



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

## CELEBRATING MILESTONES AND MOMENTS THAT MATTER

### Training Parents, Transforming Families

*"I wish all parents could do this training. I have learnt so much, even the little things I didn't know were important."*

- Participant in our August parent training

In August, Thuli Shozi from GCF trained a group of parents referred by the Children's Court and social workers from nearby offices. It is a privilege that GCF is seen as suitable for this important task. With well-developed training content and facilitators who understand the challenges families face, we were able to equip parents with practical tools to build stronger, healthier families. The parents' openness and willingness to learn made the sessions especially meaningful.



### Reflections on the National Dialogue

Monica Woodhouse, Chairperson of the South African National Child Rights Coalition (SANCR), attended the National Dialogue at UNISA in Pretoria and shared her reflections.

She spoke of the heartbreak of seeing ordinary South Africans — hurting, angry, and desperate to be heard — feel more managed than truly listened to. Children's voices were often treated as a token gesture, while families, the elderly, the disabled, and faith-based communities were sidelined.

Monica emphasised that true healing cannot come from the top down. It must start at the grassroots, with children, families, and communities leading the way. Real dialogue requires listening — only then can trust be rebuilt and a future shaped with hope and dignity.

Watch Monica's interview on SABC News [here](#).

### A Day of Golf and Giving Back!

Our recent Golf Day was a fantastic success, bringing together supporters, sponsors, and friends for a day of fun, camaraderie, and giving. Thanks to everyone who participated, we raised vital funds to continue our work strengthening families and ensuring children grow up in safe, loving homes.

Special thanks to our sponsors, golfers, and the team who helped make the day memorable - your support truly makes a difference!



### Honouring Monica's Legacy

This past Friday, we held our Annual General Meeting for 2024 reporting - a truly special and emotional day. It was Monica Woodhouse's last AGM as Executive Director, marking the end of an incredible chapter in the life of Give a Child a Family Africa.

We celebrated Monica's visionary leadership, her unwavering commitment to children and families, and the profound impact she has made over the years with a special appreciation dinner in her honour. At the same time, we looked ahead with excitement as Steven Wetton steps into his new role, continuing the mission Monica has so passionately guided.

It was a heartfelt day and evening of gratitude, reflection, and celebration - a reminder of the dedication, passion, and vision of everyone who supports GCF and the countless lives changed through this work.

### Opening Our Doors to the Community

Things we could not do while children were still living at the centre, we are now able to do. For the second time this year, GCF was selected as the venue for community service delivery to be held in one location. During the day, community members were offered free HIV and TB testing, pap smears, and the opportunity to listen to and engage with participating stakeholders. These included not only GCF, but Department of Health, Department of Social Development, the South African National Civic Organisation and others.



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