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REAL LIVES. REAL HOPE. REAL IMPACT.

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"I give you thanks,
O Lord, with all my
heart; I will sing
your praises"
Psalm 138:1





We include Action Ball in our ECD and Baby Stimulation programmes because movement is essential for healthy development. Today's children



spend far less time outdoors and far more time in front of screens, which can affect their social and physical growth. Action Ball brings back purposeful movement, helping little ones build balance, coordination, confidence and early social skills through fun, active play. Educators and occupational therapists highlight how vital movement is for growing minds and bodies, and we see those benefits every day in our children's progress.

Big Milestones

One of the sweetest baby milestones is when a little one suddenly notices her own hands. Staring, turning them over, completely fascinated by these tiny tools she's just discovered. It may look simple, but it's a big moment: she's learning that her hands belong to her, that she can move them, explore with them, and use them to understand her world. Watching her wonder is as cute as ever!



Holiday Fun



Our Winter Holiday Programme was full of happy energy from baking, games of skill, shared stories and colourful crafts to plenty of outdoor play that kept little bodies busy and minds curious. But the absolute highlight of the holidays was our big outing to the fun fair and Spur kindly sponsored by Boardwalk Inkwazi Shopping Mall. The children lit up with excitement, braved rides, laughed their way through the day, and ended it all with a self-selected lunch together. This was a holiday break filled with creativity, connection and unforgettable memories.





A huge thank-you to Solid Ground Church and every person who supported The Market. Your kindness, hard work and community spirit made the day a wonderful success, and together we raised R20,000 for iKhaya. We are deeply grateful for the love you show our home.

AN OVERFLOW

We visited iThembalempilo Multi Purpose Centre in Ndabayakhe to see how the overflow of your generous donations is being used, and it was a powerful reminder of why community support matters. There were so many children, an empty food storage, and no play area, yet the space was filled with joy and the warm welcome of the incredible ladies who run the centre. We donated an extra jungle gym from iKhaya and helped set it up, so the children finally have a place to play. This visit showed exactly where some of your donations go and how deeply they are making a difference. We'll continue supporting Ndabayakhe with gratitude and commitment.



EAGER HELPERS

Our little crew jumped right in to help the gardener clean the yard; collecting leaves, tidying up, and working together like champs. They followed instructions, encouraged one another, and helped turn a monotonous chore into a teamwork adventure. We are proud of these helpers and their big hearts.





MANDELA DAY CELEBRATIONS



Mandela Day at iKhaya was bursting with colour, kindness and community spirit. Our children enjoyed outdoor fun, creative activities, delicious meals, exciting outings, face-painting and traditional games. Our home was blessed with many generous donations of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and household goods while two of our homes received a fresh coat of paint.

A huge thank-you to The Fortunate Organization, SAPS Youth Desk, Zululand University Youth Leaders, Sanlam Empangeni, Prince Buthelezi Mall, Umhlatuze Pharmacy, Build It, Lucy Legacy Builders, Umfolozi Casino and Absons Auto for pouring so much love and support into our Mandela Day celebrations. This was a week of joy, hope and community and we are truly grateful to everyone who stood with us.



A Personal Note

Dear friends

We are reminded just how beautiful restoration can be as two of our little ones were recently reunified with their families. These are moments filled with joy, courage and deep gratitude. Reunifications are the heartbeat of our mission, and we celebrate them with full hearts and pray that they will thrive in their loving family units.

Mandela Day didn't stay a day... it became an entire week of kindness. Our home was overflowing with generosity, love, interaction and care. The children were blessed, spoilt and poured into in ways they will treasure for a long time. We are still in awe of every person and partner who chose to show up for them.

This month we also said farewell to our four German volunteers. Our hearts are heavy and sad, as they invested so much of themselves, their love, their energy, their creativity, their presence. They will be fondly remembered by our children, our staff and our church family. Having long-term volunteers is a tremendous support to our operations team, and the gap they leave behind is significant. If you have a passion to serve, preferably for six months to a year, we would truly love to hear from you.

As we look toward year-end, we would like to make a special appeal. Our caregivers, the moms of our home, are the reason iKhaya exists. They give their time, their strength, their compassion and their hearts so that our children can heal, overcome and thrive. We would love to honour our team with an annual bonus and a year end lunch in December. If you feel stirred to contribute, you are welcome to reach out to us directly or use the reference "your name/staff" when making a payment. We are a Level 1 BEE organisation, and as a registered Public Benefit Organisation we can issue Section 18A certificates for tax-saving benefits upon receipt of proof of payment.

Thank you for standing with us, for loving our children, and for helping us care for the ones who care for them.

Warm regards,
Loressa, the Board, Staff and Children

auf wiedersehen

Until we see you again



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