

## INFORMATION PACKAGE





## **BACKGROUND**

### **ESTABLISHED IN 2013**

The sweethearts Foundation is a 100% community driven, volunteer based organisation. Everything is done using our own resources, skills and time to pay-it-forward to help those less fortunate.

Our volunteers, sweetly named "sweethearts" range from everyday collectors to high ranking administrators who juggle work, family and helping others. Inspired by love for our country and fellow South African's, The sweethearts Foundation believes that a wheelchair should be recognised as a basic Human Right. Anyone who is in need of a wheelchair should have one.

The sweethearts Foundation is here purely out of love, we do not get remunerated for the work we do. Seeing the smile and happiness of a beneficiary is all the payment we need.

### **BOTTLE TOPS AND BREAD TAGS**

To purchase a standard 18" wheelchair, we need to collect at least 450kgs of bottle tops OR 50kgs of bread tags. Amounts differ for children, specialised and electronic wheelchairs.

Collected #Tops&Tags can be delivered to any of our Collection Points nationwide. A Collection Point is a sweethearts' private property or business, where you can drop off your collections by contacting them and setting up a drop-off time. You can visit our website to find your closest Collection Point.

If you, or someone you know, are in need of a wheelchair, visit our website and request a wheelchair from the foundation.



You'll need to provide us with specific documents and give information regarding your request.

Once the documents have been received, the beneficiary will be added to our wheelchair waiting list and once they've reached the top, we'll organise a wheelchair handover ceremony and hand over the wheelchair.









# **HOW CAN I HELP?**

### COLLECT

You can help by collecting as many #Tops&Tags as you can. It does not matter if you collect 5 or 500 bottle tops or bread tags, as long as you can contribute to the initiative, you can be a sweetheart.

The best part about supporting our foundation is that it is at no extra cost to you. You've already bought the product, now you just need to store it.

Please ensure that you keep the #Tops&Tags separate as they are different kinds of plastic and are sent to different recycling companies.

#### DONATE

If you'd like to make a donation, of any amount, please feel free to send us an email to sweethearts@sweetheartsfoundation.org and request our banking details. If you need proof of donation, we'll happily provide you with the necessary paperwork.

If you have an unused wheelchair, please consider donating it to us. If you have a product that you'd like to give away, send it to us and we'll raffle it off.

Remember, all monies donated are used to purchase wheelchairs for the needy members of the community.

### PARTICIPATE

You can get involved and help us with the admin. You have skills, so let's put them to work! We need a whole range of positions to be filled. Send an email to marketing@sweetheartsfoundation.org and we'll find a position suited to your wants and needs.

If you are a public speaker, we need sweethearts to do presentations. If you love fundraising, help us on-board more corporates and businesses. If you like meeting new people, sign up as a Collection Point. The list of volunteer positions is endless and we need all the help we can get.



**WE WON GLOBAL GIVING'S** VIDEO OF THE YEAR 2017

If you have two minutes to spare, visit our Youtube page to view our sweethearts video.

It tells you all about Ofentse, a young school girl who was in need of a wheelchair and outlines the entire #Tops&Tags iniative. It was voted Video of the Year, so you know it must be great!

If you would like to see more of what we do, you can find us on the following social media platforms:





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