

Give a Child a family

...it's where they belong!!

GCF CHILDREN ENJOYED THE EASTER BREAK

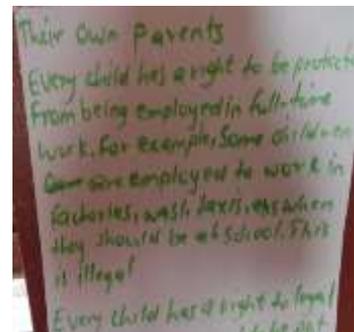
The first two weeks of April brought a bevy of activities for the children to enjoy during the school holiday Easter Break. Everyone had a fun day out at the wonderful Fiddlewood Farm, just down the road from GCF. The children, staff and volunteers, got to meet and pet the wonderful farm yard animals and then everyone got to take part in fun activities from egg and spoon races to a wonderful picnic lunch under a beautiful clear blue Africa sky.



The children had a visit from the ladies of the "Suidkus Vriendinne" to share the message of Easter with the children. They also invited the Easter Bunny to give out some Easter eggs and have some holiday fun with the children.

THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM WENT DEEP INTO THE RURAL AREAS OF KWAZULU NATAL

During April the Development team was busy with Capacity Building of Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) in 2 districts of Ndwedwe and Zululand. It was amazing to see the passion in the communities, their desire to develop others with very little or no resources. Some of the CSO's are in very deep rural areas but that doesn't hinder them in doing everything in their power to uplift their own communities. Our team capacitated them through Mentoring on Conflict, Project and Financial Management as well as Resource Mobilisation.



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Think back to your Childhood... Think back to when you felt alone or scared...
Think back those Loving Arms that held you and made you feel safe...

Now think about not having them...

Day and night Child Care Workers (CCW) are on hand to be those Loving Arms to the most vulnerable and in need children. For many of these children they will be the first truly kind and Loving Arms to embrace them and give them a place to run to when scared, hurt and very much alone.

Child Care Workers are the unsung heroes that make the daily difference to so many children. They have a special approach to understand children who came from difficult homes or circumstances, who lack love and who need more than just a bed and a roof over their heads.



The first few weeks of placing a child with their CCW is often referred to as the 'honeymoon' period, as this is where the child and CCW relationship building is undertaken. The child will begin to open up and share with the CCW the hardships and traumas of their life and through these discussions it soon becomes apparent that they just want to be loved unconditionally by someone in their life.

Children need Loving Arms whilst waiting to be reunified or placed in a secure family

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