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The Children's Hospital Trust
helping our children get better.

The Fundraising Arm of the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital.

NEWSFLASH

April 2010

MEET AAMINAH ABRAHAMS

Aaminah Abrahams is recovering well from laparoscopic surgery to her ovary at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. The use of modern minimally invasive, laparoscopic surgery in the Hospital's new state-of-the-art Operating Theatre Complex meant that only three surgical incisions were needed to stop her internal bleeding – greatly reducing the danger to young Aaminah.



The surgery was a success. 12-year-old Aaminah only spent two days in Hospital and was back to her normal activities 4 days after surgery! Traditional open incision surgery would have increased her recovery time to 2 weeks, but thanks to the skill of surgeons and anaesthetists, and modern medical equipment, Aaminah is back home with her family and friends.

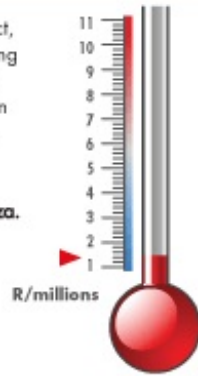
SURGICAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE

The Children's Hospital Trust's key fundraising project is to raise R10,6 million for a Surgical Skills Training Centre. We have already raised R1,462,661 million and Karl Storz, a German endoscopic equipment manufacturer, has pledged approximately R10 million required to equip the facility with digital equipment.

Support the Trust with this project, and you will not only be helping patients like Aaminah, but you will also help make an impact on paediatric care across Africa. Please use the donation form included or donate online at www.childrenshospitaltrust.org.za.

Need to raise:
R10,639 million

Raised/pledged at 09.04.10:
R1,462,661 million



With the upgrade of the new Operating Theatre Complex at the Hospital, surgeons need to master the use of increasingly sophisticated equipment. The skills that were used on Aaminah cannot always be acquired safely in a live surgery setting. There are currently no dedicated endoscopic surgical training centres in sub-Saharan Africa, forcing African specialists and surgeons to travel abroad to train. A facility of this kind is vital if African surgeons are to keep up with the most modern surgical techniques and ensure that patients treated at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital receive the best possible care.

D1 SPECIALIST SURGICAL WARD PREPPED

AND READY FOR UPGRADE

Thanks to generous support from individuals, companies, organisations, the community and funding from the Provincial Government of the Western Cape, the Trust has raised the R10 million required to upgrade the D1 Specialist Surgical Ward at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. This Ward currently handles around 180 admissions each month – more patients than any other



Louise Driver, (CEO of the Trust), with Douglas Bashe, from G&H Construction, tracking progress of the new ward.

inpatient ward – but has not been upgraded since the Hospital was built in 1956. Building commenced in March 2010, moving the Hospital one step closer to upgrading all the inpatient wards.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Legacies are the lifeblood of the Children's Hospital Trust and one of our most critical sources of long-term funding, enabling us to plan for the Hospital's future needs. Legacies are a lasting memorial to each and every individual whose generosity and foresight helps to ensure that the Hospital remains a world-class centre of excellence, bettering the lives of hundreds of thousands of sick children each year.

In April 2010 the Trust will launch a very special programme – the Circle of Life. This will bring together those who are planning to



leave a legacy to the Children's Hospital Trust, giving them an opportunity to get to know the inner workings of the Hospital, meet the dedicated staff and see first-hand some of the heartwarming miracles that take place at this amazing place of healing.

For more information on the Circle of Life contact Liz Linsell on +27 21 686 7860 or liz.linsell@chtrust.org.za.



GUARDIANS

(guard – i – an.) noun a person who guards, protects, or preserves
(www.dictionary.com)

To the Children's Hospital Trust, a Guardian is more than a donor. They are individuals, trusts or foundations with a personal commitment towards the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital as a centre of paediatric excellence. Guardians are donors who give between R5000 and R100 000 per year towards a prioritised project in the Hospital.

Guardians are assured that every cent donated is used in accordance with the greatest area of need at the Hospital. However, should a Guardian wish to have their funds allocated towards a specific cause, we are happy to honour that request. Either way, this dedicated group of supporters is changing the face of the Hospital and the lives of its patients.

To become a Guardian contact Jeneé Stamer on +27 21 659 1793 or jenee.stamer@chtrust.org.za

CYNTHIA'S CORNER

The Trust is thrilled to have a United Kingdom branch, as well as a much-loved Trust Patron, Cynthia Cormack (MBE) in the British Isles, who support the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital through various fundraising initiatives and the generosity of numerous donors.

The Trust's United Kingdom branch has raised substantial funding for the Hospital through various initiatives and the generosity of many donors, big and small, including most recently Geoff Popple and the Pangbourne Overland Africa team as well as David Forman for raising funds by climbing Kilimanjaro. Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated UK Trustees: Mr. Benedict Hall, Dr Caroline Cormack, Mr. Benjamin Morton, Mrs. Georgina Cadbury and a warm welcome to Veena Lady Williams of Mostyn and Professor Mignon McCulloch who have joined our UK Trustees.

Special thanks also to our other recent international donors: St. Mary and St. Michael Catholic Primary School in Guernsey, Dr Steve Rebstein and Chris Guy who donated his prize money from winning a vintage sports car rally. We appreciate your commitment to helping Africa's sick children.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our website at www.childrenshospitaltrust.org.za for news and information on upcoming events and exciting new projects.

Happy Birthday to all our supporters who are celebrating their birthdays this month. We'd like to keep in touch with you so please send us your date of birth or ID number to cht@chtrust.org.za



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