

VOLMOED STAFF REPORT AUGUST 2024



THANK YOU ALWAYS FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Warm greetings from a very chilly Volmoed! Our winter weather has been exceedingly cold the last couple of months, with snow in places it has never snowed before! Our Volmoed staff continue to be most amazing. They work hard amidst the cold winter weather, the gale force winds, and the rain that feels like it never ends. Thankfully every couple of weeks we get a cold sunny day and they all warm up outside on their tea break. Thanks to your donations, we have ensured that each of them has a good warm coat or raincoat to deal with the harsh weather.

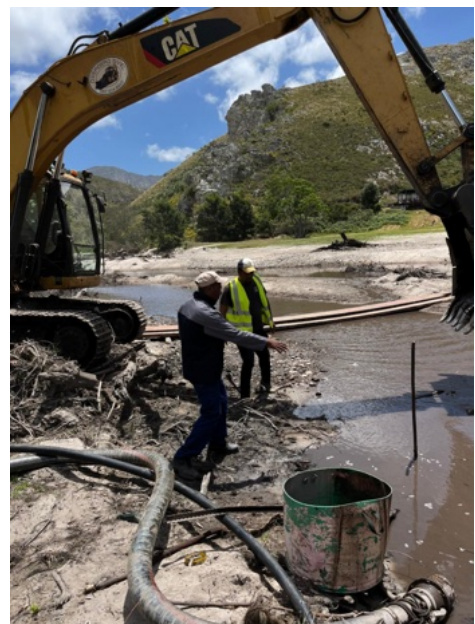


One of the big tasks during the winter months is providing firewood for each of the rental houses, and for residents' houses and the dining room. There have been so many trees falling down over the past year of extreme weather and winds, and others that have needed to be cut down to their age or being in danger of falling, so there is a plentiful supply of wood to be cut.

We are also happy that we have been able to provide internet and wifi at each of the resident

staff houses on our property. Thanks to your donations, and David, a young volunteer here for six months, this has hugely improved the quality of our staff's lives.

Our favorite staff and residents moment is our weekly gathering on a Wednesday morning, when we have a contemplative, quiet time to reflect, sing, and





sometimes share stories. It is a time to catch up with news and to support and encourage those who are experiencing difficult circumstances.

The official update about this project is that it was decided to keep this project as a fundraising project specifically for our staff and their particular needs. Covid-19 is no longer impacting us at Volmoed, and though it is still a struggle to get enough people staying at Volmoed to pay all the bills, we are progressing. The staff salaries have been paid at 100% for the last year and more. But their salaries are not enough to cover the crises like medical emergencies, car and appliance repairs, funeral travel costs and other unplanned events. With increased costs of electricity, fuel and food, together with not yet enough midweek

groups coming to stay, Volmoed is not able to pay them as much as we would like. This fund will now become a staff contingency fund that will be available to staff when they have crises and unplanned emergencies for which they cannot pay. This seems to be the best way to proceed.

As always thank you so much for your donations. We cannot do what we do without you.

YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED!

