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OASIS: Receive- Refresh-Renew- and Release!!

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Anyone coming to Oasis can be rest assured that he or she will be gladly received, fully refreshed, completely renewed and ultimately released with pleasure as their motto or mission statement bear testimony.

OASIS was established in 2003 as the brain-child of Hospivision which was established in 1999 in terms of Section 21 with the view to aid the community of Tshwane and surrounding areas. The centre is open two days (Monday and Thursday) in a week, but according to Father Barry “ we have a medium to long term objective of opening

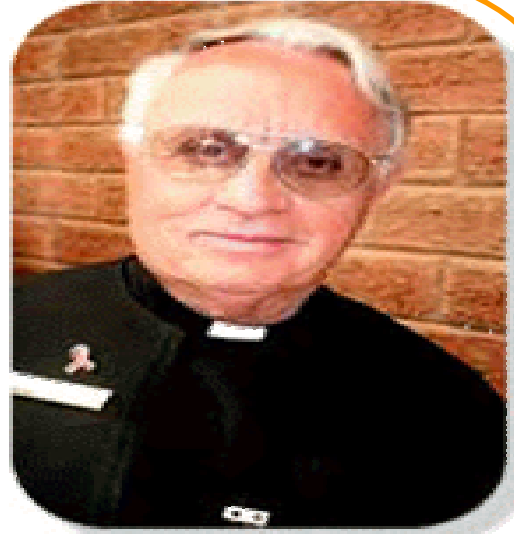
five days so to mirror the three Tshwane District Hospital’s clinics working days”.

Their primary targets are all the people living with HIV/ Aids that are coming

to the hospital for their treatment. Except for food parcels and clothing, all the people are welcome to join for counselling, meals, spiritual support and preaching.

“Dental and optometric services are also available free of charge only to people living with HIV/Aids. Partnership with local private Dentists and Optometrists has been developed to assist where due because it was discovered that these people are often in need of such services but because of their socio-economic status they can not afford to go for payable services” says Father Barry.

TDHospital’s Dieticians are also playing a pivotal role by assisting in planning their (Oasis) menus, drawing a list of items to be used on food parcels, identifying patients who qualify for food parcels, analysing supplements (porridge) which Oasis would like to give in their cafeteria or as food parcels to their clients.



Father Barry Hughes-Gibbs
“OASIS: Team Member”

For young patients who would like to further their studies but cannot because of financial constraints, the OASIS is running a scholarship programme to assist in that regard.

The organisation is now run by thirteen (13) volunteer staff members of which five (5) are working on full time basis, but there is no stipend for any of them except petty compensation which assist staff members mostly in terms of traveling to and from work. Most of these members assist in the cafeteria preparing meals for their clients and some do counselling since they underwent counselling training.

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