

Dear friends of the House of Encouragement foundation

We were able to spend a wonderful Festive Season with family and friends in Switzerland. Filled with lots of memories and encouraging affirmation concerning the work of our foundation we are now back in South Africa. We look forward to what lies ahead of us in the new year. The individual care and support for the children remains the focus of our activities. The ongoing help in word and deed as well as the financial support from Switzerland is a huge gift for the children. They know and feel that all the help comes from the heart and they cordially thank you for it.



Thanks to your help we all feel like Royals.

The whole team had a good start into the new year and everybody is happy to be available again for the children. Together with the caregivers, we are planning new activities with the kids where we split up in different age and interest groups. At the beginning of the school year eight new orphans have joined our big family. As we have already experienced in the past, these children will hopefully settle in quickly. The sharing with others in the center will help them to cope with their difficult situation so they can look ahead again with hope.



A few weeks ago we were able to tile the floor in the center. This makes playing on the floor for the little kids indoors and outdoors even more fun. The budget at the time we built the center only allowed for a concrete floor. With regular maintenance work we reflect our commitment in taking adequate care and in our endeavours to maintain the value of the building. It is important for us that the children and the staff not only feel comfortable in the center, but that they also contribute their part and show responsibility for their second home.

Out of a private initiative, which is based on high identification with our work, a charity concert with young and very talented artists from around the world will be organized. We thank Rolf Frischknecht for his enormous commitment in favour of our foundation. This will be an event of outstanding quality, See information in German below.



Benefizkonzert

**FÜR DIE STIFTUNG «HOUSE OF ENCOURAGEMENT»
MIT DEM «ZAKHAR BRON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA»**

Freitag, 17. April 2015, 19 Uhr
Hotel, Seminar- und Kongresszentrum Seedamm Plaza
Pfäffikon SZ

Eine Initiative von Rolf Frischknecht

*Junge Talente
auf ihrem Weg
zu Weltruhm*

DIE SOLISTEN



Leila Zhu *2006, Grossbritannien/China
Cécile Vonderwahl *1998, Schweiz
Mone Hattori *1999, Japan
Ellinor D'Melon *2000, Jamaica
Elena Kawazu *1998, USA/Schweiz

At the end of January a website for this special event will be available. We will show the link/URL on our own website as soon as possible. More information is also available by email "aprilconcert@bluewin.ch". Your attendance at the concert and your support of House of Encouragement also in this way will be appreciated.

Greetings from Soshanguve

Foundation House of Encouragement



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