



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

MOMENTS OF CHANGE, MESSAGES OF HOPE

A New Chapter for GCF

On 1 May 2025, Give a Child a Family Africa officially welcomed Steven Wetton as our new Executive Director.

As part of this transition, our founder, Monica Woodhouse, stepped into a new role as Founder and Director: Advocacy. Monica's decades of dedication, leadership, and vision have been the driving force behind GCF's mission to ensure that children grow up in secure, loving families.

We thank Monica for the strong foundation she has built, and we look forward to her continued impact in the advocacy space. We also congratulate Steven as he leads us into this next chapter with compassion, integrity, and a deep commitment to protecting children and strengthening families.



Together, we remain unwavering in our belief: Children belong in secure families.



Thank You for Making Me a Better Mother

"They can't wait to come back next week. This is where they vent and feel supported," shares one of our enthusiastic community workers after a recent Families 4 Life support group session.

At Give a Child a Family Africa, we believe that uplifting families starts with empowering parents. Through our Families 4 Life programme, we walk alongside families with parenting support, training, group sessions, and access to essential social services.

Why? Because when families are supported, children are far more likely to thrive, stay safe, and reach their full potential.

One mother from our group recently sent a heartfelt message that speaks volumes of the work GCF does in the communities: "The day when you sent me that message, do you know what excitement you brought into my life? It's so nice when someone pats you on the back and tells you, you are doing well, not always dragging you down... We need people like you, that knows when to say certain things and when not to. Thank you so much for the skills and the training that you are giving us. You are making me a better mother."

Walking for Child Protection

On Saturday 31 May, 62 passionate participants joined us for our Child Protection Walk, raising R3,500 in support of our mission to keep children safe and families strong. The morning was filled with energy, laughter, and purpose — a true celebration of community coming together for children.

A special thank you to Beaver Creek Coffee Estate for not only hosting us but also treating every walker to a free cappuccino — such a warm and generous gesture! We are also grateful to Siyavuna, our prize sponsors, and every supporter who helped make the day a success.

Your steps, support, and solidarity help us create a world where every child has the chance to grow up in a loving family.



Father's Day is Coming Up!

Father's Day is on 15 June, and if you're shopping online for that perfect gift, why not make your purchase count for more?

By using the ShopDonation platform and selecting GCF Africa as your chosen cause, a portion of your purchase will be donated to us — at no extra cost to you!

It's a simple way to give back while celebrating the dads and father figures who make a difference.

Start shopping: [ShopDonation](#). Every gift can help support a child in need of a secure family.

If you want to know what we get up to on a more regular basis, make sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram @givechildfamily



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