



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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BELONG IN
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FAMILIES

OCTOBER AT GCF: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, PROTECTING CHILDREN

Flying the Flag for Children's Rights

The South African National Child Rights Coalition (SANCR) works to ensure that children's rights and well-being are recognised and prioritised across the country.

As Chairperson of the coalition, Monica Woodhouse, Founder & Director of Advocacy at Give a Child a Family Africa, continues to lead efforts to advocate for children to grow up in safe, loving families.

Recently, members of the SANCR spent a few days at GCF for planning, organising, and budgeting — strengthening collaboration and shared commitment to putting children first.



Building Stronger Families Through the Sinovuyo Programme

GCF continues to run the Sinovuyo Caring Families Programme for parents and teens, in partnership with the Department of Social Development.

Now in its second round, the programme is going from strength to strength! Parents and children are engaging in honest conversations, learning practical skills, and gaining a deeper understanding of one another — strengthening family bonds and promoting positive communication within their homes.

Supporting Children in Crisis

One October morning, our social workers were preparing for a training session — but a call about a possible child removal changed everything. They dropped everything to respond. When a child's safety is at risk, nothing else matters. Training can wait. Paperwork can wait. The child cannot.

In these urgent moments, Temporary Safety Parents provide short-term care, giving children stability, safety, and a place to begin healing while social workers work toward family reunification or long-term placements.

Recently, we hosted an info session at GCF to raise awareness about temporary safe care and what it takes to become a Temporary Safety Family caring for a child in need.

If you believe in what we do, you can get involved. Your financial support can help us recruit, train, and support suitable Temporary Safety Parents, ensuring children in crisis have the safe, loving families they deserve.



What GCF Does in Our Communities

If you're new to GCF, or if you've forgotten what we do in the communities around us, here's a little reminder in a nutshell. Our main focus is to protect children, strengthen families, and build resilient communities:

- Child Protection: Immediate support for children facing poverty, neglect, abuse, or family breakdown.
- Family Strengthening: Services and training to help parents and caregivers nurture their children.
- Alternative Care: Recruitment and training of foster and temporary safety families to provide family-based care instead of care in institutions.
- Community Engagement: Partnering with local leaders and organisations to build trust and collaboration by addressing concerns collectively.
- Innovative Programmes: Practical, proven projects that address the real reasons children and families are vulnerable, helping them build safer, stronger lives for the long term.

Your support helps us plant seeds of hope and nurture communities, so every child can grow up in a safe, loving family.

Support GCF's Work by becoming a monthly donor or giving a once-off [donation](#).

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](#)



EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING! MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY AND BECOME A MONTHLY CONTRIBUTOR OF GCF'S WORK.

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