Haven children’s home

Jehovah Jireh Haven’s AGM took place recently at the Christian Life Centre in Alexandria where activities from the past year and prospective plans were highlighted.

Jehovah Jireh Haven is a drop-off care centre and a place of safety for vulnerable children in Alexandria.

Through the love and care of Molly and Neels Bam, a couple who opened their hearts and shared their home over the past 23 years, hundreds of abused and orphaned children have been cared for. Some of the children, social workers and members of the community.

THROUGH LOVE AND CARE: The big hearts at Jehovah Jireh Haven who do all they can to care and love for vulnerable children, from left, Neels Bam, student Sarah Roberts, Molly Bam, student Jurgen Stroebel and Dave Kirby at the back.

from birth to age of 18 workers and often, abandoned on their doorstep. Some had been left to die at birth, of exposure in the open, or at the bottom of pit latrines.

Many of them suffer from emotional, physical and cognitive difficulties due to foetal alcohol syndrome or because they suffer from illnesses such as HIV/AIDS or TB.

Whatever their background and circumstances, all these children have been welcomed at JI Haven.

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Chairman of the management board Dave Kirby gave his report summarising the main activities of the past year.

The focus of the committee is to raise funds for food, clothing, education and general maintenance of the home. Much was achieved through the generous donations received throughout the year.

The ongoing challenge is to raise R70 000 a year to cover these costs.

The grounds were given a lot of attention with cutting and pruning, as well as the planting of a number of trees, making the outside areas safer for the children. An upgrade of the kitchen and bathrooms is on the agenda for the coming year.

The children at the home thoroughly enjoy the visits of Rhodes University students twice a week. “Their valuable time and input is so appreciated,” Kirby said.

A preschool for the toddlers has been started on the premises to help prepare these children for more formal schooling.

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for Monday, 9 August 2015

G Woman & L Ingls 61.3%
Tncn & Tny Bird 54.8%
A Riddnrof & T Paterson 59.2%
S Wallace & G Renede 60.5%
Wood & R Wicks 54.6%
F & S Segers 54.6%
M E C & A O'Connns 62.6%
J Tagg & L Wm 54.2%

North
6 8 6 3
7 1 2 QJ
2 QJ 57 3

West
Q J 10 J 9
10 9 3 QJ

South
K J 9 4
6 4 A 3

East
A Q 6 E
J 8 5 2
10 9 5 4

rd 4: Dealer W, game all

A grand slam was bid with the E W cards. After West had opened with a 3H bid, East had to make his own bid. East must exactly levitate a probable slam. To convey this information to partner East can bid 2H, forcing to game, together with a strong suit. West will probably bid 3NT and East then takes the trump suit with a 3H bid. Note that 3H is stronger than a bid of 4H by East, so latter could be a “sign-off”.

West has now bid 3D (as a cue bid showing first round control of both spades and clubs). East should then take stock of situation, knowing that West opened the bidding, but has a maximum of four points in hearts and 0 points in spades, so must hold at least 7 points in the minors. East should add 4NT (key card Blackwood), and when West bids 5H showing 2 key cards (one of diamonds, the other of hearts) can confidently bid the grand slam in hearts counting 13 heart tricks, 5 spade and two minor suit aces and a diamond ruff for 13 tricks.

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