



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT: GCF'S EVOLUTION, LOCAL ADVENTURES AND VIRTUAL SUPPORT

Transition

Our organisation is going through some big changes as we're currently moving children from our centre to live with families in the community. This is our approach to give the children an experience to grow up in a family environment instead of an institution. Unfortunately, it also means some staff members are leaving slowly via a legal retrenchment process.

It's a tough but necessary part of reorganising our resources. While we appreciate all the years of work they've done, we're focusing on what's in the children's best interest as we make these changes. We will always be grateful for the immense love and patience our centre staff has shown towards the children, and their passion for caring for vulnerable children.



Committed to Child Protection Change

GCF's Protective Behaviours senior facilitator, Monica Nomlala, went above and beyond by leading a digital information session and an extensive 12-hour Level 1 workshop in February. Witnessing child rights champions from diverse countries unite, empower themselves and learn transformative protective life skills is truly remarkable. Representatives from various organisations in South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan and Sweden actively participated, fostering a global community committed to positive change in the field of child protection.

Webinar: Recruiting, Supporting and Retaining Foster Carers

The digital landscape has definitely transformed GCF's engagement, giving us more opportunities to participate in meetings, facilitate trainings, connect with new people and serve as speakers in diverse forums.

On 29 February, Anna-Karin Öhrnstedt shared her experience in GCF's foster care programme in a webinar hosted by Transform Alliance Africa. Alongside an experienced foster mother from Scotland and a professor from International Foster Care Organisation, USA, she shared valuable insight and expertise, contributing to a meaningful discussion on the topic.

Jo Derrick Prof. Myrna McNitt Anna-Karin Öhrnstedt

Recruiting, Supporting and Retaining Foster Carers (Webinar)
29th Feb. 2024 3-4:30 PM (EAT)



GCF Family Fun Walk

Get ready for an exciting event! Our annual GCF Family Fun Walk for Child Protection is just around the corner, scheduled for 18 May 2024, registration will start at 08:00. The walk will be hosted locally at the scenic Beaver Creek Coffee Farm in Port Edward.

Lace up your sneakers and join us for a day filled with fun and purpose. Even if you can't make it in person, you can still show your support by participating in a virtual walk from wherever you are.

Save the date, and stay tuned for more information coming your way soon. Let's come together to make a difference for child protection!

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