



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

SHAPING THE FUTURE: CHAMPIONING FAMILY-BASED CARE

KZN Policy Brief Roundtable Discussion

Give a Child a Family Africa, in partnership with One Child One Family - Hope and Homes for Children SA, The Southern African Policy and Development Nexus (SAPDN), and Ubuhlebethu, hosted a transformative event focused on shifting from institutional care to family-based care. Despite initial concerns from some Child and Youth Care Centres about the phrase "Elimination of Institutional Care," the roundtable fostered rich exchanges among social workers, community leaders, NPOs, and other stakeholders. Monica Woodhouse, Executive Director of GCF Africa, shared personal insights on the challenges of reintegrating children into families, while participants offered emotional testimonies and policy recommendations through World Café discussions.

We are looking forward to the next roundtable discussion in East London on 31 October, followed by another in Cape Town on 28 November 2024. Anyone interested in attending, either in person or virtually, can contact Roelien Morrison at 039 317 2761 or via email at roelien@gcf.org.za.



Fresh Beginnings at GCF!

The renovations are complete, and we're thrilled to announce that our Community Team has officially settled into their new space on the Centre side! With our previous building now ready to be rented out and many children happily placed with loving families, the Centre has found a new purpose.

We're embracing this exciting transition with enthusiasm, ready to collaborate more closely and serve children and families even better. A new workspace, fresh energy, and a bright future - great things are ahead!

Training for Temporary Safe Care Parents

GCF has facilitated training for Temporary Safe Care parents over five days. With brand-new training materials, a group of women was equipped with the skills and knowledge to provide nurturing care for children who cannot remain with their own families. It was encouraging to see their courage and willingness to make themselves available for vulnerable children taken straight from traumatic situations, caring for them as if they were their own, ready whenever needed.



A Heart-warming Visit from Soul Buddyz

One Friday afternoon, 13 enthusiastic learners and five teachers from Mampunga Primary School in the Nquthu area arrived to visit us. They had travelled five hours to spend the weekend on the South Coast and chose to start their journey with us.

The children are part of Soul Buddyz, a group dedicated to learning, sharing ideas, and taking action to make their school and community safer and healthier. A few of us from GCF had the opportunity to share our work with them, including teaching about Children's Rights, Responsibilities, and Protective Behaviours. We thoroughly enjoyed their visit and would gladly welcome them back if they ever return.

Fundraising trip to The Netherlands

Maria Hufner from our Fundraising team recently visited The Netherlands from 3 to 14 October 2024, to meet with key funders and supporters. During her trip, she connected with organisations such as Wilde Ganzen, Wereldkinderen, and Weeshuis der Doopsgezinden, strengthening our relationships and exploring potential collaborations.

Maria also had the chance to connect with individual supporters, including Ida van der Meij, who completed The Nijmegen Four Days Marches and raised over € 3,000 for GCF through her efforts. It was a busy but highly productive trip, and we're excited about the future collaborations with our Dutch partners, both large and small.



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