

DECEMBER 2024

Dear Extended Home from Home Family

As we conclude another year at Home from Home, we are excited to announce that plans are already underway to celebrate our 20th anniversary next year! This milestone is significant for any NGO, but it holds special meaning for us because of the countless children we have been able to provide with a second chance at family.

As part of this celebration, we are focusing on our vision and 2027 strategic plan for growth. We have set ambitious goals in this plan to support the 200 children and young people currently in our care, and to expand our reach to provide care to even more children in need.

This will be no easy task, but we see it as our moral obligation to extend our support to more children across the country. There are approximately a million children who still need care and our commitment needs to be working towards reaching more children and sharing our model of care with those who share our vision and mission.

We invite you to join us on this journey of hope and transformation. Together, by the grace of God, we can continue to provide a second chance at family for the most vulnerable children that culminates in the positive citizenship we are seeing in the majority of our alumni.





EVENTS

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated in sporting events this year to raise funds for the children in our care. A heartfelt thank you to the athletes who took on the challenge by participating in the Two Oceans Marathon, Cape Town Cycle Tour, Royal Parks Half Marathon and 11th Annual Home from Home Amble.

COMBINED, THESE EVENTS RAISED OVER R300 000!



11TH ANNUAL HOME FROM HOME AMBLE



ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON FOLLOWED BY A FUNDRAISING AUCTION



CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR AND TWO OCEANS MARATHON

ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERING

Towards the end of each year, we eagerly anticipate our annual family gathering (AGM). Each year, we aim to incorporate more voices from our children and young people into the event. This year, the singing and dancing performances from our children and the poignant personal stories from our alumni were very powerful and moving. We were so grateful for the attendance of donors and partners, that could share in the magic that our young people demonstrated.



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STRENGTH DOES NOT COME FROM WHAT YOU CAN DO. IT COMES FROM OVERCOMING THE THINGS YOU THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T. -SANDISIWE (HEH ALUMNI & LEARNERSHIP)



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YOU MAY NOT GET TO DECIDE WHERE YOU START, BUT WHERE YOU END UP, IS UP TO YOU. -ABONGILE (HFH LEARNERSHIP & TRANSITION HOUSE YOUNG PERSON)







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LOVING FAMILY HOME RENOVATIONS

The past few months have been both exciting and busy for our two Tapestry homes in Stellenbosch. Thanks to the generosity of long-time supporters (the Ratkovich's), we were able to undertake much-needed repairs and maintenance. We are truly grateful for this blessing.



At the start of the new year, we are excited to begin the repairs and maintenance project for our Khayelitsha homes. With seven homes in this area currently caring for 39 foster children, these upgrades are essential. The importance of repairs and maintenance extends beyond physical fixes; it significantly affects the emotional well-being of foster children. A well-maintained home provides not only safety and stability, but a foundation for growth and healing.

Home from Home Germany, who have supported our Khayelitsha homes since the opening of our first home in the area, have generously funded the entire project. We are eager to share the developments of these homes in the new year.

MISSION

CREATING FAMILIES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN, THROUGH SUPPORTED AND SUPERVISED COMMUNITY-BASED FOSTER CARE, TO BECOME HEALTHY AND WELL-ADJUSTED ADULTS WHO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY.

TRANSITION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Over the past nearly five years, we have seen 41 young people transition out of our foster care programme.



(13) ARE FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION OR TRAINING.

(17)ARE EMPLOYED.

5% (6) ARE ACTIVELY WORKING WITH OUR TEAM TO DEVELOP THEIR POSITIVE ADULT PATHWAYS.

5 (12%) HAVE UNFORTUNATELY LOST CONTACT, AND WE ARE UNABLE TO ASSESS THEIR CURRENT SITUATION.

This means that at least 36 (88%) of those who have left our foster care programme are currently on a positive path, contributing positively to society.

This is particularly pleasing to us at Home from Home, especially considering the very disadvantaged situations our children began with. While the core of our work in establishing loving family environments is an essential foundation, we do believe that the development of our Educational support programme and Transitional Support Programme have been critical to some of these outcomes.



Our Tranistion Support Programme Team stand proudly with amazing young people who are Champion's of their story.

WE ARE OVERWHELMED BY ALL OF THE KINDNESS

We are overwhelmed by the incredible support for Christmas at Home from Home. From individuals to corporates, many have come together to ensure that a special Christmas and holiday time could be experienced. Each of our children will receive a Christmas gift, a fullday Christmas party has been sponsored and additionally, groceries for each foster home was provided for the December holidays.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to have secured back-toschool uniforms and stationery for our school-going children. This enables each child to start the new school year confidently and ready!

Thank You



Two special birthdays: Karel for his 55th and Beni for his 80th (father & son) pledged their birthdays to raise funds towards Christmas presents for our foster families.

FAMILY

CREATING A SECOND CHANCE AT A FAMILY IS AT THE CORE OF OUR WORK. WE STRIVE TO CREATE THIS WITHIN THE ORGANISATION, AMONGST STAFF, AND WITH OUR PARTNERS (COMMUNITY MEMBERS, DONORS, ASSOCIATES, TRUSTEES, SUPPORTERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS). WE RECOGNISE THE NEED FOR PERSONAL CONNECTION IN A WORLD THAT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DISCONNECTED AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT REQUIRES A COMMITMENT TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND FIND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION. THIS COMMITMENT AND THE INTENTION TO ACTIVELY INCLUDE DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR FAMILY, IS WHAT ENABLES US TO FUNCTION AT OUR HIGHEST EFFICIENCY BY UNLOCKING SYNERGIES

AND SHARED LEARNINGS.





To each and every donor who has supported Home from Home this year, thank you!

Your support has enabled us to successfully implement many of our plans.

We hope this inspires you to continue this journey with us, trying to make the world a better place - one child at a time.

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