

newsletter

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Home from Home

“South Africa’s landscape of unemployment, poverty and HIV/Aids has resulted in the increase in the number of orphaned and vulnerable children in the country. Currently the majority of alternative care placements in South Africa are in large institutions, an environment which is not equipped to deal with the issues very vulnerable children often face. In order to create an alternative to this, Home from Home provides supported and supervised community-based foster care for children in need.”

The Home from Home Trust was registered in May 2005 as a Non-Profit and Public Benefit Organisation and cares for orphaned, abused, neglected and vulnerable children. At present Home from Home houses 120 children within 19 homes across nine communities, and over half of the children in their care are HIV+.



Home from Home relies on support from their donors to volunteer, donate goods, join their Child Sponsorship programme, make a financial donation or participate in a sponsored event. Recently Tania Theron, as Chairman of the GraySwan Charitable Trust registered as a volunteer at Home from Home. The GraySwan Charitable Trust is passionate about creating a better life for children who do not have parents that are in a position to do so.

The GraySwan Charitable Trust are involved at two houses in Kayamandi that houses 12 children in total and one in Cloetesville that houses 6 children. We plan to take the children on outings, give them special birthday parties and donate items that they are in need of.

As mentioned on our website, one of the purposes of the GraySwan Charitable Trust is get other small and medium sized corporates involved in community based projects. Cresco Consultants have committed to assist with the birthday parties of some of the Home from Home children. We hope that this gesture will show them that their life is extremely special, there are people that care about them as an individual and just to experience the joy of living.



We have given the first **birthday party on the 23rd of September** and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Billy Mills said “Your life is a gift from the Creator. Your gift back to the Creator is what you do with your life”. We can’t think of a better reason for making the children’s birthday a day to remember!

