. We are so grateful for every person who is reading this newsletter, it means that you have shown an interest or have played some part in the success of 2025. Benjamin Generation still does not receive any funding for the children in its care or for any part of the Benjamin Generation school. All the funding needed has come from you. Is that not amazing? That 32 children can be housed, clothed, feed, educated, given a second chance and loved because of you. That 90 children in the Benjamin Generation school can be educated, fed 2 meals a day and given the most wonderful opportunity to have this start to their educational life. I think that this is incredible, that without the help of government that this opportunity can be given to so many children.

So what are we hoping 2026 will bring, well more of 2025 please. With your help, contributions, support and prayers - 2026 can be just like 2025, but better.

The Main Children's Home:

December was a busy month for Vanessa and our Social Worker Nomcebo. Through-out 2025 they had been on a drive to try and solve and resolve as many children's cases as they could and obtain an outcome and way forward for each child in the care of Benjamin Generation. All their hard work paid off, and during the month of December, 8 children were either reunified with family, fostered, or adopted out of the care of Benjamin Generation. We have since received two new children into our care a 6-month-old girl and a 2-year-old boy.

All the children in the main children's home attend school, either at the Benjamin Generation school or at schools in the local community.

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BABY HOME

It is always such an exciting time when a new baby arrives at the Baby Home, 6-month-old Lulu arrived with much fanfare and excitement from all the ladies here at Benjamin Generation. What a beautiful little girl.

For those of you that know Hope, there has been steady progress in her growth and development. Hope has started physio and today the 26th of January she went to get her eyes tested and miraculously she will not need glasses. Last week she had a bout of flu but after a quick visit to our local doctor she quickly recovered in a day or 2. Hope will always have physical challenges, but we just take it day by day.

The children at Benjamin Generation had the most wonderful Christmas. Thank you to those involved in giving the gifts for the children. Many hours have been spent during these holidays playing with their gifts.



Christmas Stockings being prepared.

PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School year has begun with energy, enthusiasm, and a wonderful sense of anticipation as 100 children returned through our gates. This year's enrolment includes two RRR classes, two RR classes, two Grade R classes, and one RRRR class catering for children aged 18 months to three years, creating a vibrant and diverse learning community. Our teachers were fully prepared and eager to welcome the children, guiding them through the important early themes of *My School* and *All About My Body*, helping each child to settle confidently into their environment while building foundational awareness and curiosity.

Play and exploration continue to be at the heart of each day, with the ever-popular little motorbikes remaining a firm favourite during free play time. As the days grow warmer, the water play tables have also become a highlight, offering both enjoyment and valuable sensory learning opportunities. We remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our community and beyond, the donations of educational resources such as puzzles, games, and art supplies are always appreciated, as they enrich the learning experiences of our children and support meaningful, hands-on education throughout the year.



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CHILD CARE CENTRE

ADOPT-A-COT

Help keep little tummies full
and hearts warm.

By donating R 400 a month you will help take care of the child sleeping in that cot. You will be updated on your cot/bed. You are welcome to divide your sponsorship with a friend or family member.

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We have several exciting fundraising initiatives that will help sustain the work of Benjamin Generation throughout the year:

Golf Day: Our next Golf Day will take place on 6th February 2026 at Noodsberg Country Club. We warmly invite sponsors and players to join us and help make this event a success.

Our 150-hole challenge which is taking place on the 2nd of April 2026 at Greytown Country Club.



BENJAMIN GENERATION
CHILD CARE CENTRE
AND PRE-SCHOOL



SEND A CHILD TO SCHOOL

Educating young minds.

By donating R350 a month you will help send a child to school. You are welcome to divide your sponsorship with a friend or family member.

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Then still under construction is our Fundraising evening to take place in the Dalton Hall in either July or August 2026. Listen out for updates on this fundraiser – we are sure that it will be a fun evening.

Ongoing Campaigns: Adopt a Cot – supporting the care of our babies and children. Send a Child to School – helping provide quality education, for learners from underprivileged families.

Charity Shop: Our Charity Shop in Pietermaritzburg continues to be a wonderful source of support – not only for Benjamin Generation but for two other organizations as well. Your unwanted items can become a blessing when donated to our shop, helping to fund the daily needs of our children and the children and adults in the other two organizations.

We can provide you with a section 18A certificate for your cash donation and for larger companies we are able to provide documentation for your B-BBEE obligations.

You can contact us via our website at www.benjamingeneration.org or Follow us on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Benjamin-Generation/1406788702906948>. Or email us on rowen@benjamingeneration.org, vanessa@benjamingeneration.org or lyn@benjamingeneration.org

THANK YOU AS ALWAYS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

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