

Abraham Kriel reopens House Bouwer for girls

Abraham Kriel Childcare (AKC) has reopened House Bouwer following a rebuild and renovation programme. Situated at the organisation's Langlaagte campus, it can accommodate 10 girls, between the ages of 7 and 15, who can benefit from a specialist programme designed to cater for the needs of traumatised children.



AKC CEO, Paul Momsen officially reopens House Bouwer

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Paul Momsen, CEO of AKC, opened the house officially at a ceremony attended by donors, members of the AKC management, staff members of the Langlaagte campus, the new girls and their new housemother, Ruth Gounden.

The organisation, founded in 1902, has three campuses in the greater Johannesburg region, caring for over 1100 children and students in need of care and development. At the Langlaagte campus there are ten specialist houses each focussing on specific areas of trauma treatment.

House Bouwer is now officially the most modern house on the Langlaagte Campus. New features include a pantry and as an energy saving initiative, solar geysers and showers, rather than baths, were installed. To prevent any fire accidents, various fire hoses are placed at strategic points in and around the house. The house is also fully equipped with all necessary appliances, linen and furniture.

Sponsors and donations

Various corporate companies, churches and donors worked together to ensure that the house was equipped with everything needed. Tony Jardin, group merchandiser for appliances at Ellerines, coordinated with different organisations to get sponsors for appliances and equipment needed for House Bouwer. Whirlpool, Defy and the Abil Institute donated various appliances and equipment for the home. The congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church of Townsview became the new guardian congregation of the house. The congregation donated all the bedding, curtains and linen.

The Engelbrecht and Van der Linde families combined resources to donate a custom-made table with 12 chairs made from

a combination of Saligna and Oregon pine to make sure that the children can come together as a family unit. Steinhoff made sure that the children will sleep well with the donation of the 10 beds that were needed.

"We are very fortunate to have been able to furnish the house at no cost thanks to our generous donors. Their support is greatly appreciated," says Danie van Dyk, campus manager at Langlaagte.

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