



**The Angel  
Starfish Project**  
*One Love, One Family*



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**FUND RAISING EVENT.**

Our friends at TUNZA are once again holding one of their brilliant fund raising events in aid of two causes one of which is our charity. It will be a Masquerade Ball at the Park Inn Hotel St. Helens on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Tickets cost £35. Limited availability. Contact details below.

Rotary President : Joe Schwach handing over World Cup Football mascot donated by First National Bank to children at Angel Starfish recently.



Photos of goods donated by staff at Jaap's company AAA in Cape Town



Photo of fire and safety equipment purchased from money set aside for Angel Starfish by Goede Mensen



The Angel Starfish Educare Centre has its own website: [www.angelstarfish.com](http://www.angelstarfish.com)

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**The Angel Starfish Educare Centre goes from strength to strength**

**This is the second edition of our new newsletter.** It features news about the recent visit to the Angel Starfish Educare Centre at the Sijonga Phambili Community Learning Centre in Hout Bay, Cape Town South Africa by charity trustees Elaine and Chris Maloney for the Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee of the centre with the parents. Elaine Maloney is also a member of the management committee.

We also include a report from Jane Marshall who works for the St Helens and Knowsley Health Authority who went on a recent visit with her daughter Lauren

**Jane's report....**

*Over 18 months ago some time after a conversation with Chris Maloney over a drink with a neighbour I decided that after 10 years of wishing for the opportunity to go and work with people affected by HIV, this invitation was just too much to pass up and so I made a commitment to myself that I would go to Cape Town and that my Daughter would come with me.*

*On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 my dream became a reality - at 4am we stood at the airport not really knowing what we were heading to and feeling slightly apprehensive but very excited, we checked in 2 cases - one full of clothes for us and one full of things for the children.*

*When we arrived in Cape Town it was late and dark and we were tired so headed off to bed ready for our first day of living my dream! The morning came and we were picked up by Malcolm Coppin - what an angel! From the first morning to the last minute he looked after us. He took us to the centre and gave us the tour - I couldn't believe that after all the planning and preparation here we were my Daughter and I stood at the Angel Starfish Educare Centre surrounded by mountains and children!*

*The welcome we received was amazing - the children loved Lauren who is my 9 year old daughter and she loved them just as much back.*



*During our time at the Centre we had a chance to read to the children, take their lessons and teach them about tooth brushing. It seemed that some of the children didn't fully know what to do with the toothpaste and yet they all had a great time and so did we!*



*We really enjoyed our time with the children and staff and would love to go back again one day - there is so much that has been done at the centre and yet still so much to do. It was hard to leave the children and we miss them all. The staff were very welcoming and were so kind while we were there. They are obviously committed and care for the children and it was a fantastic opportunity to work with them.*

*The experience was better than we could have hoped for most thanks to Malcolm for the way he looked after us and the teachers who made sure that we were able to spend time with the children and also to Chris who asked me what my background was almost 2 years ago which was the conversation that triggered this whole opportunity.*

*We loved meeting the children and the staff and can see so much potential for the centre. Hopefully we will go back and see more of the fantastic work that is being done to help these special little angels.*

*Jane & Lauren Marshall  
October 2010*

**Visit by charity trustees**

The visit to the Educare Centre gave us the opportunity to meet new staff and see at first hand the improvements made. It also gave us the chance to attend the Annual General Meeting and meet with committee members and parents of the children. Michael Raggett, Chair of the Angel Starfish Educare Committee in Cape Town delivered an excellent speech outlining the outstanding progress to date and plans for the future.



Parents responded very well to his invitation to get more actively involved. Treasurer Daniel Swanepoel presented the accounts and thanked The Angel Starfish Charity UK for our wonderful support.

The parents were very appreciative of all the efforts to improve their children's life chances

