

Ons Plek Projects

for girls at risk of becoming street children

2022 Easter Newsletter



... Ons Plek Projects ...

We invite you to visit all our Projects, meet the staff members and the children

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Pam Jackson
DIRECTOR

Why do we even have Children's Homes? And what do social workers and our child care workers actually do?

Social workers remove children from families because whatever is wrong is too wrong for everyone's mental or physical health.

The core aim is then to intervene in the families lives so that the child can go back to a healthier family life. If possible, and it isn't always possible. While this VERY COMPLEX AND SKILLED process takes place, the relationship between family and child must built up or re strengthened.

We do home visits over a number of months to establish a healthy relationship between all family members. It requires a lot of skill and experience to be accepted into a home whose occupants are suspicious of or hostile to "The Welfare" in general.

Our child care workers and social workers also visit homes in order to:

- Assess - fact finding including observing the child's feelings about the visit – behaviour, attitude, emotion.
- Observe the external community, and notice how the neighbours react to the child.
- Educate families – parenting skills, positive discipline, effective communication
- Counselling – assisting families with problems

We walk and use public transport to do home visits. Not for us the social worker turning up in a car! By the time we enter the house we know a lot more about the child's family, having heard lots from neighbours on the way.

Our Child care worker, Christina outlines a recent home visit she did below

home visits

A look in our children's "Life at Home" by Child Care Worker, Christina Mouton

Covid 19 put us on hold for a long time. Girls did not see their family and they worried. We did phone calls. Vaccination open doors and a big " hooray" from the girls as they could go home and see their families for 1 day.

What a relief and also a very good surprise. Girls was excited to go home.

I took the sisters to "Blikkiesdorp" an informal settlement. As I enter my destination I realize how disadvantaged the area. The community here struggles; no floor carpets or tiles, only gravel floor in the hokkie. No chairs to sit on. I noticed how they enjoyed their father's company who was blind. Girls don't care as long as they can be in the midst of their parents also enjoying eating chippies, bombies and lollipops from the spaza shop.



I observed the love, bonding between them. No matter that they stay in a squatter camp called “ Blikkies” they are ta home and they do have a sense of belonging also with the neighbours who come and welcome them and compliment them saying “ you beautiful and dressed up nicely”

I, as the youth and childcare worker feel good and valued cause we are forming these children’s character in a positive way to set boundaries. Also put them in routine and teach them around rules.

Most of these neighbour’s praise them. They are beautiful and looking good, and that gives me courage to carry on because Ons Plek is making a difference in parents as well as children’s lives.

I also visit “ Klipheuwel”, “ Delft” and “ Jan se Bos”, another informal settlement. Families was very happy to see their children. One of the Granny’s pray for her grandchild’s growth, also prayed for the Organization and thank the Lord for the tremendous change in her grandchild’s life.

Some families struggle because of lockdown, no jobs, no money, no food. People is still in for pawning personal stuff for food and money. I realize what a blessing Ons Plek is, at least our girls is safe. They have a bed to sleep in, they have clean clothes, food and education.

I did enjoy every visit but it also teach me to show more gratitude for what I do have is life and also appreciate what I have. I’ve been working for 10 y ears at Ons Plek as CCW. As the years go by girls are coming and going, but the best part is to do home visits. You work in the moment of the child’s life space also taking into consideration the background where child is coming from.

Thank you Ons Plek!! Keep on bringing much needed change in the communities as well as in the life’s of our girls.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please advise us of your change of address if you have moved home or office ... it’s so disappointing when the ‘thank you’ letters that the girls have written, or our newsletters, are returned to us!

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

TAX DEDUCTIBLE BENEFITS:

We are registered as a Public Benefit Organisation and thus all donations to us are tax deductible under Section 18A of the Income Tax Act.

PAY LESS ESTATE DUTY:

Being a Section 18A Tax Benefit company means that your family will save on estate duties i.e. exempt from payment of estate duties.

Our Wish List ...



All donations are dropped off at our house in Mowbray and the address is 7 Malleson Road, Mowbray.

We have 35 girls in our care and you can donate the following items listed below:

BASIC GROCERIES PER WEEK — 20kg Sugar, 20kg Maize, 20kg Rice, 5kg Flour, 2 Yeast, Bread, 4kg Samp, 2kg Dry Beans, Meat, 10kg Chicken, R150 Sausages, 2kg Viennas, French Polony, 6 x Pasta, 8 x tin Beans, 8 x Pilchards, 8 x Peanut Butter, 4 x 900g Jam, Spices, 24 x Beefstock, 2 x 500g Salt, 4 litres Oil, 4kg x Margarine, Amazi, 60 x Eggs, 8 x 1litre Milk, Tea, Coffee, 2 x 750ml Mayonnaise, 2 x Chutney, 2x Tomato Sauce, Cordials, 6kg Washing Powder, 4 x Sunlight Soap (Green Bar), 4 x Sunlight liquid, 4 x Handy Andy, 4 x Bleach, 2 x Black Bags, 2 x Steelwool.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT — Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, Cabbage, Beetroot, Pumpkin/Butternut, Tomatoes, Green Peppers, Apples, Pears, Bananas, Oranges/Naartjies.

TOILETRIES — Toilet Paper.

CLOTHING — White School Shirts, Grey Pants, School Socks, Black Pantihose, School Shoes, School Bus Fares, Rain Jackets.

Pyjamas (Summer and Winter). Size: Small, Medium and Large

Sandals: sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5.

FURNITURE — Corner couch, new mattresses, tiles or wooden flooring for our lounge.

*Please do not hesitate to contact Ons Plek if you require any further information.
Tel. 021 685 4052 / 49*



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Keeping track of your donation

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OUR BANKING DETAILS:

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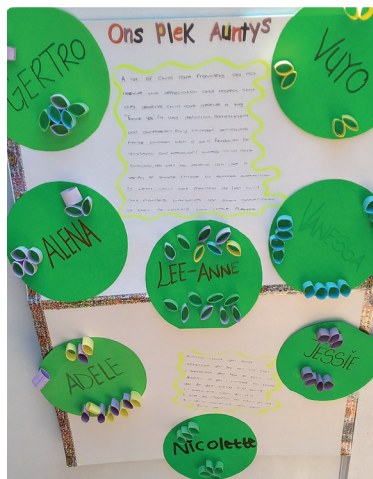
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In name of: ONS PLEK PROJECTS

Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ

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