



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

Dear extended Home from Home Family,

This year we are proud to celebrate our 20th Anniversary that will happen later in the year. Reflecting on our journey, it's incredible to see how Home from Home expanded so rapidly in the first decade, establishing over 30 foster homes by 2015. The subsequent decade saw the introduction of vital support programmes in Therapy, Reunification, Education, and Transition, ensuring our children grow into positive adults in society.

Today, we remain committed to our mission, even as we navigate an unpredictable global crisis marked by economic downturns and political instability. These challenges have deeply impacted communities worldwide, and in South Africa, the NGO sector is feeling the strain. Our focus will be on sustainability while maintaining the quality of care we provide.

The many miracles and positive developments are what drives us to tackle the challenges. We proudly celebrated a young person who completed their first year of tertiary studies at a performing arts school. We also successfully passed our annual audit from the Department of Social Development. Most importantly, we welcomed six new children into our care, providing them with a second chance at family despite the difficult circumstances they come from.

Additionally, our office team has grown. We have welcomed three interns into our head office staff, offering young people who have aged out of our foster care system the opportunity to contribute to our work and programmes based on their own experiences. This growth is a vital part of our mission, as it allows us to incorporate valuable insights from those who have directly benefited from our services.

We are extremely grateful to our wonderful supporters who have come forward to be Home from Home Challenge Warriors. These include the group of cyclists from Stonehage Fleming who took on the challenge of the Cape Town Cycle Tour in aid of the children in our care. This April, we are preparing to cheer on the 27 runners who are bravely participating in the Two Oceans Marathon to raise funds for Home from Home. The children in our care have faced many challenges in their young lives that most of us are blessed never to be confronted with. Becoming a Home from Home Challenge Warrior is a wonderful way to show grit and gratitude for being able to choose your challenge rather than have it thrust upon you.

We would like to encourage more members of our extended family to become Challenge Warriors!

Warm regards,

Peter Marx

OUR FOSTER MOTHER'S LOVE THE
CHILDREN LIKE THEIR OWN AND
ARE THE SPECIAL INGREDIENT
THAT MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE!



RESILIENCE & HOPE: TRISTAN GRADUATES

Tristan was brought to South Africa from the DRC in 2009 by an “aunt” due to political unrest. Unfortunately, he was abandoned upon arrival in Cape Town. After experiencing significant trauma from the war, Tristan was placed in Home from Home at age six, under the care of late Foster Mother Doris. He suffers from PTSD and arrived speaking French, with no identifying documents, and was placed with a Xhosa and English-speaking foster mother.

During his time at Home from Home, Tristan had sporadic contact with his biological father, who now lives in France. They reconnected in 2011 and again in 2016, and now maintain regular contact.

Tristan matriculated in 2023, but his refugee status limited his options for tertiary education. Through a connection at an NGO conference, he enrolled in a Performing Arts Academy. In 2024, Tristan began his first year of tertiary studies, preferring acting classes over dancing. He graduated with multiple distinctions in February, a moment of celebration for all of us!

Recently, Tristan performed at his college showcase, sharing his love for performing and attending college. He will continue his studies this year in a full-time, accredited educational and work placement programme in performing arts, hospitality, cultural tourism, and business.

As Tristan transitions into adulthood, he has moved into our Transition Support House in Khayelitsha, alongside his foster sibling, Angus. They travel together to the City Centre for work and college.

Currently, we are urgently working with Scalabrini to assist with Tristan’s documentation to secure his citizenship, despite setbacks due to changing policies by South Africa’s Department of Home Affairs. Tristan’s contact with his biological father has also introduced additional requirements.



PHOTO BY ABDERRAHMANE MEFTAH ON UNSPLASH

WELCOMING NEW BEGINNINGS: A HEARTWARMING ADMISSION

We recently welcomed three new children into foster mother Alvina's house in Goodwood. Each admission is a special moment for us, as it represents a second chance at family for the children in our care.

This particular admission was especially touching due to the way the children arrived. As they stepped out of the car and stood in front of the house, the older brother took his two younger sisters' hands and said, "Come guys, we are home," even before seeing the inside of their new home.

This emotional moment was a powerful reminder of the important work we do. We truly feel blessed to witness such heartfelt expressions of hope and belonging.



STONEHAGE FLEMING - CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR



STONEHAGE FLEMING'S INCREDIBLE TEAM OF CYCLISTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR TO SUPPORT THE FOSTER CHILDREN AT HOME FROM HOME. WE COULDN'T BE MORE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND DETERMINATION. THESE AMAZING INDIVIDUALS TRULY EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF HOME FROM HOME CHALLENGE WARRIORS!

HOME FROM HOME CHALLENGE WARRIORS

On the 5th and 6th of April, we'll be out in full force, cheering on our incredible team of 27 runners as they tackle the Two Oceans Marathon for Home from Home!

The response has been amazing, with so many eager to join our team. Now, we need your support to help our runners in their fundraising efforts. Every cent they raise will go directly towards caring for the over 200 vulnerable children in our foster homes.



ABONGILE, TANYA & ATHINI

These three dedicated runners are gearing up to compete in the Two Oceans Half Marathon in early April. The rivalry is heating up as Abongile and Athini train from the Home from Home Khayelitsha transition house where they live. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Brooks Running SA who have donated their running shoes, they have been reaching their weekly mileage goals and are ready for a tough contest!

Both Abongile and Athini grew up in one of our foster homes and are eager to give back to the organisation that supported them when their biological families couldn't. Together, this determined trio aims to raise R21,000 while running 21 kilometres.

Let's cheer them on as they run for a cause close to their hearts! Help them reach this goal!

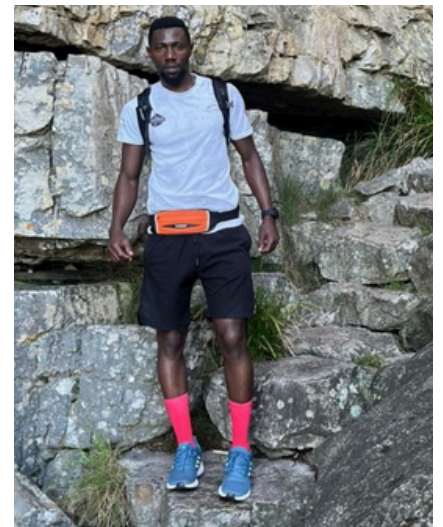
[SUPPORT THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS! DONATE HERE](#)

RUNNING 56KM TO RAISE R56 000

On his 38th birthday, Pasteur, a new father from Burundi, will be taking on the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon for the very first time!

A seasoned athlete, Pasteur works for the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway and regularly climbs the Platteklip route up Table Mountain in Cape Town. Despite his experience, this race is a new challenge for him. "This is not about personal achievement—it is for a far bigger cause," he says enthusiastically.

Pasteur is a true challenge warrior, running to raise funds for foster children in the Western Cape. For every kilometre he runs, he hopes to raise R1000.

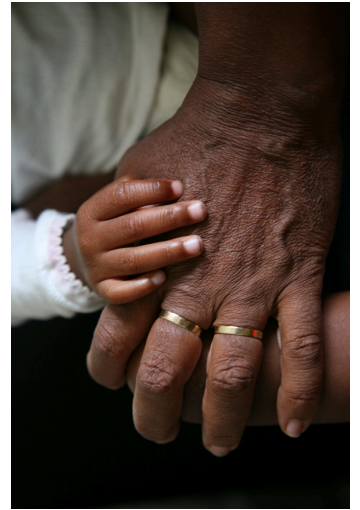


"I KNOW PARTS OF THE RACE WILL BE TOUGH, AND I FEEL NERVOUS, BUT I WILL THINK ABOUT WHY I AM DOING IT. THERE ARE OVER 200 CHILDREN AT HOME FROM HOME WHO HAVE FACED MANY CHALLENGES FROM AN EARLY AGE. I WILL THINK OF THEM AND KEEP GOING"

-PASTEUR

BECOME A CHILD SPONSOR

Our Child Sponsorship Programme enables you to sponsor individual children for an extended period of time. By doing so, you agree to make a regular contribution of R250 /£25 / €25 / \$25 per month. An annual contribution is also an option. This enables us to cover some of the expenses of raising a child. Home from Home provides a bi-annual update on the child. This is a wonderful way to connect on a more personal level with our organisation.



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