

Bearathon 2011

It is a sad fact that thousands of children are victims of abuse in our society. [The Teddy Bear Clinic](#) offers treatment and counseling to abused children. When they attended the clinic children receive a soft toy to comfort them on the tough journey to recovery. Thank you for helping us to ensure that there are enough bears to do this important job.



When

Saturday 28 May 2011 from 9am till 4pm. Come for an hour, or come for the day!

Where

Tin Soldiers Studio in Irene, Pretoria. Serene venue, with lots of safe parking.

What

We need your donation of time to make 500plus bears to comfort children attending the Teddy Bear Clinic. The bears are simple to construct and we are providing all the materials and tools on site. If you have basic sewing skills, you will be able to make a bear with our guidance.

Cost

There are no fees. All the materials we use have been donated. If you have materials to contribute, or cute accessories for the bears that you would like to use, please drop them off at the studio or bring them along.

Refreshments

There will be coffee, tea, juice and snacks in the gazebo. If you plan on staying the whole day, pack a sandwich for lunch.

**You will find other useful information about Bearathon 2011
on the Tin Soldiers Website at www.tinsoldiers.co.za.**

We are grateful for your contribution to making this project a huge success!

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Directions to Tin Soldiers

GPS: S 25 53.251

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39 Sterkfontein Avenue, Irene Pretoria close to St George Hotel.

(If you are using GPS, please also print the directions. We are on a private road, not every navigation system is able to find us)!

From Jhb: On N1, take the Pretoria East turnoff and go through Centurion on N1. After Botha Avenue off ramp, turn on to next offramp, R21 O.R. Thambo International Airport and proceed in the direction of the airport.

The first off ramp is Nellmapius Drive. Take this and at the traffic light turn left towards Rietvlei Nature Reserve.

From Pretoria on the N1: after Rigel Ave go on to R21 to O.R. Thambo Airport. Take the first off ramp - Irene/Rietvlei Nature Reserve. Turn Left into Nellmapius Drive.

FURTHER

At the first traffic light (Engen on the corner) turn right on M57 towards Olifantsfontein and Rietvlei Nature Reserve. You are heading towards Jhb parallel to the R21 and will continue for 2km. Go over Sesmyspruit and pass the signs for Rietvlei Nature Reserve on your left.

At Doornkloof(East) sign turn left and follow potholed road less than 100m. On your left there's a white wall with Pheasant Hill BnB no 39. Turn in at the wall and follow the tarred road +/- 400m past Pheasant Hill House and up the hill on the cement road. At the top of the hill you will come to a T-junction. Turn left (high wall and house under construction on the corner).

Follow the road for another 250m until it ends at Tin Soldiers.

Press the bell and wait for the gate to fully open before driving down. Go straight down the driveway to the parking area. You will find us working on the lawn and in Cape Cottage.

If you need further directions, or get lost, phone Megan on 083 305 5954



Cape Cottage, the lawn and the Gazebo. Imagine a whole bevy of bear makers hard at work in this picture!