



Emmanuel's Family Home A Foster Home for Orphans and House of Shelter for needy children

Emmanuel's Family Home provides foster care for traumatised children and orphans in the small town of Graskop in the province Mpumalanga in South Africa.

Emmanuel's is located in a rural area where many children are left orphaned, vulnerable or in danger due to the AIDS pandemic, poverty, neglect and abuse. The Home is a refuge for these children and gives them a chance to grow up in a healthy loving environment and to acquire an education.

The Home was established in 2006 in a house provided by Emmanuel Assembly Church. Various members from the Graskop community became involved and community involvement has ensured the continued existence of the Home.

The South African Department of Social Services or social workers authorised under the Child Care Act refer children to the Home. The number of residents fluctuates, since some children stay permanently while others stay temporarily till an appropriate place of safety can be found for them.

There are currently two House Mothers who care for the children. The Home is governed by a Management Committee consisting of volunteers from the churches and community in Graskop with input from social workers.

The Committee is responsible for the daily running of the Home and liaise with the House Mother to meet the needs of the children and to ensure that the care provided meet the standards and principles required by law and Christian ethics.

The Management Committee meets at least once every quarter and financial statements indicating all income and expenditure are then circulated to all members and interested parties.

The government pays a small foster grant for each child that helps the Home to cover basic expenses. The Home relies on private donations to pay the shortfall for the children's needs as well as the small monthly salaries of the two full time House Mothers.

How can you help the children at Emmanuel's Family Home?

- Make a once-off donation - every bit helps a child.
- Commit for a monthly donation towards the home. This enables us to budget for a monthly salary for the House Mothers and take in more children.
- Volunteer to help with extra academic classes or special programmes such as art, crafts and other skills
- Sponsor a special educational or recreational outing for the children.
- Contribute towards birthday gifts for the children or sports equipment.
- Volunteer or contribute towards maintenance of the home.
- Donate: children's' books, wearable, clean clothes for toddlers and primary school children, toiletries, non-perishable foods, unbroken toys, equipment for arts, crafts, sports and school stationery.

Contact us:

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Thank you for caring and making a difference!