

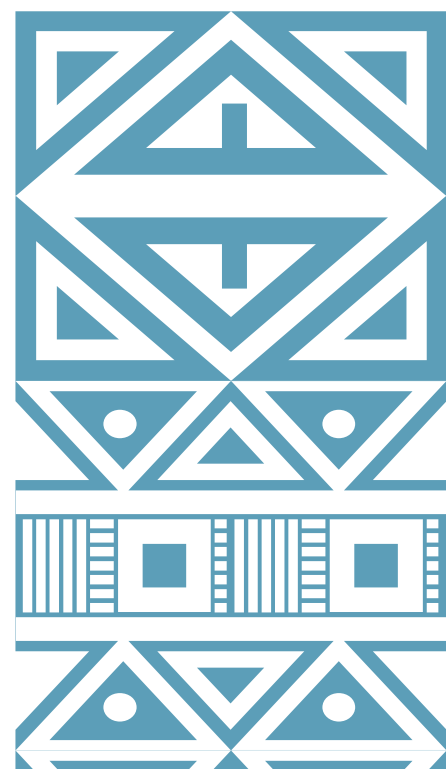


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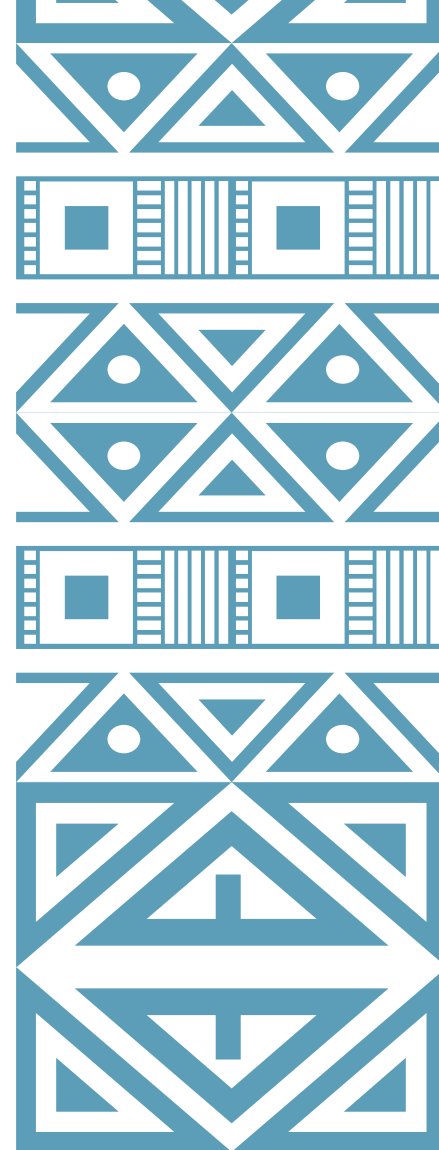


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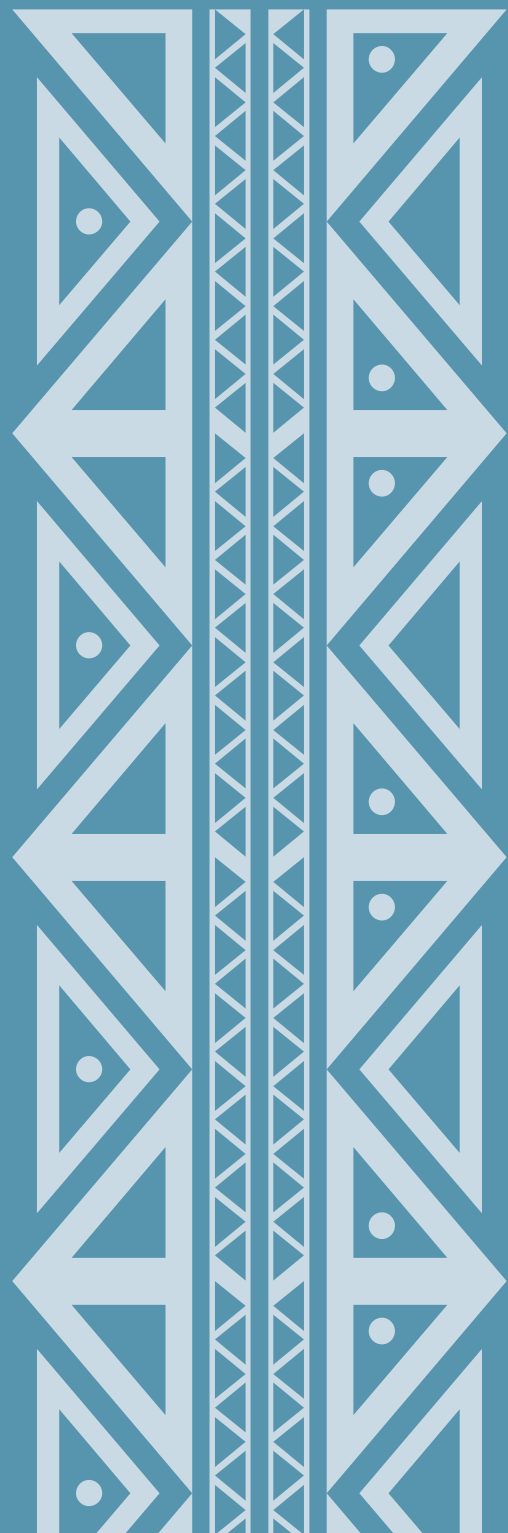
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Once again, we are proud that Home from Home has achieved an outstanding rating from the Provincial Department of Social Development in their annual assessment. This is due to the dedication of all our staff in making our organisation a beacon of excellence in the childcare sector. And while this is so, we are well aware that we contribute an important but tiny fraction to an ocean of need. That is why we are seeking ways to grow our reach and realise the objectives of our strategic plan in the coming years.

I would like to salute our foster mothers. It is you who work so hard to make it possible for our children to develop into physically and mentally healthy young adults, ready for life ahead and prepared to make positive contributions to our society. Without the care that you provide, we would not be seeing the successes being achieved by our youth in transition.

The most important people in this organisation are our children and transition youth. You are the reason we exist. The Board wants you to know that we value each and every one of you and will always strive to provide you with loving family homes. As much as this is our privilege and duty, it is your right that we do so.

Finally, as will be evident in this report, providing a quality childcare service requires significant funding. And raising the money is always a challenge. Without the dedicated work of our fundraising team and the generosity of our donors and government, we could not provide the level of care to which we all aspire. Please keep the funds rolling in!

It is my great pleasure and privilege to contribute to this wonderful organisation.

On behalf of the Trustees,
Enkosi, thank you, en baie baie dankie!

– Chairperson, Professor Andrew Dawes



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The past year marks the fifth anniversary since our visionary founders transitioned the organisation to new management. Such transitions are often fraught with challenges, but thanks to the wisdom, involvement, restraint, and patience of our Board of Trustees and Founders (now patrons), we have navigated this process successfully. We are proud to have weathered the two years of COVID-19 and the increasing economic insecurity in South Africa, while continuing to provide high-quality foster care to nearly 200 children at any given time, as established by Home from Home's Model of Care.

Despite the initial years not allowing for significant long-term planning, we have seen two crucial areas of growth in our programme. Firstly, the establishment of our Transitional Support Programme, which assists young adults aging out of foster care into adulthood. Secondly, the significant expansion of our Education Support Programme, which now supports more children and offers a wider range of services catering to variously abled children. It is this model and these developments that we believe have created the outcomes that we are so pleased to be seeing in achieving our mission. The South African context for young adults is quite frightening with over 60% of job seekers under 25 years

being unemployed and numerous social ills impacting this age group. When we look at the 41 young people who have left our foster care homes since 2019, it inspires hope to see that 36 (88%) of them were on productive pathways by the end of the financial year.

Over the past two years, we have engaged in thorough long-term planning, beginning with a review of our Vision, Mission, and Values. Last year's Annual Report highlighted that while most of our central principles were maintained, some important adjustments and additions were made. This report focuses on the Home from Home Long-Term Strategic Plan (LTSP) for 2023 – 2027.

Five Key Strategic Areas (KSA's) were identified in this LTSP, with most actions attributed to **Growth and Partnerships**. With approximately a million children in our country still requiring alternative placements, it is our moral imperative to plan for growth in our reach. Despite the Department of Social Development capping our ability to open more homes, our strategic plan outlines how we can forge partnerships with other organisations to enhance our services and reach more children.

The next KSA, **Connection**, details the practical steps we take to instil the value of 'Family' within our organisation. The quality of relationships within Home from Home and with external partners significantly impacts our work's effectiveness. We believe that diverse connections foster ingenuity and innovation.

Communication is central to the successful development and implementation of all plans. We face particular challenges, including geographical spread across forty locations in the broader Western Cape region, varying staff skill levels in using technology, and vast cultural and language diversity. Our plan includes providing modern communication technology and training, as well as learning each other's languages and cultures.

Reflection is our fourth KSA. In a fast-paced world, disciplined reflection is essential for

innovative problem-solving. We are developing monitoring and evaluation systems in each department to improve our reflection processes.

Our final KSA focuses on identifying and leveraging the organisation's **Strengths** for positive development. While addressing weaknesses is important, we believe that focusing on strengths can be more effective in addressing weaknesses, even when seemingly unrelated.

This report showcases many examples of the successful implementation of our plans. We hope it inspires you to continue this journey with us, making it possible to provide more children with a second chance at a loving family and a positive future. As we prepare to enter Home from Home's 20th year, we pray for continued blessings and God's favour on our work.

– Executive Director, Peter Marx



LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLAN

1. CONNECTION:

To connect with diverse people, within and outside Home from Home, in order to improve the quality of relationships and ultimately service delivery.



2. GROWTH & PARTNERSHIPS:

To grow Home from Home's impact (quality of service delivery) and reach to vulnerable children through strategic partnerships.



3. COMMUNICATION:

To improve the sharing of information across all levels of the organisation through improved communication flow.



4. REFLECTION:

To integrate reflective practices through applying the PMEL model (planning, monitoring, evaluation & learning) in our work.



5. STRENGTHS:

To recognise and capture organisational strengths, internally & externally, with the intent of using these strengths to benefit Home from Home and overcome organisational developmental areas.



PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

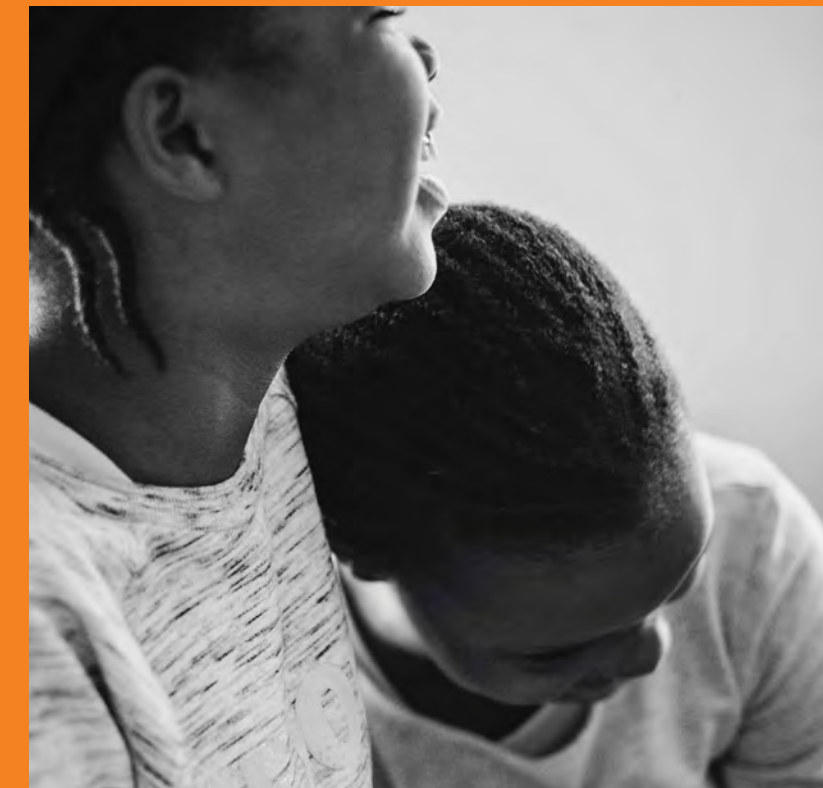
Over the past year some of the challenges we experienced were increasing demands in the workspace, retaining talented and quality staff and securing funds to enable the best service delivery within our means. This challenge, common to all NGO's/NPO's in South Africa, can easily blind and numb one to the beauty and unique character and culture of Home from Home. In welcoming new staff over the past year, we were reminded, by these "fresh eyes", how unique and special our value of family is. New staff shared their experiences of the tangible family value at Home from Home, and how it is evident to newcomers. This sense of connectedness and care is not easily found in other workspaces. This realisation is a reminder of how special Home from Home is as an organisation because of all the special people who form part of our extended Home from Home family.

Employing a Social Work Supervisor has been part of the organisation's long-term strategic plan, and the position was identified to be created and filled by 2026. The Department of Social Development unexpectedly materialised

this long-term strategic outcome earlier by subsidising a Social Work Supervisor position in 2023. This has increased the Programme Team's capacity and slowly started to create more space for programme development.

During the past year **Home from Home created families for 177 vulnerable children** and youth through our foster care programme in our 33 foster homes. As youth disengaged from foster care, new children were admitted to Home from Home's care at almost an equal rate. During the year, 24 youth disengaged from foster care and 22 children were newly admitted into our care. From the 24 disengaged youth, 12 were admitted into our transition homes, five youth were reunified with their biological families, and seven youth were placed in various alternative programmes of care. In addition to the movement of children into and out of our care, we also experienced turnover of our foster mothers. Four foster mothers left the employment of Home from Home during the year.

– Programme Manager, Vicky Smith





PROGRAMME REPORT STATISTICS

177

children were
in foster care

24

children/youth
disengaged from
foster care

64

children accessed medical
and external therapeutic services

22

children were
newly admitted

17

children received
eye tests

12

youth moved from
foster care into our transition homes

7

youth placed in
alternate care
programmes

5

youth were reunified
with their biological
families

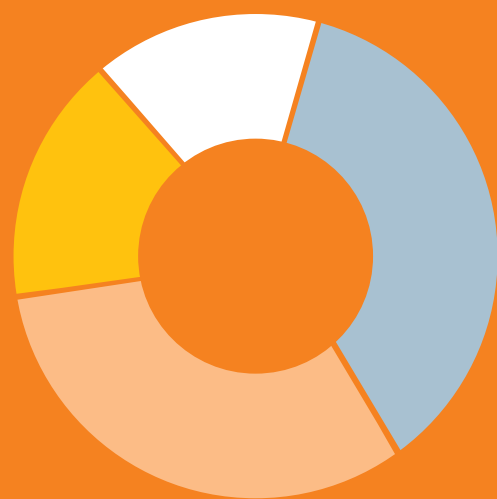
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TRANSITION SUPPORT PROGRAMME

This year, the youth Transition Support Programme achieved significant milestones and faced notable challenges. Our main goals were to enhance leadership in our transition houses, open a third house, and launch a 12-month internship programme for Home from Home alumni.

Partnerships with other organisations have played a vital role in the development of the programme. These partnerships have been instrumental in ensuring that our children are able to have opportunities to become positively engaged adults once leaving Home from Home.

This is seen in the 41 young people who have left our care since 2019:



- 41% Are employed
- 32% Are in some form of education or course
- 15% Are actively involved with our team in developing their pathways
- 12% We have lost contact with

88%

**of the young people
who have left our care
are on positive paths
as young adults**

Despite losing contact with five of our young people, we are particularly pleased with the above outcomes, when considering their very disadvantaged start in life.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Leadership Recruitment: Successfully appointed a leader for the transition houses, positively impacting operations and supporting 13 youth across three homes.

Third Transition House: Opened a new house, expanding our capacity to 17 youth and 3 leaders, and increasing our geographical reach. The process involved securing funding and working closely with local authorities and partners to ensure the house meets all regulatory requirements.

Internship Programme: Launched a 12-month programme providing practical skills and work experience for youth transitioning from foster homes, with promising progress from the first cohort. The programme is tailored to meet the needs of youth transitioning from our foster homes, offering them a structured pathway to employment. Interns have been placed in various fields within our organisation, such as the youth Transition Support Programme, Operations and Maintenance, and Administration/Reception, where they gain hands-on experience while receiving ongoing mentorship and support from our staff.

Supported Independent Young Adults (SIYA): The Transition Department has made significant progress in tracking young people who have aged out of foster care, enabling us to understand their circumstances better. We can now determine whether they are NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), engaged in education and training, or simply thriving in a supportive environment.

To facilitate this, the team has developed a comprehensive monitoring tool that helps us track the development of our care leavers and identify where and when support is needed. This initiative has fostered strong relationships with our partnering organisations, which has been crucial in creating job opportunities and work experience for the young people we serve.

As a result, our programme has seen enhanced motivation among participants, encouraging them to become goal-oriented and committed to achieving their aspirations. Many young individuals have benefitted from internships, job shadowing opportunities, and even secured employment through these initiatives.

CHALLENGES:

Leadership Recruitment: Took longer than expected, temporarily slowing operations down.

Resource Allocation: Opening the third house required more resources than planned, and requires additional funding for the coming years.

Despite these challenges, our team has grown more resilient, and community partnerships have strengthened, laying a solid foundation for future expansion. We remain committed to supporting our aging-out youth and expanding our services to reach more young people.

MZI'S INSPIRING JOURNEY FROM FOSTER CARE TO LEADERSHIP

RISING ABOVE

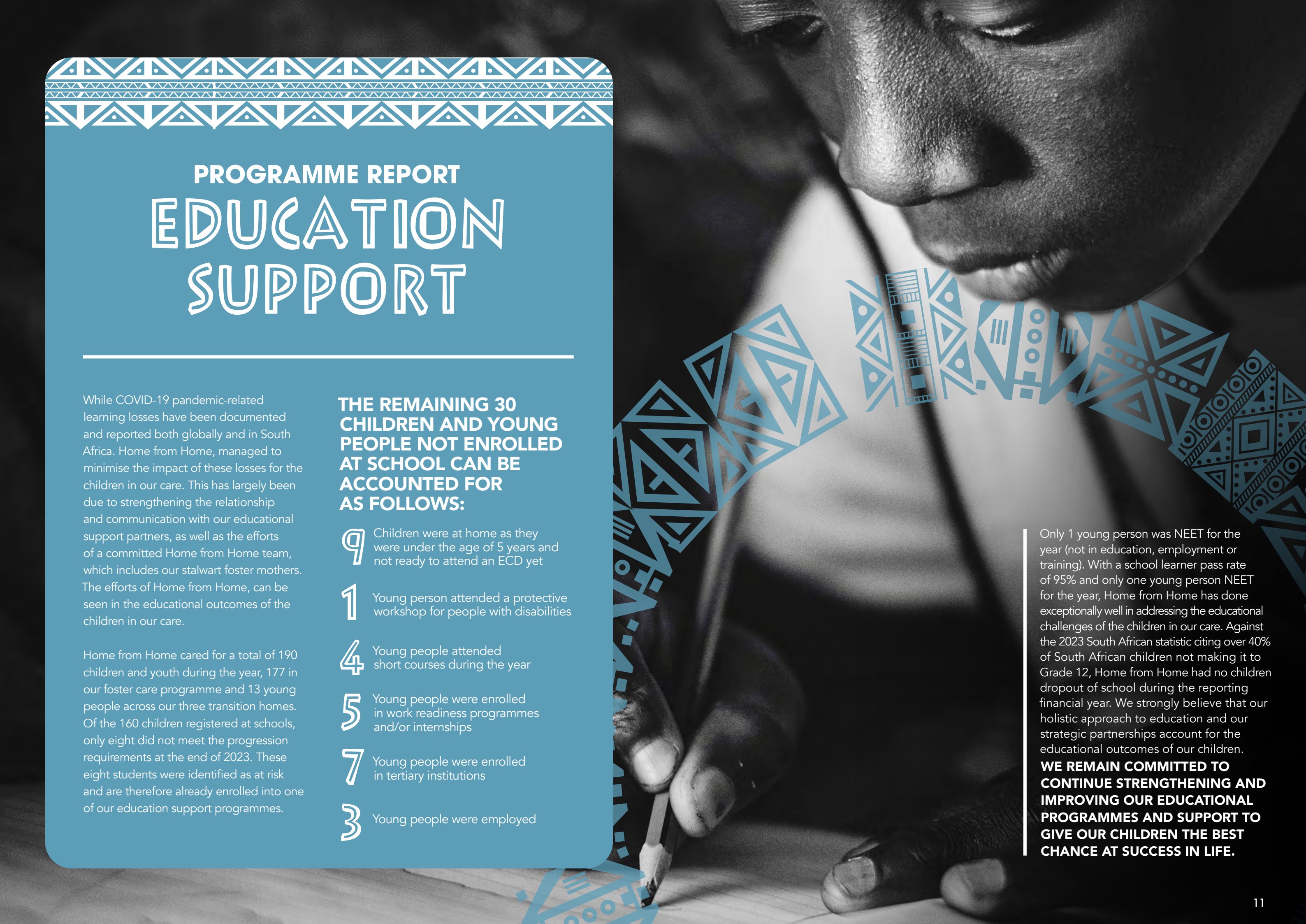
On 19 December 2011, nine-year-old Mzi was admitted to Home from Home's care and placed in Foster Mother Beauty's loving family home in Masiphumelele. Foster Mother Beauty's house is part of the African Hope Trust homes, who is one of our associates. Mzi and his siblings were removed from their parents' care due to severe neglect, as they were left unsupervised for long periods of time. Initially placed in a safety home, they were later transferred to Home from Home.

Mzi is generally a quiet young man who enjoys his own company, but engaging with him quickly reveals his great sense of humour! As he grew up, Mzi showcased his talent and passion for soccer. However, in 2021, challenges arose in the foster home, leading to his move to Baphumelele. Home from Home has a partnership with Baphumelele, working together to support vulnerable children and youth.

Fast forward to today, Mzi is now staying at our Khayelitsha Transition Support Home. Recently, he was appointed as the house leader, reflecting his growth and leadership qualities. Our Transition Support Team has great faith in his ability to guide the young men in the house and help them uplift one another.

Currently, Mzi is undertaking a one-year learnership in our Head Office as part of the Operations Team. We are incredibly proud of how far he has come despite his challenging start and look forward to seeing what else he will achieve as we continue to support him.





PROGRAMME REPORT

EDUCATION SUPPORT

While COVID-19 pandemic-related learning losses have been documented and reported both globally and in South Africa. Home from Home, managed to minimise the impact of these losses for the children in our care. This has largely been due to strengthening the relationship and communication with our educational support partners, as well as the efforts of a committed Home from Home team, which includes our stalwart foster mothers. The efforts of Home from Home, can be seen in the educational outcomes of the children in our care.

Home from Home cared for a total of 190 children and youth during the year, 177 in our foster care programme and 13 young people across our three transition homes. Of the 160 children registered at schools, only eight did not meet the progression requirements at the end of 2023. These eight students were identified as at risk and are therefore already enrolled into one of our education support programmes.

THE REMAINING 30 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE NOT ENROLLED AT SCHOOL CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

- 9 Children were at home as they were under the age of 5 years and not ready to attend an ECD yet
- 1 Young person attended a protective workshop for people with disabilities
- 4 Young people attended short courses during the year
- 5 Young people were enrolled in work readiness programmes and/or internships
- 7 Young people were enrolled in tertiary institutions
- 3 Young people were employed

Only 1 young person was NEET for the year (not in education, employment or training). With a school learner pass rate of 95% and only one young person NEET for the year, Home from Home has done exceptionally well in addressing the educational challenges of the children in our care. Against the 2023 South African statistic citing over 40% of South African children not making it to Grade 12, Home from Home had no children dropout of school during the reporting financial year. We strongly believe that our holistic approach to education and our strategic partnerships account for the educational outcomes of our children.

**WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO
CONTINUE STRENGTHENING AND
IMPROVING OUR EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMMES AND SUPPORT TO
GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE BEST
CHANCE AT SUCCESS IN LIFE.**

EDUCATION SUPPORT SURFPPOP

Surfpop is a holistic education support programme that has three focus areas, namely surfing, education and life coaching. Surfing and education support is provided twice a week, while life coaching is provided once a week. Home from Home started the partnership with Surfpop in 2020, as their holistic approach to education resonated with us. Surfpop has the following holistic focus areas:

- Improving children's mental health
- Resilience
- Prosocial behaviour
- Physical health
- School performance
- Environmental awareness
- Skills & opportunities
- Empowering girls and boys

During the past year Surfpop provided support to 42 of Home from Home's children. Six children dropped out of the programme since the start of the partnership. Dropouts was as a result of the programme not being the best fit for the child and/or as a result of emotional, behavioural and/or psychological challenges experienced by the child. Home from Home's educational support programmes does not adopt a one-size-fits all approach, as each child is different and unique. Four of the 42 children in the Surfpop programme failed at the end of 2023 but measures have been identified and put in place from the beginning of 2024 to provide added support to these learners. The partnership with Surfpop has been beneficial to the children in our care and Home from Home hopes to grow the partnership going forward.



“ the coaching sessions
help me understand what
I love doing in life
and gives us a lot of opportunities.”

265
SURF
LESSONS

14
SWIMMING
LESSONS

266
EDUCATIONAL
CLASSES

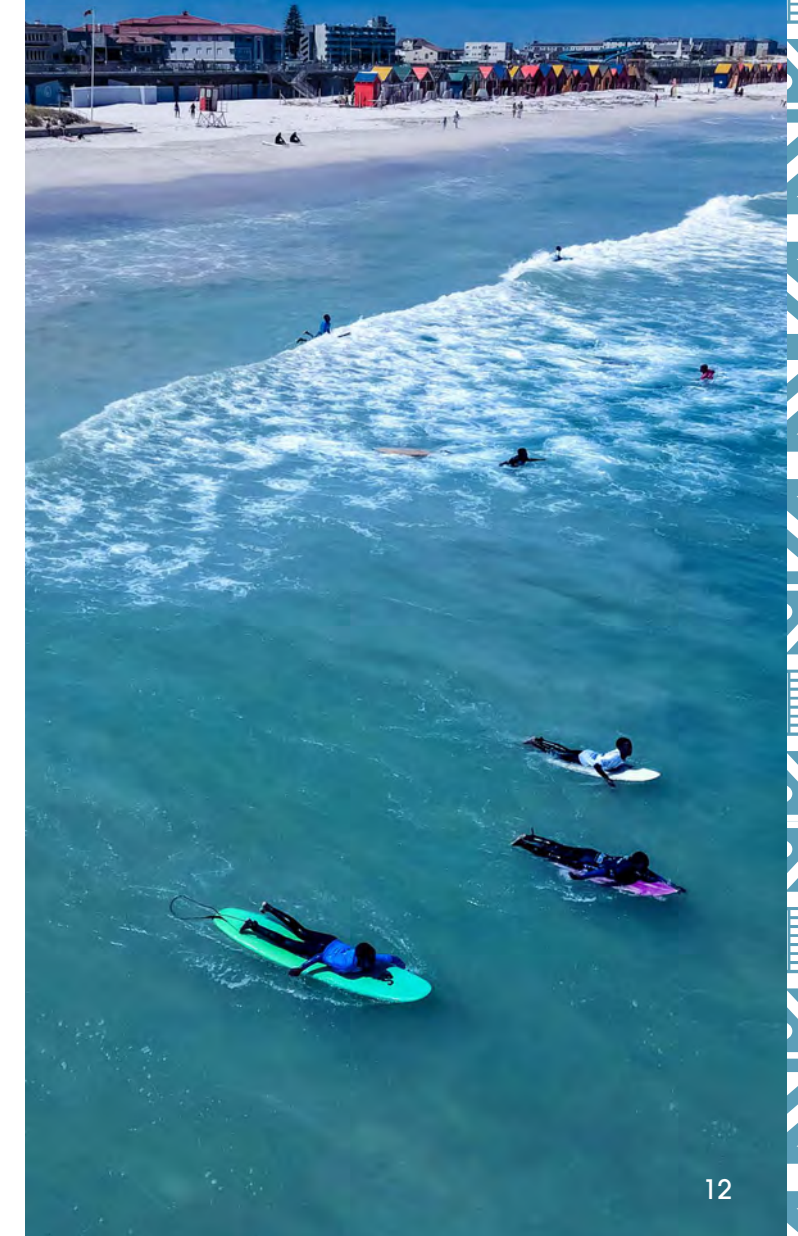
104
LIFE COACHING
LIFE & VOCATIONAL
SKILLS SESSIONS

8
BEACH
CLEAN UPS

7280
HEALTHY MEALS
SERVED

9
OUTINGS

SURFPPOP SURF COMPETITION
. 2024 .



EDUCATION SUPPORT ORANGE ART PROJECT

Home from Home's partnership with the Orange Art Project (OAP) has really grown since its inception in 2020. In the 2023/2024 financial year, 84 children benefitted from the project compared to 69 children in the previous year. In addition to the art sessions facilitated by art mentors, OAP have provided art and cultural outings to the children to enrich their experiences and to expand their world view. Outings for some foster mothers and children included visits to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Irma Stern Museum, Arderne Gardens and an exhibition at the Artscape Theatre. These outings have been a highlight for our children and foster mothers, as it takes

them away from their day-to-day life experiences, giving them an opportunity to relax, experience the therapeutic effect of connecting with nature and art and broadening their world views. One of the children reported that she loves everything about the project while one of our foster mother's reported that the art sessions are relaxing for the foster mothers too. OAP further arranged art training for ten of our youth with a keen interest in art through the Ruth Prowse School of Art Twinning Project. OAP continues to develop our children's creativity and skills while also providing therapeutic benefits and potential career opportunities.

VISIT: www.orangeartproject.co.za



The house and tree
are balanced on a cliff
above a sea of sadness.
The clouds are my friends,
they come and go.

The tree is close to the
house but has no leaves.
That is because my
dreams remain unclear.

One day I will find
the path into my future
and out of sadness.
My moon mother
is close to my house.



ORANGE ART PROJECT
Artist - 12 year old boy
Title - The Path into my future

EDUCATION SUPPORT

PREEVA

Home from Home has been able to provide tutoring support to selected children since 2017, as a result of our partnership with Preeva, an independent tutoring company. Preeva employs tutors, who provide academic support to selected children, in the comfort of their own homes. As with all Home from Home education support programmes, these are selected for each individual child based on their unique educational needs and goodness of fit with the specific programme. In the previous financial year **77 children received tutoring** compared to the 50 children who received 1409 tutoring sessions in the 2023/2024 financial year.

While the number of children receiving tutoring has decreased from the previous year, the number of sessions per child has increased. We had a 100% pass rate from four matriculants in 2023, with 75% achieving a bachelor's pass. Compared to the 40.91% national matric bachelor's pass rate of 2023. Preeva has also developed and grown since the inception of the partnership, where tutors have also grown and started taking on a mentoring role, supporting our children with much-needed life skills. This is another example of Home from Home's holistic approach to education and how partnerships develop and grow over time.



EDUCATION STATS

160 children
registered
at schools,
includes ECD's

> **95%** **PASS RATE**
8 children did not meet the progression requirements, and have been placed in a suitable education support programme

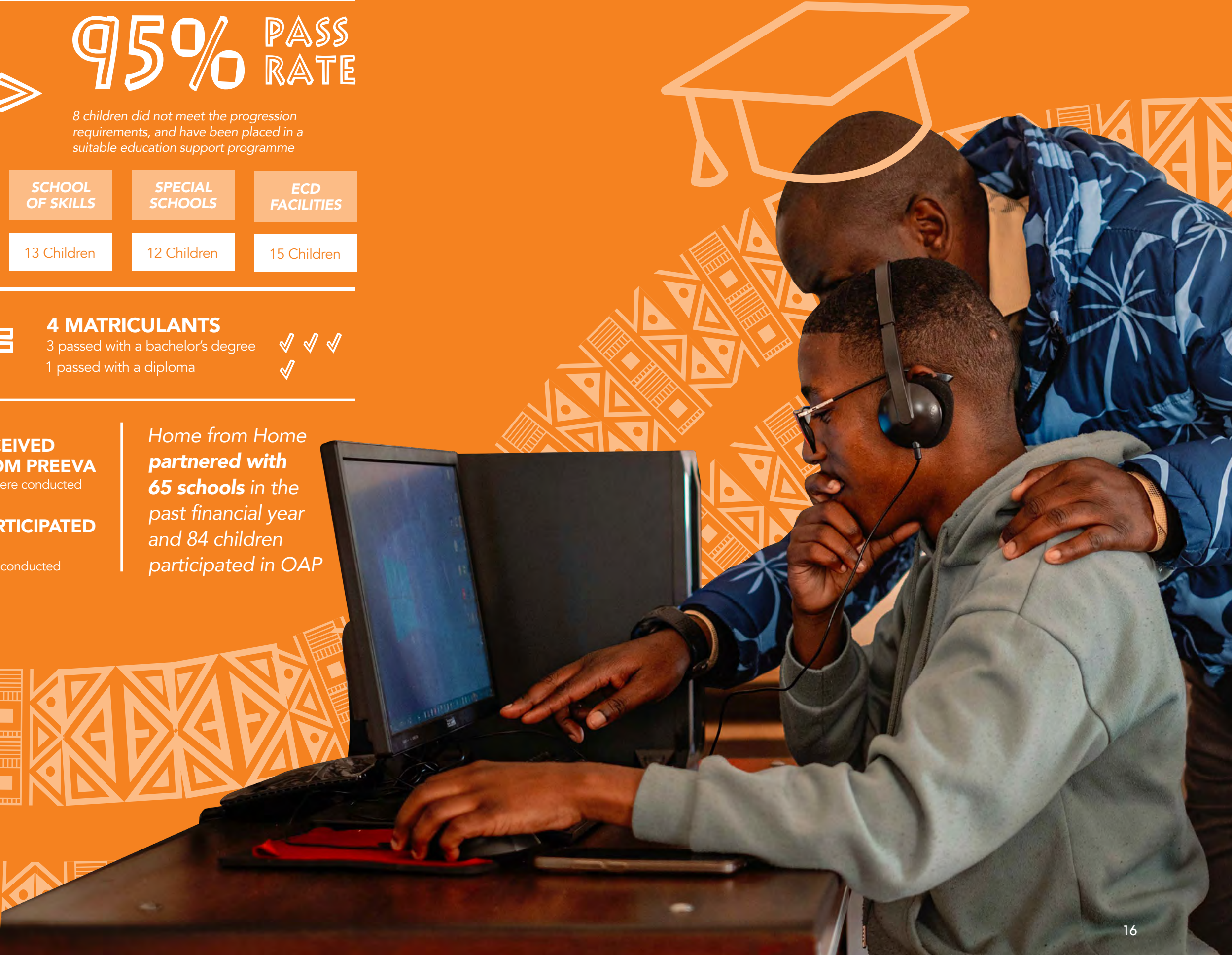
PRIMARY SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SKILLS	SPECIAL SCHOOLS	ECD FACILITIES
82 Children	38 Children	13 Children	12 Children	15 Children

2023 = **4 MATRICULANTS**
3 passed with a bachelor's degree ✓✓✓
1 passed with a diploma ✓

50 **CHILDREN RECEIVED TUTORING FROM PREEVA**
1409 Preeva sessions were conducted

42 **CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN SURFPOP**
265 surf sessions were conducted

Home from Home
partnered with 65 schools in the
past financial year
and 84 children
participated in OAP



A young boy is hanging from a pull-up bar, performing a pull-up. He is wearing a white t-shirt with a dark vest over it. Two adults are standing below him, cheering and encouraging him. The woman on the left is wearing glasses and a headband, and the man on the right is wearing a light blue shirt. The background shows a building with windows and a bright sun in the upper right corner, creating a warm, hopeful atmosphere.

STORIES OF HOPE

KEVIN'S RESILIENCE FROM ABANDONMENT TO ASPIRATION

Kevin's journey with Home from Home began when he was seven years old, after being abandoned by his father at the age of six. Originally from the DRC, Kevin has faced additional challenges due to his foreign national status.

Now 16, Kevin has embraced his role as the eldest child in his foster home, serving as a positive role model for his younger siblings. The determination and commitment he has shown in his academics have been remarkable, especially considering the difficulties he previously faced. We are incredibly proud of his achievements and his ambition is to pursue higher education.

Kevin's journey has not been without its hurdles. He has experienced challenges which have impacted his emotional well-being. Despite these challenges, Kevin remains resilient and

focused on his goals. With the help of his biological sister, efforts are underway to obtain a reprint of Kevin's birth certificate from Congo. This document is crucial for applying for a passport at the DRC Consulate in Pretoria and subsequently a student visa.

We have been working together with Scalabrini who offer welfare and advocacy services to migrants and refugees, displaced people, seafarers and others affected by human mobility. They have indicated that Kevin does not qualify for an exemption due to having known family in South Africa, necessitating a visa application instead.

At home, he takes on a caregiving role, demonstrating maturity and compassion by looking out for others in the household. Kevin's resilience and sense of responsibility

are commendable. With continued support, he is well-positioned to overcome obstacles and achieve his aspirations. He is highly regarded at school by both teachers and peers for his discipline and leadership. As part of a discipleship programme and a grade leader, Kevin continues to excel.

In addition to his academic and leadership pursuits, Kevin's dedication to physical fitness is evident through his regular gym attendance and passion for sports. He plays tennis, soccer, rugby, and has recently taken up basketball, which he hopes to pursue professionally. His talent and dedication in basketball is already evident.



MICHELLE'S JOURNEY FROM ADVERSITY TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Michelle's story illustrates the highs and lows that have been experienced by so many vulnerable children. The trauma, abuse, absence from school, maternal substance abuse and other factors dramatically affect daily life, learning and understanding. Some children are unable to cope or catch-up and against the odds, others do incredibly well in the mainstream system.

At age 11, Michelle* and her four younger siblings were welcomed to Home from Home after a tough life on the streets. It took resilience, therapy, compassion and grit from both the foster mother, social workers and five girls to get through the bumpy first few years.

Michelle did well academically in both primary and high school and received a bachelor pass in matric. (A remarkable achievement given her shaky foundation phase learning and the challenge of Covid-19 in grade 12 in 2020). The next step – university to study psychology with her first year of studies also heavily affected by the pandemic.

Michelle completed her degree at the end of 2023 and will graduate in April. She is 21 years old and no longer qualifies for foster care grant support from the State. Fortunately, Home from Home's transitional support programme was able to step in and offer her a place in our Jamestown transition house on the outskirts of Stellenbosch. Further support will be given to her as she searches for an internship position within her field of study.

Michelle's resilience, persistence and hard work has been impressive.

WITH
GUIDANCE,
SUPPORT AND
OPPORTUNITY,
GREAT
ACHIEVEMENTS
ARE POSSIBLE.



ALUNGILE'S JOURNEY FROM MEDICAL CHALLENGES TO ARTISTIC ASPIRATIONS

In 2007, at the tender age of three, Alungile was placed in the care of Home from Home. His journey began when Red Cross Children's Hospital referred him to St Joseph's Home for Chronic Invalid Children after his biological mother passed away. Although there were initial plans for him to live with his biological father, these plans fell through as his father was unable to meet his medical needs.

Alungile was born with a congenital condition that caused underdevelopment of tissues on one side of his face, affecting his ear, mouth, and jaw. Over the past year, he has undergone significant treatment and corrective surgeries, a welcome change after years of seeking help from government hospitals. In 2022, with generous support from Home from Home Germany, he was able to receive private consultations. At the end of 2022, he underwent three operations to prepare for a prosthetic ear and to correct his jawline. In August 2023, he had surgery to replace a jaw chip from 2015 that was incompatible with new technology. Now, with just two more surgeries left, Alungile is close to completing his long-awaited

medical journey. These final surgeries will align his jaw with the screws for the prosthetic ear and then place the ear.

Now 19, Alungile is a passionate artist, actively participating in the Orange Art Project for foster children, guided by a dedicated art mentor. He attends the Ruth Prowse School of Art two to three times a week and thoroughly enjoys the programme. The school aims to balance tradition and innovation, striving for excellence in visual communication through a blend of theory and practice. It provides a world-class environment that fosters original thought, creativity, aesthetics, cross-cultural artistic and educational exchange, along with vocational and entrepreneurial skills.

As 2024 approaches, Alungile is contemplating his next steps. He is considering whether to transition out of foster care to live with biological family members in the Eastern Cape, or apply to live in the Transition Support Programme house. His Social Worker and Social Auxiliary Worker will be there to support him as he navigates this new chapter in his life.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

It was a challenging year for fundraising, as reflected in our Annual Financial Statement, which shows a decrease in income compared to the previous year. Despite the fundraising team's excellent efforts at finding new donor support, we fell short of approximately R2 million in anticipated support. It was clear that the difficult economic times in our country played a role in this. One significant long-term supporter closed their business, and several others had to reduce their contributions due to financial constraints. Additionally, one major donor experienced delays in processing their funds, extending beyond the year-end. Another serious impact on our income has been SASSA's administrative issues, which hindered the processing of grants for the children we care for. As a result, we only received around 60% of the funding that was due to us translating to approximately R600 000 not being paid over in this year.

Given the difficult year for fundraising we are pleased to have finalised our Long-Term strategy for the organisation, along with more specific plans for fundraising. Some key focusses for our fundraising team include:

- **Growing International Support:** We aim to increase support from our international Friends of Home from Home UK and Home from Home Germany, where we have established boards. We also plan to expand and formalise support from established donors in Switzerland and Austria.

- **Securing Multiyear Funding:** We have secured a funder for the Transition Support Programme on a multiyear contract and aim to extend this model to other supporters. Multiyear funding is crucial for the growth and development of our programmes, and we will focus our proposals on this type of funding.

- **Collaborating with Partners:** Home from Home has always sought partners to enhance the care our families and children receive. We now aim to collaborate on funding proposals and support each other's fundraising activities. We believe this collaboration will have a direct impact and that potential funders will view it positively.

We already have specific actions and opportunities under each of these areas and are excited and hopeful that these will translate into increased support in the year to come.

It has been widely reported how NGOs in our country have been under pressure in recent years with many having had to close their businesses due to the economic situation. In this context, we are deeply grateful to the many loyal supporters of Home from Home who continue to contribute, even in these times. We see you! And we hope that we represent the very real difference you are making.



FY2024 FINANCE REPORT

In last year's report, we highlighted the challenges we faced in finding a Finance Manager after Londolani left in October 2022. Despite some difficult experiences we believed that we had found the right fit for Home from Home in April 2023. Christine did excellent work with us, but soon realised that the job commitment level was more than her particular family situation could manage. Her resignation, together with the retirement of our long-serving Finance Administrator, Gill, at the end of 2023, resulted in a necessary re-think on structuring our finance department.

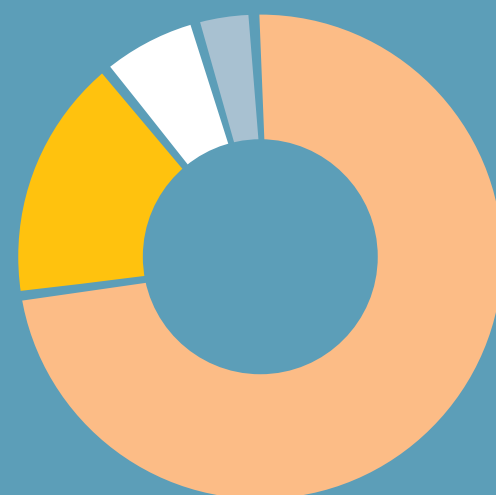
The Board agreed to three full time permanent positions in this department with a Finance Manager, Bookkeeper and Finance Admin Officer. We were excited to welcome Zethu Mtati (Finance Admin Officer) late in 2023, with Gill graciously staying on to ensure a smooth handover. In early 2024 we finally found our new Finance Manager, Joanica Stevens, and both her and Zethu have integrated very well. Finding the right Bookkeeper in the coming months will be crucial to adding the necessary support for our Finance Team.

The long process in stabilising our finance department has certainly shown us how challenging it is to find good finance staff. As NGOs, we cannot compete with corporates salaries, but there are those rare individuals who prioritise work passion and purpose, above salary. These are the gems we are discovering!

As we reflect on FY2024, we're pleased to share how Home from Home has managed its financial resources to maximise impact and fulfill our mission in a challenging and dynamic global environment. With the support of our donors, associates and dedicated team we have made strides towards our goals, ensuring that every rand entrusted to us is used effectively and responsibly. In FY2024, our total funding reached R15 234 708, including generous contributions from individual donors and grants. However, this represents a 4% decrease to the previous year and a shortfall of 8% compared to the FY2024 budget. This shortfall, is due to the loss of long-term funders and donors as well as the significant amount not reimbursed by SASSA. Our total expenses for FY2024 were R17 310 968, a 9% increase from FY2023. We continue to prioritise programme efficiency and careful expense management, allowing us to deliver the best we can with each rand spent and have managed to spend 3% less than the budgeted R17 903 282. The reality of the economic changes affecting costs like fuel, electricity tariffs and ordinary grocery prices were evident in the 9% increase of the total expenditure of FY2024 in comparison with FY2023. This lead to a significant increase of the closing deficit of R2 076 260 compared to the R29 655 of FY2023. As we plan for 2025, our focus remains on deepening our impact and ensuring financial sustainability and enhancing our financial reporting and internal controls, strengthening accountability across our organisation.

The Sustainability Trust continues to be the support to Home from Home as per the goal set at inception. It upholds its purpose to protect the organisation in the dynamic global environment. The trust is discretionary and has no financial commitments other than administration, investment and auditing-related costs, and has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

THE TRUST CLOSED FY2024
WITH A BALANCE OF
R12 031 172
INCREASED BY 16.5%
COMPARED TO THE
R10 324 918
IN FY2023.



FY2024 INCOME

- 81% Donations & Funding
- 11% Department of Social Development
- 6% SASSA
- 1% Other Income



FY2024 EXPENDITURE

- 39% Housekeeping & Occupancy
- 48% Employment & Administrative
- 13% Education & Development

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Our Child Sponsorship Programme enables you to sponsor individual children for an extended period. By sponsoring a child, you agree to make a regular contribution of R200/ (English Pounds at £20 / Euros at €20 / US Dollars at \$20) per month, and this contribution 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.



RUN, RIDE OR DECIDE

We are extremely grateful to our wonderful supporters from all over the world who have joined our Royal Parks Half Marathon, Cape Town Cycle Tour, Two Oceans or Cape Town Marathon teams. Join our charity team and raise funds through your networks as you run or ride Cape Town's most prestigious sporting events. You may also host your own event where you invite friends, colleagues and family to join you in an activity.



PLEDGE YOUR BIRTHDAY/CELEBRATION

Use your special day to improve the lives of vulnerable children. By including Home from Home in your celebration, you bring awareness to our work and help improve lives. A donation of this kind extends the goodwill of the occasion far beyond the day itself, helping to ensure vulnerable children are able to grow up in safe and stable family homes. Pledge your birthday to Home from Home today and we will send you a special birthday card from our children.



SHOP

Sign up to the Woolworth's MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet fundraising programme at www.myschool.co.za/supporter/apply/, Make Home from Home a beneficiary and we will receive a portion of your spend every time you shop. If you are already a card holder, you can just add us as a beneficiary. This is an easy way to support the children in our care.



VOLUNTEER

One of the most rewarding ways to get involved with Home from Home is by becoming a volunteer. We accept both local and international volunteers. There are many tasks you could get involved with, from taking children on outings to providing lifts for our Foster Mums and children. We would also love to have volunteers with special skills such as counselling, physiotherapy and occupational therapy as we could incorporate these into our programmes.



FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Providing a financial donation to Home from Home not only enables us to build, rent or buy the houses we use as foster homes, it enables us to provide each child with the love and comfort of a family life. Donations also ensure we are able to provide therapeutic intervention, educational assistance, counselling and extramural activities - essential building blocks of a successful future.

CONTACT US ON [INFO@HOMEFROMHOME.ORG.ZA](mailto:info@homefromhome.org.za) TO DISCUSS HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



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It is with deep gratitude that all of us at Home from Home want to recognise all our donors, sponsors and supporters. Many of you have supported us loyally for a number of years and this has allowed us to grow and develop into the organisation we have become. May you be blessed for your generosity in the past year, that has enabled us to continue the passion of our work!

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