



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

STANDING STRONG FOR CHILDREN AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

United for Children

We wrapped up this year's Child Protection Week with a special gathering at GCF, bringing together like-minded organisations, police officers, social workers, and members of the local community. The theme of the day centered on communication and conversations, powerful tools for protecting children and strengthening the support systems around them.

Hazel and Sizwe from GCF, along with others, shared valuable insights from the field, highlighted available services, and spoke about the work they are specifically doing in the communities. What stood out most was our shared commitment to stand up for children. Not alone, but together. Real change happens when we collaborate, each contributing our strengths. As a united team, we can reach further, do more, and create safer, more hopeful futures for children.



A Pause with Purpose

Constantly working with families facing multiple challenges and hardships, day in and day out, can often be draining and overwhelming. It's easy to forget to care for ourselves and refill the strength needed to carry on.

Over two days in June, our social work and community work teams participated in online training focused on self-care, facilitated by the inspiring Janine Vorster from The Mustarded Seed Within. The training went beyond basic self-care, exploring physical, psychological, thought patterns, relational, work-related, financial, and spiritual well-being.

It was a much-needed and appreciated opportunity for our staff to pause, reflect, and recharge.

Empowering Educators to Keep Children Safe

We are thrilled to share that a passionate group of Early Childhood Development and Grade R teachers, along with two dedicated team members from Give a Child a Family Africa, have just completed our Protective Behaviours Level 1 training.

Throughout the training, participants engaged deeply with essential child protection topics, including recognising early warning signs, understanding body awareness, creating personal safety networks, and upholding every child's right to feel safe, always.

Here's what some of the participants had to say:

"What was most useful was learning how to see when a child is in a bad situation — and how to speak and listen to them."

"I want to be a trainer, passing this powerful knowledge to the community."

"Our training teacher is more than WOW!"

These educators now return to their crèches and classrooms equipped not only with knowledge but with a renewed commitment to creating safer spaces where children can feel strong, secure, and heard.

What's next? GCF will facilitate follow-up sessions directly with children in classrooms, as well as offer training opportunities for parents, because protecting children begins with education, and safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you for supporting this vital work as we continue building a world where children belong in secure families and safe communities.

Restoring Fatherhood — One Man, One Boy at a Time

At the end of June, GCF had the privilege of hosting Cassie and Jenny Carstens from the global movement The World Needs a Father. Together with local churches, social workers, and our community, we explored the deeply important question:

"What is a real man — culturally, societally, and spiritually?"

The World Needs a Father describes fatherlessness as an "urgent, devastating global catastrophe" and sees involved, intentional fathers as essential for building healthier families and communities. Let this sink in: 68% of children in South Africa grow up without their fathers. The impact is serious, but there is hope.

Cassie reminded us that boys need strong, present male role models to guide them into adulthood. And we can be part of the solution — one man, one boy at a time. Learn more: <https://twnaf.com>.



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Join Us for Our Annual Golf Day, #TeeOff4Kids

We're excited to announce that Give a Child a Family Africa's annual Golf Day is taking place on Saturday, 16 August at the Port Shepstone Country Club!

This fun-filled day on the greens is all in support of our work with vulnerable children and families – and we would love your support.

You can get involved by:

- * Sponsoring a hole
- * Donating prizes
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- * Making a contribution

Every bit of support helps us continue building strong families and safer futures for children.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Mareli at mareli@gcf.org.za or 076 792 4748. Let's tee off for a cause that truly matters!

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](https://www.instagram.com/givechildfamily)



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