

# Cape Town Rifles (Dukes) Commemorated Youth Day

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*Cape Town Rifles (Dukes) presented a large donation of toys and educational games to the Friends of the Children's Hospital Association at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital on 18 June 2014 to celebrate Youth Day. L to r: Capt John Dorington, WO2 Mike Cairns, Janine Heuvel, David Stephens, Lt Col Francois Marais, RSM Daantjie Prins.*

Hospital Association (FOCHA), and his assistant Janine Heuvel. Donated by members and friends of the Regiment and the SA Legion, they will be used in the hos-

pital for therapeutic and educational purposes and gifted to needy children and parents.

The presentation was followed by a tour of one of the children's specialist wards, during which the members of the unit took the opportunity to personally present toys to some of the children and to meet members of the dedicated nursing staff.

The Friends of the Children's Hospital Association plays a critical role in supporting the social needs of patients and parents at several medical care and convalescence facilities in the Greater Cape Town Municipal area. The items donated by CTR will contribute significantly to their mission. Lt Col Francois Marais, Officer Commanding Cape Town Rifles, reiterated the commitment by the Regiment to ongoing involvement with the hospital. The Regiment currently participates in the annual Remembrance Day Service organised by the Hospital Trust and will be extending its outreach activities in the future, including a soup kitchen on Mandela Day. ⚙️



Cape Town Rifles (Dukes) commemorated Youth Day by handing over five large boxes of toys and other useful items to the Friends of the Children's Hospital Association at a small ceremony at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, Cape Town on Wednesday 18 June 2014. The initiative is part of the Regiment's ongoing social responsibility programme with the hospital. The hospital was opened in 1956 through public subscription as a memorial to the soldiers who lost their lives during World War II. Members of the Regiment were among these original donors. The Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital is South Africa's only dedicated child health institution and offers a comprehensive range of specialist paediatric services to children.

The soft toys, stimulating board and card games, colourful puzzles and learning games, pretty dolls, and helpful items of clothing collected by the Regiment were handed over to David Stephens, the Executive Director of the Friends of the Children's