

The story of Natasha is a sad one

Rotary Club of Pretoria East has donated a wheelchair to Natasha. She is 30 years old, has hardly any education, and a low IQ. She does not work and is socially withdrawn due to childhood abuse and traumatic life as a teenager.

She was taken off the streets by Good Samaritans nine years ago and they have tried to make her life as pleasant as possible under the circumstances. Her health deteriorated last year and she was in and out of hospitals until the beginning of June when it was feared for her survival. She was taken to the South Rand hospital and after two days a doctor finally examined her. She was admitted and diagnosed with cellulitis.



Her left foot was painful and inflamed. After two weeks her one toe turned black and then it spread up her leg. Eventually she was sent to JHB General for tests and diagnosed with gangrene. The doctor indicated she would only lose her toe. However, it was decided to remove half her leg. Besides the amputation of her left leg, she needs trauma counselling for depression and past difficult life.