



GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS: PROGRESS, PARTNERSHIP, AND PURPOSE

Sharing GCF's Vision Abroad

Anna-Karin Öhrnstedt recently returned from a visit to Sweden, where she connected with both new and long-time GCF supporters and funders. She spoke in churches and smaller groups of people to share insights about GCF's work and future plans. Her visit was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness and strengthen connections with those committed to supporting children and families.



Celebrating Skills and Achievement

We are honoured to have been part of the Amakhono Okuphila – Skills4Life programme. Our colleague, Jan Oosthuizen, taught woodwork to a talented group of students, and their proud smiles at graduation reflected their dedication and growth.

A heartfelt thank you to Amakhono Okuphila for including us in this impactful initiative. Partnerships like these help us continue empowering individuals and supporting families.

Teaching Safety and Resilience in Preschools

Monica Nomlala, our Protective Behaviours facilitator, shared how ready the preschool teachers were to begin the programme. They work in communities where social challenges are many, and children are often the ones who suffer. Teaching both teachers and children about safety and giving them practical tools has been incredibly rewarding.

During the last week of November, three preschools completed the programme and celebrated with certificates and delicious cupcakes. Next year, the goal is to extend this important work to the parents as well.



GCF at the Care Reform Summit & Children20

This November, Give a Child a Family Africa was represented by Monica Woodhouse at two important national and global child-rights events.

Monica attended the National Summit on Care Reform, where government, NGOs, and experts committed to strengthening family-based care and reducing reliance on institutional care by 2030. The Summit set out a clear roadmap to improve support for vulnerable families — a goal that aligns directly with our mission that children belong in secure families. There was government buy-in for signing the Global Declaration of Care Reform, which will shape the future for vulnerable children and families.



She also participated in Children20 (C20), held just before the G20 Social Summit. Children and young people from across South Africa, Kenya and Zimbabwe contributed to a powerful declaration calling for stronger protection, better mental health support, quality education, climate change, financial improvement and employment, fulfilment of SDG's, and meaningful child participation in decisions that affect their lives.

We are proud to have had a voice in these influential spaces. GCF remains committed to advocating for a future where every child grows up safe, supported, and within a loving family.

Joining the Fight Against GBV and Femicide

Did you know that 15 women are killed every day in South Africa? Many are mothers, and their children are deeply affected, witnessing violence, living in fear, and often becoming victims themselves. Gender-based violence and femicide remain an urgent national issue.

On 21 November, GCF's female staff joined many others across the country to advocate for every woman's right to safety. We demonstrated on one of our local beaches by lying in silence for 15 minutes in honour of the women lost each day.

This took place just ahead of the national 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign. GCF will participate by hosting public talks together with partners and stakeholders in our area.

Christmas Isn't the Same for Every Child

For most children, Christmas brings laughter, love, and joy. But for many, it arrives with anxiety, hunger, and loneliness — a fear of what tomorrow might hold. For families already struggling, the festive season can add extra pressure. When stress turns into crisis, it's the children who suffer most.

You can make a difference. Your donation this Christmas will help us support families before they reach breaking point, keeping children safe with the people they love the most. Every child deserves to be **Home 4 Christmas**.



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.

www.gcf.org.za