

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2021**

Letter from the Board

It has indeed been quite a year... A huge virtual hug and gratitude for the dedicated service provided by our amazing band of Board members, staff, and foster mums. All have been tested to the full by the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. I think particularly of our foster mothers managing six energetic youngsters during our hard stay-at-home lockdown, and at times when schools have been closed. I think of our social work team engaging with carers and young people online rather than face to face. This was not in their professional social work script. We would not have pulled through so well without the outstanding leadership provided by our Executive Director, Peter Marx, with the very able support of our Programme Manager, Victoria Smith, and our Finance Manager, Londolani Masiagwala.

The pandemic has made these times very challenging on the financial front. However, our fundraising team has more than risen to the occasion. We are particularly grateful to our donors for contributions both large and small. I also want to recognise the ongoing and essential support of the Department of Social Development. As you will see from the financial report, the standard of care which we at Home from Home strive to ensure does not come cheap. Every rand makes a difference to the care and well-being of our children.



Our loving family homes will continue to meet the challenges of the pandemic and provide care that encompasses a range of services commonly not available in the foster care space. Our newly established transition home will provide a vital bridge into adulthood for increasing numbers of youth leaving care.

Heartfelt thanks, safety and good health to all as we continue to join hands in the service of children.

– Professor Andrew Dawes, Chairperson



Letter from our Executive Director

This annual report marks the second year of the transition of leadership at Home from Home from the founders, Pippa Shaper and Jane Payne. Although I might have expected the first year to be full of learning and new challenges, I think I would be forgiven for not predicting what would happen in this second year.

Covid-19 lockdown began in late March and while initially predicted to be only three weeks, went on for over 100 days before restrictions began relaxing in August, only to see the second wave hit us in December 2020. This effectively meant that the entire year was dominated by the adaption, adjustments and protective measures taken in response to this pandemic. This report shows more specifically how each area of our work was adjusted to adapt to these more immediate challenges.

This war is not over and there is more coming down the line that demands our flexibility and resilience. However, it is wonderful to reflect on how the whole extended family of Home from Home dug deep and responded so admirably to the situation.

Our supporters and donors opened their hearts to provide for the extra expenses and support needed to navigate these times. Even with the serious downturn in most economies of the world, this helped to ensure that we met our budgeted income for this financial year, where implications

of our reduction in services had expected to be a painful reality.

Our support staff team worked countless extra hours and willingly exposed themselves to greater risk to ensure that essential services to our foster families were provided throughout. This involved not only providing PPE and support with regard to taking precautions from this disease, but also creating new ways of providing the support these families require.

Having all family members indoors 24/7 during these lockdown times with very little support for education from the schools, meant additional creativity and flexibility. Here, the development of getting computers and connectivity into each of our homes will make a big difference for children's schooling and the increased support through virtual access from our social workers.

There were numerous other interventions too: food and grocery deliveries, indoor family fun activities, a family line-dancing competition and the Orange Art Project which culminated in an art exhibition. These were just some of the wonderful initiatives which ensured that our loving family homes remained just that during lockdown.

When hard lockdown started, our foster mothers all volunteered not to take any leave days during that first period in order to keep their

families socially distanced and unexposed to the virus. As the lockdown time was extended, we eventually needed to obtain relief from our assistant foster mothers, who were just as committed in providing the additional care and support that these times demanded.

As we have come to expect from our foster mothers and assistants, they met the added demands of this time as any good biological parent would and increased their commitment. This saw wonderful outcomes of maintaining the loving family environment, but also took its toll. Therapeutic services needed to be provided in numerous instances. Four mothers contracted Covid-19 but thankfully recovered. Tragically Mama Florence passed away in June 2020 from this disease. RIP Mama Florence, heaven is another angel richer.

Although the strain and pressure from this last year has been significant for all, we have also learnt so much. Probably the most surprising aspect has been our increased awareness of the importance of connection and connectedness with others. At Home from Home, we already place great value on connection in creating 'family', even where no biological links exist. It is therefore ironic that it took the social distancing of this disease to re-emphasise this importance. The more connected we are, (like family), the better we are able to function together in navigating the many challenges being faced.

We have therefore begun actively pursuing connection within our work. This is true not only for our foster families, but also our support staff team, board members, volunteers, supporters and funders.

We all need to feel connected to the Home from Home family in order to effectively deal with the greater threat we are confronted by. With God's grace, some grit and much gratitude, we will continue our vital work.



– Executive Director, Peter Marx

Letter from our Patrons

When we were looking for a new Executive Director to run Home from Home, we knew that we needed a 'safe pair of hands' to continue the work where we left off. With the appointment of Peter Marx, and Vicky Smith as Programme Manager, we knew our prayers had been answered. However, we could not have known just how crucial this was going to be before the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Peter has led the team admirably throughout the course of an incredibly difficult year, showing true leadership, courage and empathy.

The amazing Home from Home team of staff and foster mothers pulled together to protect their families with love and fortitude. We are so proud of what has been accomplished in the last year under incredibly difficult circumstances. We know that we made the right choice and we take joy in continuing to watch Home from Home grow from strength to strength.

– Pippa Shaper and Jane Payne



Programme Report

From loving family homes to ensuring everyone survives the pandemic

Home from Home follows a community-based form of cluster foster care, where we aim to integrate our children and families into their respective communities. This also means that we aim to utilise community-based resources as far as possible. The pandemic really challenged this core principle of our approach, when our families were forced through lockdown regulations to isolate themselves from others and the wider community, in a bid to secure their health.

The focus of our loving family homes changed from providing a home that will facilitate development and growth, to ensuring that everyone survived the pandemic as far as possible. We would never have thought that survival would become a focus for our families.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our families, the office team had to familiarise themselves with the facts around Covid-19 as they became available and packaged the information in a manner that was understandable to our children and foster parents. Processes and systems were developed and put into place to ensure that our families were safe and supported as far as was possible.

Meetings were held with each family, to educate them about the virus and the necessary safety protocols. Whilst most people were confined to their homes for their own safety and to prevent

the spreading of the virus, our programme team still ventured into communities to deliver PPE, educate families, deliver groceries, school homework, medication, recreational resources and to transport foster parents and children to medical appointments to prevent them from using public transport.

Daily contact was maintained with every family, to identify support needs or monitor symptoms. Even though the virus created many devastating effects over and above the loss of lives, it also produced some positive outcomes for our families. Foster parents and children grew closer and developed a new understanding of one another as a result of being confined at home together for several months.

Our families played together and learnt together as foster parents had to take on the role of educators. Family relationships strengthened, and so too, the relationship between the families and the programme team as a result of the daily contact and communication. This contact took the form of WhatsApp messages and phone calls. Home visits were only conducted when really needed.

Even though the pandemic will have a longer-term negative impact on our families' well-being, we choose to focus on the positive outcomes of this pandemic.

– Vicky Smith, Programme Manager





Foster Mother Philiswa's Story

The resilience and courage to overcome challenges.

Philiswa is in her early 50's and was born and raised by her grandmother in the Eastern Cape as her parents were working away from home. She is the eldest of six children and from a young age, took it upon herself to assist with caring for her younger siblings. In her early twenties, Philiswa was unable to find work in the Eastern Cape, and she needed to move away from her family and came to Cape Town to find a job.

Initially, she worked as a cleaner in Cape Town and thereafter ran her own small business from home, but it was tough going and she decided to look for a job once more. Philiswa began working as a relief foster mother in 2013 and a year later became a foster mother in Kayamandi near Stellenbosch. She has been with Home from Home ever since.

Her love and care for the children is truly amazing. She shows great resilience and courage and has overcome many challenges in this role and in her personal life. Two of her brothers died from Covid-19 and Florence, her colleague and friend in the foster home next door, died too. Despite these losses, Philiswa has comforted and supported the children in her care, who were also deeply affected by Florence's passing.

Education

2020 was especially challenging for the Home from Home foster mothers in keeping their children safe and stimulated over long periods of time when schools were closed. The school calendar changed numerous times and extra mural activities were placed on hold. School-based feeding schemes were also interrupted, which increased monthly costs within our homes.

As expected, the disruption in school attendance impacted our children's equilibrium. In one instance, a mother expressed shock at her children's regressed approach to learning and school attendance, saying, "I think my children now have learning challenges, and need therapeutic intervention. They are not able to remember concepts that were previously familiar to them."



The Challenges:

- By the end of July 2020, 63% of our children had not returned to school since closure at the end of March 2020
- Eighteen Grade 8 and Grade 5 children remained out of school for a total of five months. These two grades were the last to be phased back in when schools re-opened
- One child, who has a severe intellectual disability, remained out of school for a year, while another child was home schooled with the support of Home from Home associates, St Francis Outreach Trust
- Parent-teacher/school communication was negatively impacted by Covid-19 distancing protocols and communication regarding 2021 school applications was affected
- Education workshops were suspended, as was support with application and implementation of previous education training sessions

Actions taken:

- A weekly report of school attendance was submitted to the Department of Social Development, and schools were informed when positive cases of Covid-19 occurred
- Family workshops on Covid-19 and return to school protocols were conducted in all homes and support was given to foster mothers in initiating and maintaining a daily school homework routine
- Our families experienced varying degrees of fear, uncertainty and panic which impacted on learning. Contact was however maintained through a variety of strategies such as educational posters that offered mental health tips being provided to all homes
- Efforts to contact schools for learning support materials were made both by foster mothers and our support team. Network data was issued weekly to some homes for education purposes
- Volunteers were accessed to assist with copying and delivering learning materials to children who did not receive support from schools
- Donations of textbooks, educational games and reading material were delivered to homes and community partners assisted in securing appropriate learning resources

Some encouraging outcomes:

- Tutors enabled invaluable support to both the children and the foster mothers. While tutor turnover was a challenge in some homes due to Covid-19, tutoring continued intermittently for 102 children. Hours were increased in the month of November 2020
- The overall impact of tutoring intervention resulted in a 6.7% improvement in academic results. Reports submitted by tutors provided important insights and assisted in prompting necessary interventions
- Reassuringly, since the installation of computers in some of the homes, the children's interest in reading, as well as their overall ability in using computers, has improved



Lizo Nobando ECD and Resource Centre

Twenty-seven children were enrolled at the Lizo Nobando ECD and Resource Centre in 2020 before the Centre was closed due to lockdown from mid-March. It re-opened again at the beginning of August following Covid-19 related compliance processes.

Staff offered parents ideas for the stimulation of children via WhatsApp during closure, and additional food parcels for all 27 families were delivered twice during this period.

The young children started returning from September and a total of 20 children had returned by December 2020. Supporting children between the ages of 3-5 years old in their understanding of Covid-19 related protocols, which goes against age-related developmental needs, was a stressful period for all involved. We were however, able to support the Principal and she had this to say of the experience; 'I have felt sisterhood and parenthood from Home from Home. I really feel cared for.'

Oxford Reading Safari

This reading programme has been in place since November 2018 in Metro South (Masiphumelele and Ocean View) and focuses on English reading for meaning, comprehension skills and the development of vocabulary. The valuable aspect of this weekly individual reading session is that 24 children read with a facilitator as their champion.

Through discussion and engagement, the learner's language and general knowledge is expanded. This individualised opportunity allows time for those who have attentional, learning and emotional challenges to receive focused support. In 2020, it enabled invaluable support to both the children and the mothers at a time when libraries were closed and children's attendance at school was irregular due to Covid-19.

In spite of the programme being placed on hold in April and May due to regulations, structured and partnered reading continued in June and the programme has shown over 50% improvement in reading fluency and 75% of the readers are reading much more accurately. The majority of readers have made significant improvements in comprehension.



From Homeless to Academic Excellence

The first Home from Home child to attend university

In 2013, after living on the street under a highway bridge with their mother, the five Thomson* sisters were placed with an emergency foster mother before arriving at Home from Home.

In the first year, Melanie*, being the eldest, assumed the role of primary caregiver for her younger siblings. She had grown accustomed to this role and found it difficult to relinquish it. It caused friction initially and Melanie battled to let go, but with patience and care, the dynamics changed and she realised that she now had the freedom to forge her own path. When their

biological mother died four years ago, this was a tragic setback, but the grief counselling Melanie and her sisters received helped them in handling their loss.

Melanie's primary school grades were excellent and this led to her being awarded a scholarship which covered her tuition at a good high school. She received academic awards every year and was in the top 10 in Grades 10 to 12. Melanie also played first team hockey and as part of her scholarship requirements she participated in community upliftment groups throughout her five years of senior school. She passed Matric

in 2020 with two distinctions and applied to the University of the Western Cape. On receiving the good news that she was accepted, Melanie became the first Home from Home child to attend university and is currently studying a degree in Psychology.

She is the recipient of NSFAS (National Student Financial Aid Scheme) bursary which will cover her university tuition and books. Currently all classes are online, so like so many students worldwide, she has not been able to experience campus life yet.

Melanie is a focussed and responsible young adult, who is a considered and independent thinker. A strong bond exists between the five sisters and their foster mother, Nolisa, as well as with their biological family and the community. Melanie and her half-brother aspire to taking care of their siblings once they have completed school and she has finished her studies.

What an incredible path of resilience this 19-year-old young woman has already walked. Melanie's determination, grit and grace are evident and we pray that God will assist her to reach the great things she deserves.

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Therapy

Staying connected through various levels of lockdown

Therapeutic interventions for our children were severely impacted due to the restrictions on movement and physical contact with people. Most of our external therapeutic service providers were not available during the various levels of lockdown. Our social workers assessed whether telephonic and/or video therapy would be appropriate and suitable for our children.

During this time, Home from Home social workers and social auxiliary workers, provided therapeutic support as far as possible. Various platforms were used, which ranged from Whatsapp communications, telephonic and face-to-face support. Alternative therapeutic interventions also occurred during this time like the Orange Art Project, which proved very effective. Furthermore, where families were able to use the additional time spent together engaged in positive activities, relationships developed and had a strongly positive therapeutic impact.

External service providers slowly started with therapy again towards the end of 2020 and 65 of our children benefitted over the past financial year. This is remarkable considering that we only had a limited number of months available for this service.

THIS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

**Aptitude tests
and vocational
assessments**

20 children

Counselling

7 children

Psychotherapy

20 children

**Medical
evaluation**

8 children

**Play
therapy**

10 children

**Family
therapy**

one family



The Evelyn Connolly Transitional Support Programme

In South Africa, there are 20 million youth between the age of 15 and 24 years old and youth unemployment levels towards the end of 2020 were at a staggering 43%. This was obviously, also greatly affected by the pandemic. This major socio-economic challenge requires an urgent, national co-ordinated approach to address it. Our youth are the most vulnerable group in the labour market and education is a key instrument in ensuring human capital development.

Our Home from Home youth (16+ age group) which make up 33% (52 young people) of our total group, are even more at risk and face numerous challenges, given that they are required to adapt to transitioning out of care into interdependent living as they become young adults. Careful attention is given to their emotional, material and physical needs. Growth in self-determination is encouraged without placing too much pressure on them.

Our transition programme goals are comprehensive and cover various aspects of life's journey. These include career counselling, skills development with a potential employment outcome, social participation, active citizenship, planning, budgeting and problem solving. The key focus is on positive youth development and identifying strengths and setting realistic goals. This places our youth at the centre of the transition arrangements to give them a strong and active role in the planning process to ensure that emphasis is placed on them managing and directing their own transition.

Currently this group of 52 young people of 16 years and older are split into various focus groups depending on their stage in the transition path. Six are engaged in the Home of Hope programme for special needs. Four are living independently, but receiving regular support from us directly until their independence is more established.

OUR AGING OUT YOUTH



*It is important to note that there are vastly differing needs within this aging out group

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The Westlake Transition House

Taking the brave steps from foster care to interdependant living

This first transition house was established in early 2020 with three young people moving in from across our metros in Khayelitsha, Overberg and Eden Karoo. They took the first brave steps of transitioning from foster care to interdependent living.

Lesedi* completed a practical cooking course with Infinity Culinary Training school and accepted an internship at a large organic store. He has loved the experience and displayed a great work ethic which resulted in him being offered a permanent position.

Andile* from Eden Karoo chose to complete a year's internship at Hillsong Church, in the creative department. The move to Cape Town from one of our affiliate homes in Plettenberg Bay was a big transition but he adapted admirably. After having acclimatised to his new Cape Town surroundings, Andile then moved out of the transition house to an apartment closer to his work. We still maintain regular contact with him and he receives developmental, emotional and psychological support. He has an exceptional art talent which we are encouraging him to explore further!

Franchesca* formed close friendships with her house mates and they became each other's support network. With the assistance of the transition team, she approached Takealot to obtain work experience and now enjoys a permanent position at the e-commerce retailer. She has already worked her way up from front desk to floor supervisor which is an incredible achievement.

Getting to this point was not plain sailing though. The clear and specific rules and conditions established for the transition home became too restrictive for Franchesca during 2020. After numerous discussions, she was finally asked to leave. At first she was angry and anxious about where and how to establish a home base. Home from Home continued to support her and stay in contact and in early 2021 she was able to make the following comment about this important experience: "I have grown as a person and have a different mindset now. The life lessons have been hard but I know that Home from Home needed to show me tough love otherwise nothing would have changed. It forced me to take stock of my life and reflect on what I wanted to achieve. I felt very alone and in the deep end but I know now that I needed the reality check."

In January 2021, our youth leader, Nasiphi moved into the transition house. Her role as mentor was to gently support the group of youngsters and listen to and guide them without solving their problems for them.

Each of our young adults, going through this process, have their own unique skills and talents and our specialist team walks alongside them and assists them with their specific requirements. Respect is shown regarding their views and opinions in this crucial phase of their development.

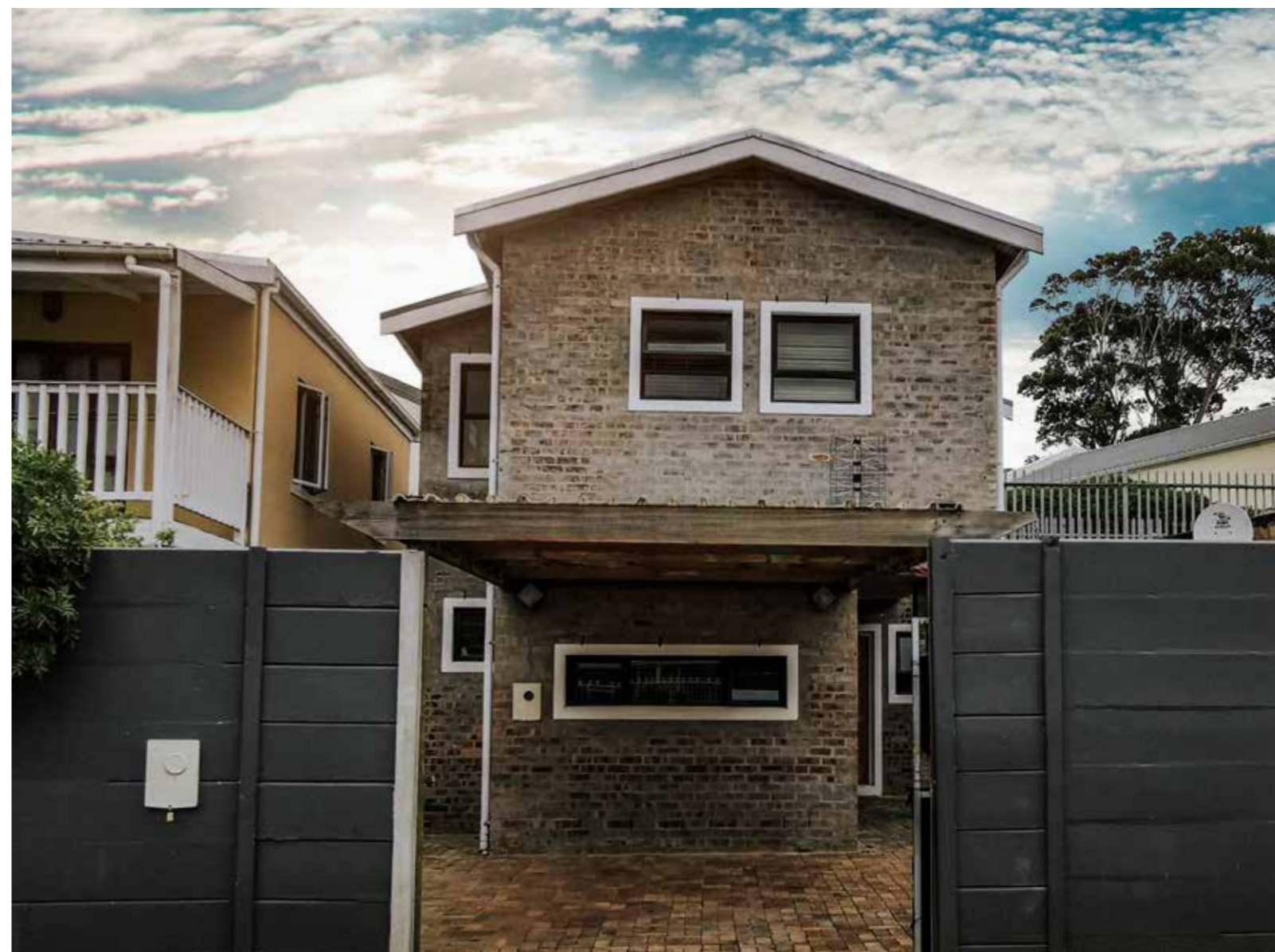
Earlier this year, we welcomed two new young adults into the house. Both awaited their matric results and both received the welcome news

that they had passed. They completed a work-readiness course with the Zankhanyo networks and graduated successfully.

Jessica* is exploring a hospitality course with the Amy Foundation and Zeek* is interested in the Ruth Prowse Art school outreach programme and is also looking into the law enforcement sector.

As this programme progresses we are building a clearer understanding of the journey out of foster care into young adulthood to ensure that our Home from Home youth have the best chance of becoming happy, well-adjusted and contributing adults in our society.

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Reunification

Reunification services to our children were severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Physical contact with biological families was not possible for several months during higher levels of lockdown. We were, however, able to put alternative measures in place to ensure that these important connections were maintained, through increased phone use in calling and messaging biological family.

We recognise how difficult this must have been for both parties and we acknowledge their grit in having to delay physical visits. Biological families were also educated around Covid-19 safety protocols before contact with children was permitted.



Foster Mother Wardah's Story

Wardah grew up in Bonteheuwel with an aunt who cared for her from the young age of six months until she was eight. This was due to financial constraints within the family. Wardah's foster mom played a significant role in shaping the way she respects and cares for people. She has three adult biological children, two sons and a daughter.

After the death of her foster mother/aunt, she returned to her family home in Bonteheuwel. Having not grown up with her biological parents, Wardah empathises with the children in her care and has a deep understanding of their struggles.

She married at the young age of 17 and converted to the Muslim faith, however the abusive marriage did not last. At almost 40, she converted to Christianity and this was a life-changing time for Wardah and her children, as she came to realise that it was as important to care for her own well-being too.

Wardah believes in further education and has completed courses in home-based care, a personal development training course and is an accomplished seamstress. She is a willing participant in the training offered by Home from Home and attended workshops on grief support counselling and for youth transitioning out of care.

She lives with her six foster children in Goodwood. In chatting to her, it is evident that she is very passionate about being a caregiver. She has proven her mettle and is a strong woman who does not allow herself to be manipulated. She is also quick to laugh and brings humour into tricky situations.

Wardah enjoys her church activities and is a part-time counsellor. When she is on leave, she assists with women and youth camps. She also enjoys hiking, swimming, window-shopping, reading and watching movies.

As with most of our foster mums, Wardah goes above and beyond for her children. There is nothing too big or too small that she will not tackle head on. In 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, she introduced the children to giving back to the community. They donated sweet packs to children in the informal settlement and care packs to women in homeless shelters. She has done a wonderful job of coming into the house and adapting to the children's needs before implementing her own parenting style.

Wardah has grown immensely in her knowledge and understanding of foster care. She is grateful for the material and emotional support the foster mothers receive at Home from Home, and believes that without this support and guidance, it would be far more difficult to cope.

Orange Art Project

This fascinating art project was the brainchild of Jill Trappler, an established South African visual artist who encouraged eight artists from the Orange Art Group. They have assisted her in introducing the joy of creativity to some of our Home from Home children in communities across the city during lockdown in 2020. The children range in age from three to 18 years old.

This initiative came about as a result of being restricted to staying home during the first and second wave of the pandemic. Imagine being a foster mother to six children who were all staying indoors and having to become a teacher with limited online schooling support.

The three-month pilot project was initially started in six of our foster homes and soon grew organically to 12 homes as the message spread within the organisation, and the fun and benefits were experienced.

The National Arts Council was interested in the social cohesion focus of the project and provided much needed funding. A unique and colourful exhibition of the children's artwork took place at the Spin Street Gallery in Cape Town, in mid-February this year. It was open to the public and received great attention both locally and abroad. The project elicited great positive exposure for Home from Home through media networks including Expresso Morning TV Show on SABC 3 and a Cape Talk radio interview.

"We are part of the same society and this exercise in visual literacy is so important" says Jill.

"It was wonderful to witness the development over eight months and observe how art became part of the children's homes and their lives. Observing the foster families experience an exhibition for the first time and seeing the joy at recognising their art work was unforgettable!"

The frequency of the art classes varied and initially the teaching was conducted via WhatsApp which was not easy, but as rapport was established, great progress was made. In October, many of the teachers were able to conduct the lessons, in person, which made an enormous difference.

Jill is on a mission to secure further funding to expand this art project to all of our foster homes. She watched in awe as some truly amazing creative processes took place. Children were exposed to maths and language concepts while expanding their knowledge of the world.

The art support was not outcomes based. The children were encouraged to paint whatever appealed to them whether it be a bowl of fruit, a self-portrait, an image of the sea or a collage of their ideal home. The focus was on connection and process.

Over a period of 8 months, 8 artists engaged 60 children in 14 foster homes, creating 347 art works. At the art exhibition 81 pieces were sold and R20,300.00 was raised.

"This is not about what it is, this is about what it can become." Dr. Seuss.



Connectivity

We received a wonderful response to an appeal during lockdown, for all our homes to install computers and be connected to the internet. With a number of donors responding positively and thus securing the funding for this project, we began phase one in the Khayelitsha area, with seven homes and the ECD centre fully connected. There were some teething problems and Covid-19 limited our implementation for a while, however, we have completed phase two, where we have over half our homes now connected.

We anticipate completing the installation in the rest of the houses in the second quarter of 2021. With or without Covid-19, this has been a very necessary development for our homes. Firstly, for the educational support it brings, but also, for the added support that is possible to provide for the children and foster mothers through virtual platforms like Zoom and Teams.

The Story of Shakeena

Shakeena is 14 years old and is a talented teenager who is creative and friendly. She came into Home from Home's care at the age of two. Her biological mom had died and her biological father's whereabouts are unknown.

Shakeena always achieved great results at school from an early age. She started high school this year and doing exceptionally well. Her hard work and determination secured her a full educational bursary at a private school in the community. Even though Shakeena is in foster care and didn't have a positive start to life, she has accomplished so much that she can be proud of.

The therapeutic interventions that were put in place earlier in her life at Home from Home have proven crucial in assisting her to work through the trauma of her early childhood and enable her to blossom into a talented young woman.

Shakeena really enjoys drama and has a great natural drawing ability. More recently, she has taken a keen interest in baking and also plays tennis and hockey. Her maternal grandmother lives in Cape Town and takes care of her two older siblings. There has been telephonic contact but no visits yet. She would love to be a fashion designer or events co-ordinator one day!

Fundraising Report

For many reasons, this financial year has been one of Home from Home's most challenging fundraising years, since inception.

The start of the year saw Pippa, who had built Home from Home's fundraising from scratch, hand over the reins of leading fundraising, as planned. Then Covid-19 arrived and completely changed established budgets, fundraising foci and targets. The resultant economic crisis began to impact a number of our loyal supporters later in the year, which saw understandable but significant withdrawals and reductions in support.

Although there were many anxious times during the year where we were unsure whether fundraising could reach the necessary targets, it is amazing to reflect back and realise that we ended the financial year with a surplus (albeit small).

Key to this happy outcome was the loyal support that we, at Home from Home, are privileged to receive. Many of these supporters approached us to ask how they could adapt their support to suit the challenging times, by increasing their support

and being prepared to relax restrictions on funding. We received incredibly warm responses during the onset of Covid-19 and a number of new supporters also came forward to fund crucial developments such as the computer connectivity in our homes.

Also significant in this year was the shift in our fundraising focus to target the core of our business; securing funding for all of our Loving Family Homes. Established and potential supporters had begun responding well to this focus by the close of the year.

A further important development was contracting the services of Tanya Townshend to support our fundraising team. Initially, this was seen as a temporary support, but with the valuable input she has made her contract has been extended.

The difficult times for fundraising have certainly not ended, but having being able to navigate the extreme turbulence of this past year, we feel we might have the team of staff, supporters and children that can successfully face new challenges.

Donor Thank You List

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And with many thanks to our donors who wish to remain anonymous, our child sponsors and those who volunteer and support us in numerous ways. To protect their identity, we have not listed the names of the individuals who have given so generously throughout the year.





Finance Report

Financial Year 2021

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a nationwide lockdown on the 23rd of March 2020, about three weeks after the start of our financial year (FY21). From that date, at Home from Home, we knew we were headed towards a challenging year, but the team remained steadfast and the continued support from our local and international donors successfully carried us through the financial year.

In the beginning of the financial year under review Home from Home anticipated to end the year sitting with a deficit of R850,000, but we are pleased to report that in spite of the current economic pressures around the world, Home from Home managed to raise a total income of R11,971,004 (only 4% less than budgeted) and the total expenditure for the year came to R11,956,689 (11% less than budgeted). This variance was primarily due to the Covid-19 lockdown regulations which resulted in rescheduling and cancellations of some of our planned activities. Home from Home ended the financial year with a R14,315 surplus.

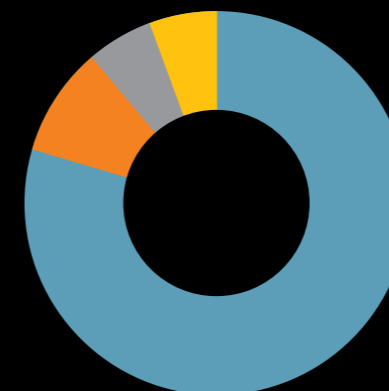
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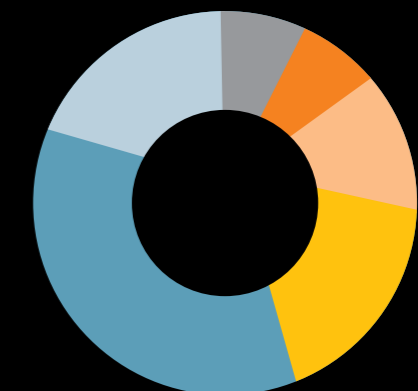
14,315
Surplus

FY21 Income Breakdown



- 79% Individual and Organisations
- 10% DSD Grant
- 5% SASSA
- 6% Other Income

FY21 Expenditure Breakdown



- 6% IT & Telecommunication
- 7% Education
- 16% Foster parents salaries
- 16% Other operational costs
- 20% Housekeeping and children's development
- 35% Head office salaries

Thank You

Associates and Affiliates

Home from Home would like to recognise our Associates, without whom we would not be able to successfully run some of our homes. We would like to thank and acknowledge:

- Badisa Villiersdorp
- Vineyard Church - Stellenbosch
- Kibwe Kids
- St. Francis Trust
- African Hope Trust
- St. Clare's Anglican Church
- Joya Homes
- Olivia Road Trust
- Zonnebloem Steering Committee
- Goodwood Catholic Church
- Life Community Trust - George
- Bitou Family Care

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- Victory 4 All
- Abaphumelele
- Life Child
- Tutela
- Kerus



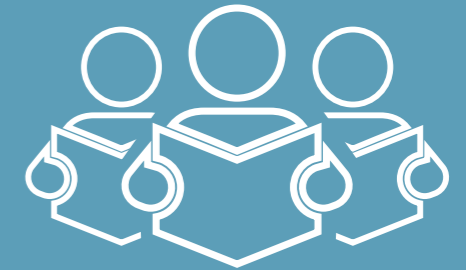
YEAR IN REVIEW

Therapeutic Interventions



65 children

Oxford Reading Safari



24 children

Orange Art Project



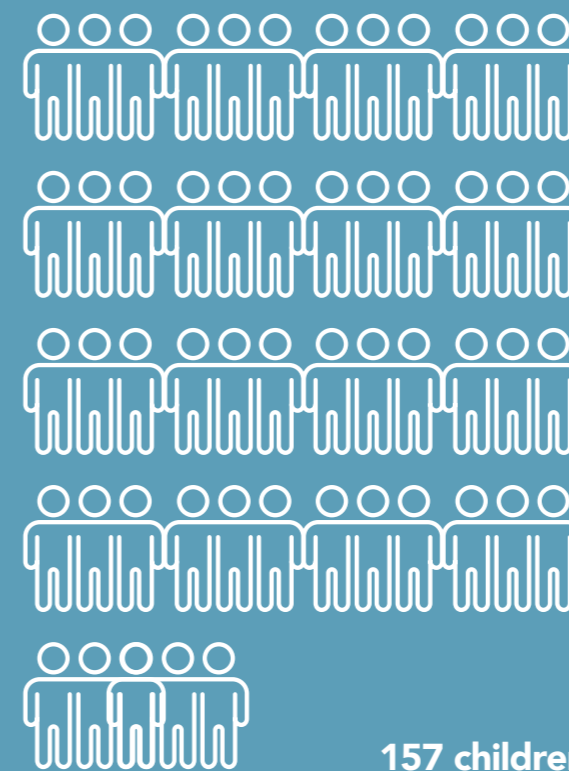
55 children

102 children received tutoring support from 25 tutors



2177 hours

School attendees



157 children

Attended further education and training institutions




3 individuals

Students matriculated



3 students



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