



Vukukhanye

June 2024

Newsletter



Brand-new Jungle-gym!!



& covered sandpit



The new jungle-gym and sandpit are being very well used and loved by the children at the Vukukhanye Educare Centre! Thank you very much to 'The GMA Foundation' for making it possible.

Sale of Children's Foster Home

(Bristol Road, Berea West, Westville)



Vukukhanye was established in 2001 to help care for orphans and vulnerable children. An integral part of the strategy was the property at Bristol Road. With your partnership and support this home has over the last 23 years cared for 79 children. After much thought, the Management Committee of Vukukhanye last year decided to place this property on the market, and the home was sold and transferred to the new owner in March 2024.

Reasons for the sale of the property include...

- Vukukhanye has over the last few years been contacted by social workers seeking places of care for vulnerable children. Despite agreeing to care for the children, in none of the cases did the social workers pursue the process and consequently no new children were placed.
- Children who had been living at the home no longer require residential foster care as they have grown up and left home or were transitioned to the care of their family.
- Only one child (18 years old, Grade 11) remains in foster care with Gladys, as supervised by the Department of Social Development. As he is a termly boarder at school and during holidays is hosted by extended family and friends, Vukukhanye can support his foster care without owning the property at Bristol Road.
- The monthly costs such as rates, utilities, insurance, repairs, and maintenance were significant.

THANK YOU

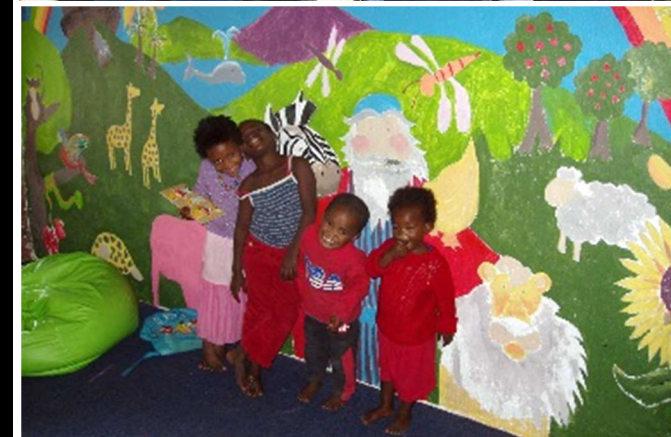
Thank-you all very much for your committed generous support of the Foster Home during the last 23 years! You helped make a lasting positive influence on the trajectory of many young lives!

It was encouraging to have some of the children (now adults) helping with the move. We are in touch for example with the progress of Dean, Yaya, Tracy, Nompilo, Njabulo, Sanele, Thanda, Mthoko, Sli, Thabile, Mxolisi and Mloni; some of whom are now married with children of their own. The sale of the property is certainly the end of an era. Vukukhanye however feels confident in the decision and remains optimistic, motivated and committed to supporting vulnerable children, youth and families in the community of Chesterville.

PRIORITIES

Vukukhanye is now positioned to focus more closely on early childhood development, particularly the **Vukukhanye Educare Centre**. Other priorities remain...

- **Bursaries**
- **Supporting vulnerable children, youth and families**
- **Supporting other preschools and community-based organisations**





This preschool was established in 2012 and currently enrolls 50 children aged 2 to 5 years old. The children enjoy a full morning of play-centred learning as well as a nutritious breakfast, mid-morning snack and lunch daily.

We are very pleased with the consistent quality of care and education which has been provided by the dedicated staff over the last 12 years. There are now three teachers and two teachers-assistants. Ongoing training is a priority and staff have received accredited (NQF Levels 4-5) early childhood development training. Thank you very much to all our partners for your support!



The children's developmental milestones are monitored (e.g. height & weight, motor skills, speech and language development, numeracy and literacy) and the teachers recently started producing a report for each child. These mid- & year-end reports will serve as an objective way of identifying development-mental areas needing attention and a nice way for the parents to participate in their child's progress.

Milestone monitoring



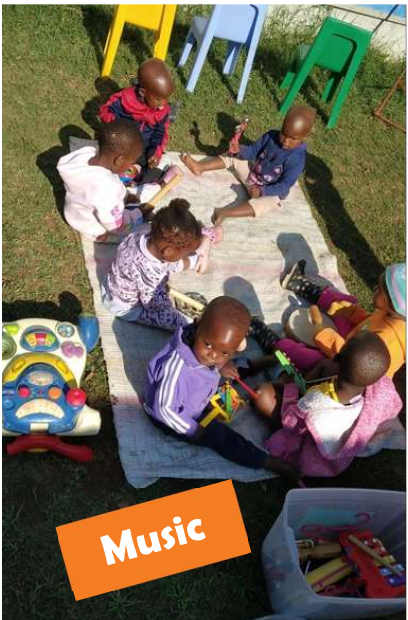
Daily meals



OUTDOOR FUN



Sport's Day



Music



Indoor Activities



Bursaries

The Bursary Project (which was started in 2009) has now assisted 21 bursars with school and tertiary fees, uniforms, stationery, equipment as well as mentorship and advice. This has been thanks mostly to a long-term partnership with Suncoast. Many of these bursars have achieved tertiary qualifications in fields such as civil engineering, nursing, commerce and accounting, social science, education, supply chain management, welding and fabrication, aviation support, tourism, human resources, chemical engineering, and public management.

There is currently one bursary student being supported - **Spesihle** was selected as bursar when he was in Grade 1 in 2013 and will be completing Grade 12 this year, after which he plans to study Sports' Management or Hospitality.



Vukukhanye continues to link youth in Chesterville with tertiary study funding opportunities wherever possible. For example, a church in Durban recently invited us to direct youth to a wide range of courses for which tuition fees would be sponsored for successful applicants.

Community Support



A large donation of used school clothing arranged by Suncoast, which benefitted many children, including with school uniform and sport's kit needs.

Thanks to partnership with The Starfish Foundation, 49 children were provided with new school shoes, as well as socks & stationery.



World Food Day
Meal for 70 children provided by Vector Logistics



Thank you very much

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported Vukukhanye. In addition to our valued individual donors and volunteers; Vukukhanye has received financial and material support over the last year from the following companies, foundations and churches....

- The Starfish Greathearts' Foundation
- Suncoast (Tsogo Sun)
- The Do-More Foundation & RCL
- The Key Foundation
- The GMA Foundation
- Powafix
- Frontline Underwriting Managers
- Dwell Interior Architects
- Baker-Tilly Morrison Murray
- Strategic Business Support
- People Wise
- NSG Attorneys
- The Rotary Club of Westville
- 3C Church
- St Martins Church
- National Bioproducts
- Mancosa
- Vector Logistics
- 1st Wandsbeck Cub Group
- The Nashua Cares Foundation
- The Paw Paw Foundation
- DUT
- Hollard Insurance
- Saturn Pre-Primary

We apologise for any omissions.