



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

NEWSFLASH

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

GCF, NEAR AND FAR..

BIG NEWS!

We have a big announcement to make! From 1 April, GCF no longer receives children at the Child and Youth Care Centre. The children who currently live at the centre will slowly but surely be moving back to their rehabilitated families or when necessary to screened and trained foster families on our database. Removed children will, instead of arriving to us, be welcomed by approved temporary safety parents in the communities around us.

GCF's friends across the globe are aware that the organisation has never encouraged children removed from their family of origin, to spend their childhood in an institution long-term. With this in mind, we have already worked on this for a few years, but have now taken a further step to meet GCF's strategic plans. We will keep you updated!



EMPOWERING VICTIMS IN CRISIS EVENTS

"This course has really made me understand my own pain and other's pain too."

Many of the 90 participants who completed the third part of the Empowering Victims in Crisis Event, recently received their certificates with a changed mind and heart.

GCF was contracted by the South African Human Rights Commission to assist in their SHINE programme, which has been done by facilitating the above-mentioned training over six weeks in four different areas of Durban and Pietermaritzburg. The focus has been laid on understanding trauma and how to deal with it, communication as well as conflict management and understanding mediation work.



A TRIP TO SWEDEN

After many delays and obstacles, our ED (Monica Woodhouse) has finally been able to return to her parent's motherland Sweden for a month. This time she brought Anna-Karin Öhrnstedt, a long-lasting GCF employee with origins from the very same country. They are currently touring three areas meeting funders, supporters and past volunteers and presenting the work of the organisation in churches. The welcome has been warm and the interest genuine, which gives hope of more support for GCF's work with vulnerable children and families.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The local fundraising walk at Beaver Creek Coffee farm in Port Edward was a huge success! R4050 was raised on the day by the 66 participants who came out to attend our event! Thank you so much, we appreciate your ongoing support.

Do not forget about our virtual walk/run/cycle event coming up next week from 10-14 May! EVERYONE and ANYONE can join and this could be something fun for the whole family to do, plus you are supporting a very good cause! CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES! Click here to join us.



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