




Vukukhanye

Update, December 2016



Children's Foster Home (est. 2001)

This Home has provided short and long-term care to 73 children since 2001, with five children aged 11-16 being cared for at the moment. As always education was a priority in 2016, especially with Tracy in grade 11 and Dean, Mloni & Yaya in Grade 8. Thank very much to everyone who has assisted with home-work support, mentoring and outings during the year. Another priority was equipping the children with skills to safely navigate social media and the internet (see *Tech Savvy Parenting, Futureproof your Child, The Digital Invasion and Internet Dangers.org*).



HOMEWORK ROOM UPGRADE STARTED



CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH FMI AT USHAKA KIDS WORLD (20 NOVEMBER 2016)



Thank You



Some things your partnership has helped achieve so far in 2016...

- Z'Busiso, who has been sponsored with a bursary since completing Grade 12 in 2011, graduated (B.Com) and has been enrolled in a Bidvest Bank learnership

- 2016 fees, uniforms and stationery for 17 school children (including transport for 5 at the Foster Home)

- 2016 fees and textbooks for 6 students at tertiary institutions

- 192 days of teaching and learning at the Vukukhanye Educare Centre, including providing 2 meals per day to 60 children – that is over 23 000 meals this year.

- At least R29,000 in food, infant formula and household consumables distributed to vulnerable children in Chesterville.

- Accredited NQF level 4 and 5 early childhood development training for 3 teachers at the Vukukhanye Educare Centre

- 27 children prepared for Grade R

- Vukukhanye was able to purchase a small 2nd-hand car



Bursary Project (est. 2008)

Two of our Bursars graduated this year with B.Com., one of whom has been enrolled in a Bidvest Learnership and the other is completing Honours this year. To date there are 7 graduates (in the fields of nursing, commerce, marketing, biological science and civil engineering) and we are supporting 12 bursars at school and 6 at tertiary institutions. Two learners are completing Grade 12 this year and a further 3 at the end of 2017. These will be supported through their tertiary studies.



Vukukhanye Educare Centre (est. 2012)

Enrolment capacity increased to sixty children this year. The children (aged 18 months to 5 years) are placed in 3 age-groups (Red, Yellow and Green). In addition to the early childhood development services provided, the children are fed breakfast, lunch and a morning snack daily. Partnership with the local Department of Health means that standard immunizations are done on site during visits from clinic staff. Congratulations to Winnie Maphumulo (Yellow Group teacher), Dineo Seroke (Green Group) and Sibonisile Msindo (Red Group) for their hard work this year towards their NQF level 4 and 5 ECD qualifications, which they will complete in 2017. Our two teachers' assistants have been a great asset this year, as have Zoë-Life volunteers. A large group of children (27) will be leaving the school at the end of 2016, ready for Grade R in 2017.

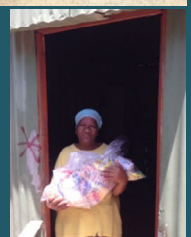


Welfare Support

Vukukhanye's Community Worker, Makhosi Khamanga, conducts home visits within the greater Chesterville area to identify vulnerable families, children and adults. Support is provided in the form of counselling and referrals, and where possible material support in the form of infant formula, food and household consumables. TB screening has been included from 2016 i.e. 5 TB screening questions and referral to the clinic where appropriate. Makhosi assists with a weekly support group for HIV positive mothers and has gradually built on her skills through ongoing training in counselling, home-based care and assisting children's adherence to ARV therapy. Partnership with organisations such as Zoë-Life, CAST and City Hope is integral to Makhosi's role.



November 2016
27 Food parcels from Suncoast staff, delivered to people living in Ridgeview temporary accommodation (Amatinini)



Special holiday painting project

Chesterville youth leaders have asked Vukukhanye to partner with them in gathering the resources to paint 3 local Children's Foster Homes during the December holidays - the work will be done by the youth themselves. The homes they have identified are 2 homes run by Child Welfare Durban and District and the home operated by Vukukhanye; which each care for 6 children.

Materials needed are exterior wall PVA paint (40 litres per home), white paint for gutters and facias, sandpaper, sugar soap, crack-filler, brushes and rollers; and/or the funds to purchase these. If you would like to assist in any way please feel free to...

1. contact us on admin@vukukhanye.org / 0832332924,
2. follow the link below to Vukukhanye's website and then click on the "Donate Now" button (ref "paint") <http://www.vukukhanye.org/site/home> , or
3. follow the link below directly to Vukukhanye's secure donation page on the *GivenGain* portal <https://www.givengain.com/cause/2279/donate/#start>

