



## McGREGOR FAMILY CENTRE SEASON GREETINGS

**Christmas has come and we want to wish all our friends, supporters and every person in McGregor a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Everyone who is leaving to celebrate the festive season with family and friends, we wish you a safe journey.**

Looking back on the past year, McGregor Family Centre has overcome the challenges of 2010. In March an Open day were held where the community had the opportunity to see what activities happened at the Centre.

End of June brought the closing of the two senior special education classes due to a lack of funding. Suncrest Education Centre continues to run the Early Childhood Development and grade R. The trust has worked hard to make it possible to keep the E.C.D. open.

In September 70 children from our surrounding farms participate in the annual Future Champions Athletics day in Cape Town. Future Champions is an athletics initiative for the development of children in Youth Care Facilities. McGregor Family Centre ended in fourth place of 13 youth care facilities and brought home 34 medals. Our sport woman of the year; Marlon Jansen received 3 gold and 2 silver and 1 bronze medals.

Even though our struggles we were able to keep our programs running. The afternoon programs run daily in the village as well as twice a week on the farms. Our youth programs are thriving, and our parenting skills programs are beginning to bring results. We are currently working with 75 young people, 155 children and 95 parents.

A Christmas party for 120 children was sponsored by Foundation of Friends. This was held at Robertson Riding School, where all the children received breakfast, lunch, ice cream and a gift. The activity week at the Centre was held during the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> till the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. It was attended by average of 110 children per day. The event was run in conjunction with Department of Social Development, SAPS and the NG Church.

We would like to recognize funders who make the running of the child and youth care developmental program and the family preservation programs possible.

- Department of Social Development
- Eskom Foundation
- Syringa Trust
- Donaldson Trust
- Pick n Pay Foundation
- Capitec Bank
- Lewis Stores
- Robertson Vryburgers
- Graham Beck Development Trust
- Foundation of Friends
- And all those people who donated small amounts during the year.

We would like to thank the community of McGregor for their assistance to the Centre and Suncrest Education for the support with fundraising, and the donation of clothers, supplies or any form of gifts. Your contribution is highly appreciated. It enables us to do more. The Centre will be close from 22 December 2010 till 17 January 2011, but if there is an emergency contact details is available at the Police Station as we do have a stand by emergency support service.

With Love all the Staff of McGregor Family Centre.