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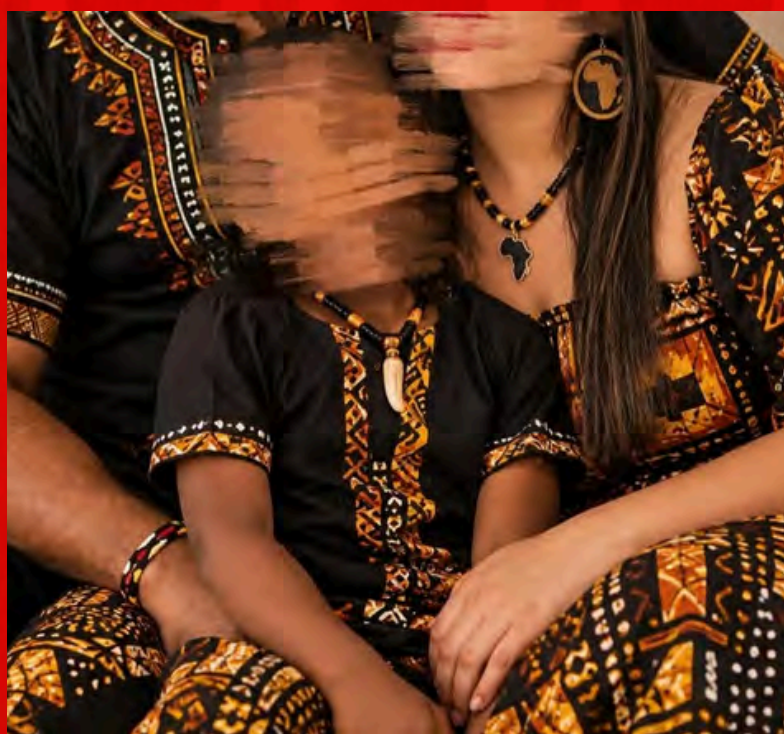
REAL LIVES. REAL HOPE. REAL IMPACT.

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"He ensures that
orphans and widows
receive justice."
Deuteronomy 10:18a



Love Made a Way



This month, we celebrate a powerful reminder of what your support makes possible. J's adoption has now been fully registered, a life-changing milestone that marks the end of uncertainty and the beginning of a forever home filled with love, safety and belonging. His parents shared a message overflowing with gratitude, reflecting on the role iKhaya played in opening the door to this new chapter. Their words echo what we see every day: when a child is given stability, care and the chance to thrive, entire futures are rewritten. J's story is one of restoration, hope and the impact of community. Thank you for helping us make moments like this possible.

Tiny New Arrival



Recently, we welcomed a precious baby boy into our care. At three months old, he weighed just 3.1kg, making him much smaller than he should be for his age.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped us welcome this newest member of the iKhaya family through donations of clothing, nappies and formula. Your generosity has ensured that his immediate needs are being met and that he is surrounded by comfort, care and dignity from the moment he arrived.

While he is very small, we are filled with hope. With proper nutrition, consistent love and nurturing care, we know he has every opportunity to grow stronger, reach his milestones and thrive. Thank you for being part of his journey and helping give him the best possible start.



Arbor Day

We had the privilege of partnering with Petragaz for a meaningful day of environmental care and community engagement. Together, we planted fruit and shade trees, revitalised our vegetable garden, and introduced seedlings and edible flowers to support sustainable pest management. The children have been caring for the garden, watering the seedlings and proudly harvested fresh spinach and enjoyed it as part of their meals... a tangible reminder of the value of nurturing the earth and the joy that comes from growing their own food. As the newly planted trees mature, they will provide nourishment, shade, and playful spaces for exploration. Essential tools and equipment bought as part of this initiative will strengthen our ability to maintain the garden and ensure long-term sustainability. We extend our sincere gratitude to Petragaz for their partnership and for the lasting impact their support will make in the lives of our children.



Earning, Saving & Spending



Our pocket money programme gives the children more than just spending money. It teaches responsibility, encourages them to care for their belongings, contribute to family life, and understand the value of earning, saving and spending wisely. By washing cars, they can earn extra and experience the satisfaction of working towards a goal. Recently, the children enjoyed a trip to the mall to spend some of their hard-earned savings on items they had been patiently saving for. The excitement and pride on their faces were priceless, and so were the valuable life lessons learned along the way.

Heritage Day



We believe heritage is something to be passed on from one generation to the next. This Heritage Day, our children learned about identity, culture and pride through the stories, traditions and values shared by caregivers Sphume and Glory. From traditional Zulu attire, Ubuntu teachings and cultural meals, to learning about the South African flag and unity in diversity, the day was a great reminder of the importance of our children knowing where they come from and what they can carry forward. These moments give our children roots, understanding and a sense of belonging, ensuring that heritage continues to live on through them.

Safe and Healthy Homes



We faced two major maintenance projects this month. Installing new grey-water soak-aways and carried out essential repairs to our septic tank have been completed. Caring for our children looks different at times. It's not only the moments of joy, learning and growth, it's also the behind-the-scenes

work that keeps their home clean, safe, functioning well and protecting the dignity of our children. By improving our waste-water management, we're safeguarding the environment around us and ensuring a healthier living space for everyone at iKhaya. Thank you to those who help us keep our home strong. Your support makes this quiet but crucial work possible.

Community in Action

Our monthly visit by the Wonderfilled Team brought pure excitement to iKhaya with a Fun Day and shared lunch. From flour-filled sweet hunts to balloon-popping chaos, the children threw themselves into every game with contagious enthusiasm. And when they heard ice-cream was waiting after lunch, the clean-up happened in record time! One small moment that stood out was when an ECD learner chose to balance his ball on a spoon, a skill he remembered from a weekday lesson, instead of tossing it into the buckets, highlighting that even in play, our children are learning, retaining and growing. These joyful Saturdays strengthen confidence, connection and learning.



Games, Giggles & Great Skills



Our holiday programme was packed with energy as the children enjoyed skipping games, rock-paper-scissors showdowns, musical fun and dance-offs that had everyone laughing and cheering. The kids also got creative with threading and sewing, building fine motor skills while making beautiful little creations. And the boys stole the show with a mouth-watering lunch they prepared themselves...teamwork at its tastiest. At iKhaya, fun and learning go hand in hand.

A Personal Note

Dear friends of iKhaya

As I reflect on the past month, I am reminded that iKhaya is so much more than a children's home. It is a place of healing, growth, belonging and hope. Every day, we see children overcoming difficult beginnings, discovering their potential and building brighter futures.

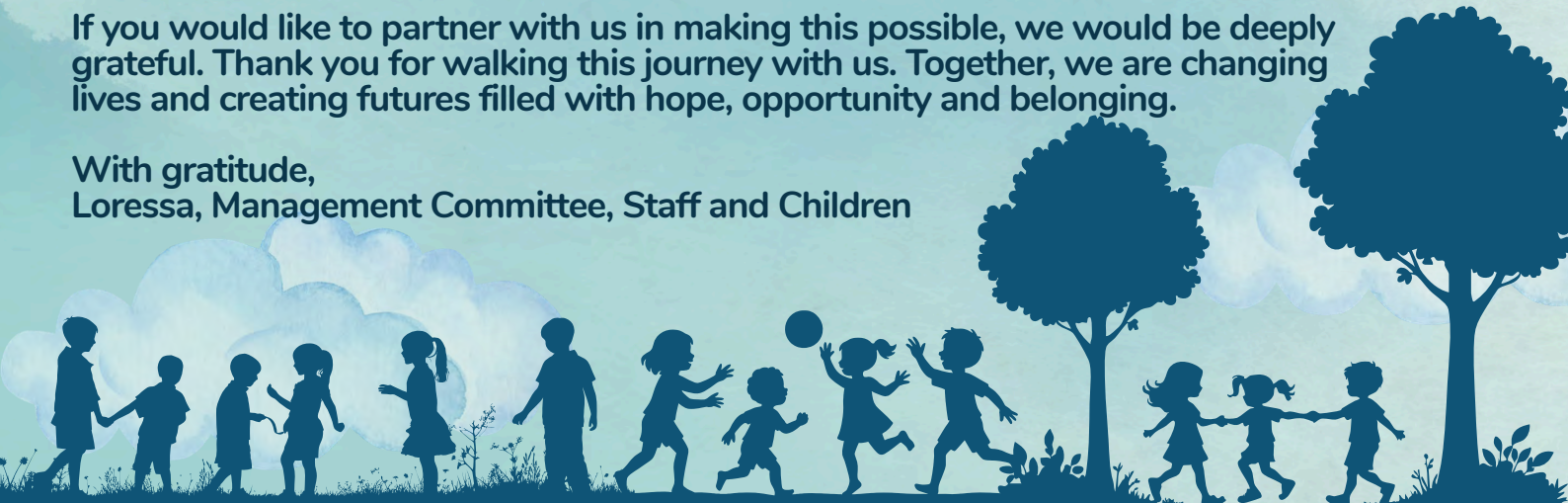
None of this happens in isolation. The impact we make is only possible because of the incredible village that stands with us. Our supporters, donors, volunteers, churches and businesses help us meet not only the daily needs of the children, but also the goals, opportunities and support that enable lasting healing and growth.

One of our greatest joys is seeing our young people take steps towards independence. Our eldest young lady is currently completing her Fashion Design and Sewing course and will be seeking employment or internship opportunities for 2027. She has experience in both waitressing and working in a hair salon and is eager to learn and grow. If your business may be able to offer an opportunity, we would love to hear from you.

As we approach the festive season, we are delighted that donors have been matched with each child to provide a personalised Christmas gift. This special project helps ensure every child feels seen, loved and worthy of having their hopes, dreams and wishes heard. I would also like to honour the incredible women who care for our children every day. Their love, dedication and sacrifice make iKhaya a family. To thank them, we hope to host a special year-end function and bless them with a 13th cheque. This would not only recognise their faithful service, but also support the needs of their own families and bring peace of mind as they enter the new year.

If you would like to partner with us in making this possible, we would be deeply grateful. Thank you for walking this journey with us. Together, we are changing lives and creating futures filled with hope, opportunity and belonging.

With gratitude,
Loressa, Management Committee, Staff and Children



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