

## CYNTHIA'S CORNER

### NEWS FROM THE UK BRANCH



The Trust has a United Kingdom branch – as well as a much-appreciated Trust Patron, Cynthia Cormack (MBE), in the British Isles.

Thank you to the students of **Cheam School** who travel to South Africa on a sports tour every second year and will, once again, raise funds for the Trust in 2011. Busking, discos and horse-riding are but a few of their fundraising events.

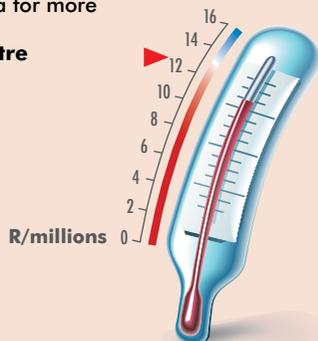


Springbok rugby legend Bakkies Botha was no match for Trust UK Trustee Professor Mignon McCulloch. The UK launch dinner for The Blood Brothers Testimonial was hosted at Lords Cricket Ground in December to kick off the UK leg of Bakkies Botha's Testimonial Tribute Year, in collaboration with fellow Springbok and Lock Victor Matfield. This sporting initiative will raise funds for the Surgical Skills Training Centre currently being built at the Hospital.

Visit [www.blood-brothers.co.za](http://www.blood-brothers.co.za) for more information.  
**Surgical Skills Training Centre Barometer:**

**Target R13.1 million**  
(R10 639 million building & R2.5 million for equipment)

**R12.7 million raised/pledged as of February 2011**



## GUARDIANS



Guardians are donors who give between R5 000 and R100 000 annually towards a prioritised project in the Hospital. Collectively these dedicated individuals are making significant improvements to the Hospital and are a very special part of the Trust's story.

*"I recently went on a tour at the Red Cross Children's Hospital, and it is truly a remarkable place. It's weird because for 3 years I practically worked across the road from them and had no interest in it whatsoever... It never dawned on me that behind those walls there were dedicated staff, offering world-class paediatric care. For those of us with kids, we are fortunate that they are healthy. That they do not have cancer, or an infectious disease, burns, diabetes, neurological problems, or any other severe health problems... Think about it, it could so easily be your child there. It's never too late to make a difference. It's the collective amount of everybody's contributions that can save millions of lives."*

(Fatghia, Children's Hospital Trust Guardian)

For more information or to become a Guardian contact Jeneé Stamer on +27 21 686 7860 or [jenee.stamer@chtrust.org.za](mailto:jenee.stamer@chtrust.org.za)

## LEAVING A LEGACY

The Circle of Life programme brings together caring, like-minded individuals who have chosen to leave a legacy in their Will to the **Children's Hospital Trust** for the benefit of future generations of sick children at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. Legacies are the lifeblood of the **Children's Hospital Trust** and a critical source of long-term funding to help us plan ahead for future Hospital projects. For this reason it is very helpful if you could tell us if it is your intention to leave a legacy to the **Children's Hospital Trust**.

Or if you would like to know more about including the **Children's Hospital Trust** as a beneficiary in your Will, please contact Liz Linsell on +27 21 686 7860 or [liz.linsell@chtrust.org.za](mailto:liz.linsell@chtrust.org.za).



**Upgrading the Burns Ward C2:**

**Target R16 million** (R13 million building & R3 million equipment)  
R16 million raised/pledged as of February 2011 -  
**TARGET ACHIEVED!**

\* PLEASE NOTE THIS TOTAL INCLUDES ALL PLEDGED DONATIONS AND NOT ONLY FUNDS BANKED



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helping our children get better.

Fundraising for the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and Paediatric Healthcare in the Western Cape.

# NEWSFLASH

March 2011

## MEET BABY LENIQUE



Just a few weeks ago, this sweet little 6-month old baby girl was fighting for her life. Lenique's mother, René, became worried when her baby's temperature rocketed and she kept vomiting and refused to eat. When her body started to stiffen and she struggled to move, René began to panic. Her local hospital immediately referred her to the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, where doctors diagnosed her with Tuberculosis Meningitis – and admitted her to the Medical Ward B1.

Surgeons acted swiftly and inserted a shunt to drain fluid from Lenique's brain, a procedure that saved her life. After several weeks of specialised treatment in hospital Lenique has shown such an improvement that she now gets impatient when she's not fed fast enough. Lenique also has an identical twin sister waiting at home and René has had to share herself between her two babies, sleeping at night in a chair beside Lenique's bed. Now, René is looking forward to the day she can take her tenacious daughter home to her loving family.

**A world-class facility – just what the doctor ordered!**

Medical Ward B1 (where Lenique was treated) is an extremely frenetic ward, specialising in treating children with chronic illnesses – including infectious diseases. The dedicated Ward B1 staff work in an outdated

facility that was built and equipped in 1956. Unfortunately, the cramped ward cannot accommodate children in isolation, which increases the risk of cross-infection. Parents endure weeks, even months, at their sick child's bedside without access to adequate facilities.

However, despite being an old facility, Ward B1 still provides world-class training with active involvement in research and rehabilitation. 70% of the patients in this ward are younger than 12 months. 25% are HIV positive. 15% have TB. 60% require high care. The upgrading of this vital ward will create increased isolation areas to reduce the risk of cross-infection and improve patient outcomes. A comfortable, child-friendly and attractive facility will also boost staff morale for those who work tirelessly in this demanding ward.

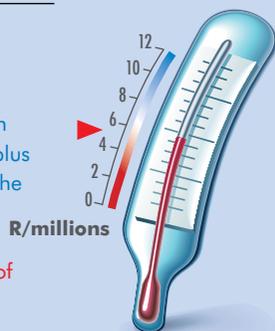
### Every cent counts

The full cost for Medical Ward B1 is approximately R12million, which is comprised of R9million for building and R3million for specialised equipment. The Provincial Government of the Western Cape has pledged 50% of the total building cost. The Trust must raise the remaining R4.5million to commence building in October 2011, as well as the additional R3million for equipment. 100% of all donations to the Trust go directly to the Hospital.

### Medical Ward B1 Barometer:

**Target R13,8 million** (R9 million building & R3 million equipment plus R1,8 million for the relocation of the Cathlab)

**R6,7 million** raised/pledged as of February 2011



## THE PERFECT GIFT

Thank you to the many donors who encourage friends and family to donate to the Children's Hospital Trust in lieu of birthday presents or other special celebrations. A special thank you to Jurgen Schremp who once again raised a substantial donation in lieu of his 65th birthday. All donations, no matter the size, impact the lives of sick children as 100% of donations to the Trust are used to benefit the Hospital. Not a single cent is used for administration costs.

## EXPANDED FOCUS IN 2011



This year the Children's Hospital Trust will continue to assist the Hospital, as it has done for the past 17 years, by funding their identified priority capital, equipment, research and training projects. We will also be expanding our funding reach to projects beyond the Hospital's doors within the Western Cape, which will broadly impact paediatric healthcare and indirectly impact patient outcomes and services to the Hospital. Research conducted by the Children's Hospital Trust into the gaps in paediatric healthcare confirmed that needs exist outside of the Hospital's doors which require funding ranging from paediatric safety education to child rehabilitation.

The first Trust expanded-reach fundraising project is the equipping of four METRO Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ambulances with additional specialist paediatric equipment. This will improve EMS pre-hospital, and inter-hospital services rendered to Neonate and Infant patients in the Western Cape Province. EMS handles over 40 000 emergency calls monthly and facilitates 5 000 paediatric transfers yearly, including those to the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. The service quality of ambulance transfers directly impacts the patient's medical state upon arrival at the Hospital as well as their overall prognosis. To support this project contact Philippa Douglas on +27 21 686 7860 or philippa.douglas@chtrust.org.za.

## TRUST IMPACT

In December, a sizeable donation from the South African Muslim Charitable Trust was allocated to the upgrade of the Specialist Burns Unit and the development of a Surgical Skills Training Centre at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. The South African Muslim Charitable Trust was established by the Old Mutual Al Baraka Equity Fund to act as a conduit for the provision of funding, assets, services and other resources to approved public benefit organisations.

## ONLINE IS BEST

 **Visit our Facebook Fan Page!**

So show your support by becoming a fan – <http://www.facebook.com/childrenshospitaltrust> – and find out all the latest news and events happening at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital!

- Email us at [cht@chtrust.org.za](mailto:cht@chtrust.org.za) or visit our website on [www.childrenshospitaltrust.org.za](http://www.childrenshospitaltrust.org.za) to subscribe to our quarterly eNewsletter online. This will not only help us to save costs but will help save the environment!

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- We have been hard at work cleaning up our database to ensure we have correct details for our supporters. **But we need your help too.** Please contact us on [cht@chtrust.org.za](mailto:cht@chtrust.org.za) if your details have changed.

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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