



April to June, 2026

April, May and June are pretty busy months for our team in Stanford.

Here are some snippets of what kept us so busy during that time. Firstly, and most importantly, we would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to help us make these projects a success - your support is truly appreciated and goes a long way in assisting those in need.

Die Bron Rain Jackets

Following on from distributing school clothes in March we were able to provide Rain Jackets to the same



St Paul's School Clothes

Support was also provided for farm children who attend St Paul's School in Papiesvlei. We collaborated with the Coot Club Foundation in providing this assistance to these children.



Penguin Plunge

This annual fundraising event is very weather-dependent and we were blessed with the most perfect day! Clear skies and temperatures around 24 degrees. We are pleased to report that this was the most successful Penguin Plunge we've experienced in the 16 years it's been happening.

A lot of people are involved in this event and we'd like to thank the following for their invaluable contributions:

- Overstrand Municipality for permitting us the use of their property and for cleaning the area in preparation
- Stanford Kitchen, Union and Zesty Lemon for yummy soups
 - Springfontein for delicious Gluhwein
 - GoSlow for the freshest breads
- Casper Bester for his role as safety officer on the water
- Dave (the Nomadic Chef) for taking on the role of King Neptune
 - All our wonderful, brave and fun-loving Penguins
 - The Chickens on the bank cheering them on
- The volunteers who assist at both the entry table and serving soups



Winter Warmth

The cold weather arrived earlier than usual this year. With the very generous donations from our kind and caring supporters we distributed blankets, knitted jerseys, fleece tops, beanies etc to a very large group of adults and children needing a little something to keep them warm.



Canoeing

When we heard that Sibongeleni (CJ) Mzimba had been nominated to take part in the Canoe Sprint Championships in Auronzo, Italy we knew we had to assist. Having observed this young man's development and dedication in his canoeing career over the past few years we feel he is truly deserving of assistance. While most of his costs were covered by organising bodies he was in need of a little "personal money".

On his return we received this lovely little note of appreciation:

Dear Members of Stanford Rotary,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits.

I am writing to you today, coming from Italy with a heart that is overflowing with gratitude. I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for the incredible support, both financial and moral, that you gave me to make my trip from South Africa to Italy possible.

Even though CJ didn't win any of his races, he appreciates that these experiences are far more valuable than winning.



Soccer



Coach Archie informed us that New Rest Academy's senior team were in need of shirts for their "away" games and asked if Rotary could assist.

When the bag of kit arrived it contained not just the shirts, but socks, shorts and different coloured items for the goalkeeper.

The team were very pleased with their new kit—we wish them well in future tournaments.

Should you want to know more about any of our projects, please contact Lana on 082 216 4398.

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