



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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August was Women's month and reflection on the work we do at Home from Home highlights how women are at the heart of creating the magic. Specifically understanding this magic is important in allowing us all to recognise it and enable its growth in creating more healing in our society

At Home from Home we oversee the running of 36 foster homes that we have established in 16 communities across the Western Cape.

Each of these homes has up to six foster children placed in the care of a foster parent that we employ and provide support and oversight to. The children we care for come from various backgrounds and cultures, with different levels of vulnerability. I am sure it is not hard for parents to imagine what a challenge this could be.

Over and above the huge task of providing the basic care to these six children 24/7, the key to the success of our model is that the foster parent must create 'family' within this non biologically linked group. This means that the parent is expected to be able to unconditionally love all six children and establish an environment where all know they belong to a family; brothers, sisters and parent. It is this base of belonging to family that enables the children to rise above their previous vulnerabilities and take the opportunities offered to live positively in society.

From this, I think it is easy to see that this is no regular job where one can switch one's commitment off at the end of the day, or over weekends. Creating 'family' is a full time passion and mission. Our stringent screening process in looking for foster parents, requires us to pick out those people who are able to provide this level of love and commitment to children who are not biologically theirs. Those in our support team also need to be directed to this key role of creating this second chance at family for our children.

To date, although we dearly value those five men who are employed by us at HfH (only one being in a foster caring role) the other 51 positions of employment are all held by women.

I don't intend to 'bash' men in this because I believe we have our strengths too, but I wish to highlight this unique strength in women, which is all too often not recognized or lauded as it should be. It is an unbelievable skill to be able to successfully love and care for other people's children where they experience this as 'family' and have their wounds of the past healed because of it. It is a resource much like 'ubuntu' which is much more prevalent in women, and that we so dearly need more of in our country.

Why are we not more actively 'mining this gold' to put to use in our healing? If this was a strength found in us men, would we not already have made huge profits off it as a world-wide vaccine?

Let's recognize this 'gold' within women and invite them to save our world.

Peter Marx, Executive Director



LATEST EVENTS

WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU



We recently received a wonderful donation of clothing and shoes from Superbalist.com. The young women in our transition house had great fun modelling some of the clothing.

They truly feel dressed for success!

At Home from Home, preparing our young people to age out of care is an important part of our work in providing foster care to vulnerable children.

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Helen Keller
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We are overwhelmed by the kindness and love shown by the residents of the Helen Keller Society. They have gifted our foster children with the most beautifully hand knitted teddy bears, blankets, jerseys, gloves and scarves. These are certainly appreciated especially during the cold weather.

NEWSFLASH

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MAMA FLORENCE



On 24 September 2021 (Heritage Day), the Home from Home family came together to celebrate the memory of Foster Mother Florence who sadly passed away last year June.

A tree was planted in her memory at the Tapestry house where she was a foster mother for five years.

FOSTER MOTHER SUPPORT TRAINING

In August, Mamelani facilitated a workshop with our foster mothers. It was based on how to support our youth to build healthy networks of support.

Mamelani works with youth to assist them to build resilience and connects them to resources and opportunities. The work is participatory and experiential – to learn by doing and to learn from others' experience. They believe that change is possible when relationships are strong and also focus on reflection and listening in order to deliver programmes that respond to our every changing reality.



FUNDRAISING EVENT

CABLEWAY CHARITY CHALLENGE

Home from Home was selected as a beneficiary of the 2021 Cableway Charity Challenge.



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