Starfish GREATHEARTS FOUNDATION LIFE, HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY

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GREATHEARTS NEWS

One Child at a Time...

TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH!

PRACTITIONERS EXCEL IN ECD ASSESSMENT AND GOVERNANCE WEBINARS

This month has been an absolute blast! Our practitioners rocked the house at their ECD assessment webinar and the Compliance and Good Governance in ECD webinar, diving headfirst into the art of evaluating our little stars, age groups 0 to 6 years, and learning more about compliance to help ensure everything runs smoothly in our ECD centers. The practitioners were very excited to learn so much about assessments. Seeing our little learners shine brighter each day fuels our fire to provide top-notch support and interventions. Learning about compliance was particularly valuable for our practitioners as each center must be compliant and practice good governance. Here's to more fun-filled learning adventures ahead! 🚀🌟 A big thank you to our partner, GROW ECD, for providing these free webinars for our practitioner's.

GROW ECD

FANTASTIC TEAM BUILDING SESSION BRINGS JOY AND UNITY

The Starfish team had an amazing time in the office with their team-building activities! They felt like kids again, playing fun games in teams and sharing endless laughs and giggles all day long 😂🎉. They also enjoyed delicious food, discovering just how much this team loves good food! 🍕🍰.



This playful experience was a fantastic way for everyone to get to know each other better and see a whole new side of their colleagues outside of the usual day-to-day work. It was a day filled with joy, bonding, and unforgettable memories! 🤗🏆💫





Team Effort Shines at Starfish Greathearts - Mall Exposure

Our team has been hard at work and recently went all out to put Starfish Greathearts in the spotlight with successful mall exposures. This kind of exposure is crucial for Starfish as it helps raise awareness about our mission and garner support from the community.



JOYFUL MOMENTS: NEW SHOES AND SUPPLIES FOR ECD LEARNERS

At Starfish, we were thrilled to see the joy on our little ECD learners' faces in our CBOs when they received their new school shoes and stationery packs. It was incredibly satisfying to witness their smiles and excitement. We had so much fun helping those little feet fit into their shiny new school shoes, making the day memorable for everyone involved.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our valued partner, Investec, for their generous support in making this initiative possible. Your commitment to our community and dedication to improving the lives of our little learners is truly appreciated. Thank you, Investec, for your ongoing partnership and contribution to our cause.







STARFISH AT THE TRAINING OF TRAINER SESSIONS!

Our Projects Manager recently attended a dynamic two-day "Training of Trainers" session facilitated by National ECD Alliance, (NECDA). We at Starfish Greathearts are thrilled to be implementing partners in the rollout of the National Parenting Program, which is to capacitate over 16000 parents nationally. This training will empower parents with invaluable knowledge about the significance of Early Childhood Development (ECD), enabling them to better support their children's educational journeys. We are excited to be a part of this huge initiative!





STARFISH ATTENDS THE TRIALOGUE

We recently attended the 2-day Business conference which connects business with NPOs and allows us to understand the latest developments in CSI trends, as well as encouraging collaboration between like minded organisations.

STARFISH CELEBRATING WORLD PLAY DAY! ⟪

Children in our CBOs had an absolute blast celebrating World Play Day! The air was filled with laughter and joy as they engaged in a variety of fun activities, from energetic games to creative arts and crafts. Their smiles were infectious as they ran, jumped, and played together, making the most of this special day dedicated to the joy and importance of play. It was a fantastic celebration that highlighted the power of play in bringing children together and fostering their growth and happiness. The Starfish team also went out there and enjoyed the day with the little ones!







EXCITING UPDATES!

Maternal Program

Our Maternal Program team recently had an awesome chat with some soon-to-be moms at a local clinic! 🤰✨ They talked all about preventing the transmission of HIV from moms to their little bundles of joy. It was like a big, fun hangout session, except they were also spreading some seriously important knowledge! The mamas-to-be were rocking it – asking questions, sharing stories, and soaking up all the info like sponges. The team covered everything from staying healthy during pregnancy to the latest tips for keeping their little ones safe and sound. We're beyond proud to be part of their journey, ensuring that every precious newborn gets the best start in life. 🌈💕



Our Wellness Wagon team is working tirelessly to ensure that children in the community receive the help they need, thanks to the invaluable support of the Starfish Greathearts Foundation. Recently, a social worker from one of our CBOs identified a child at a school who was facing significant challenges due to the lack of a birth certificate. The child, who is currently undergoing medical treatment, was not receiving adequate nutrition at school, which was adversely affecting their treatment regime. Additionally, the child's household lacked an employed member to provide income support.

In response, the social worker, in partnership with the Wellness Wagon, took immediate action. They began the process of assisting in securing a birth certificate for the child and organized home visits. These visits included delivering essential food parcels to support the child's nutritional needs and assist the entire family. This intervention aims to stabilize the child's health and improve their overall well-being.



Events Celebrated this month!

WORKERS DAY



WORLD PLAY DAY



MOTHERS DAY



WORLD BEE DAY



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES



APRIL STATISTICS

NUTRITION



30529
DAILY MEALS



18
FOOD PARCELS

HEALTH



1583
WELLNESS WAGON



1100
TB SCREENING



7
HIV TESTING



66
TOILETRIES ISSUED



196
DEWORMING MEDICATION GIVEN



196
VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTS GIVEN

ENVIRONMENT & EDUCATION



687
ECD ATTENDANCE



50
HOME VISITS



The Greathearts Challenge

Take the challenge!

"Change the world and make it a better place.
It is in our hands to make a difference"
Nelson Mandela

Becoming a Greatheart reminds us that **WE** can positively impact those who matter most to us.

Give **HOPE** - Changes **Lives** - with Every **Swipe**.

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It takes 30 seconds to share our challenge amongst your friends.
30 extra swipes will make a sustainable difference to us.

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Founded in 2001, Starfish journeys alongside children impacted by malnutrition, illiteracy, and lack of healthcare services today and prevents child abuse tomorrow. Our ECD programme, Capacity Building Programme and Wellness Wagon programme has impacted more than 16,000 children. Our work is achieved through the power of relationships and collaboration, listening to those with lived experience and diverse backgrounds, scaling proven practices, and challenging the systems that leave children vulnerable. Our core commitment is to do what is best for children.

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