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## Ikhaya Lothando, a home for children

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## **Chairlady's Report:**

### **Ikhaya Lothando: Description of all activities of the trust.**

#### **Mission Statement**

Ikhaya Lothando means beloved home or home of love. The mission statement is that we want to help and support children to find them a loving home and provide a safe place for children who don't have one. As a transition home/ centre, Ikhaya Lothando will serve both children and the community. To help the child is to help the family and through this, the community.

#### **Vision**

To help children who don't have a safe place, by being one or by helping them to find another forever home. We want to come along side of the youth to provide alternative for the world they grow up in. One of disfunctional families, typical of societies plagued by problems of unemployment, HIV/AIDS, child neglect and abuse etc.

*"We are so thankful to our South African as well as international friends and partners, who helped us wherever help was needed. Mostly with food and finances, for us to able to grow and help even more of those in need. We appreciate their warm and compassionate heart for those in need".*

#### **A weekly soupkitchen**

Once, sometimes twice a week, we provide a healthy meal for children who are in great need of one. We mainly focus on kids from poor backgrounds, those who are HIV positive, are on medication or are orphans. On a weekly bases we feed between 50 and 100 kids. If we know about a family who is struggling, we also give them food. This way we can reach more children by keeping the family going. This is done by local women and youth who wants to volunteer.

#### **Feeding the sick and vulnerable.**

Every month we get 8 bags of 5kg of miliemail and 6x10 bags of morvite. With this we can feed about 40 kids every month, as well as elderly people.

#### **We support and help the sick.**

Usually as Ikhaya Lothando, we help and get along side with someone who has HIV/AIDS or with TB and is on its own. We offer help, by transporting the patient to clinic, hospital and social work for grant money. We assist how to take the medication, sometimes help with providing(buying) medication and stay on it and really walk the road with them until they are strong enough to do it themselves. This year we ve helped only a few (3/4), as we are working towards moving to Matatiele, Eastern Cape.

#### **Support orphans**

Depending on what is needed, we help orphans and children in 'real' need. Sometimes this means to get them connected to a social worker and help in finding them a new home. If we can help them in a practical way, like clothing, schools uniforms etc or food, we help where we can. Through the year we helped about 50 orphans and came along side with them.

#### **Celebration of culture.**

Heritage day is an important day, as we find it important for the youth to respect their background, their roots and themselves. That's why we like to get the youth together to celebrate their culture through creative ways like art and dance. If possible we work together with other NPO's in other townships, so we can bring youth from different townships together and have an open stage. We do this with a group

of 30-40 kids and involve the community by inviting them to the open stage. This year however, we went to Eastern Cape where we were able to also feed over 60 kids and their parent/gogo.

#### Mandela day

Sadly enough, crime is still a big problem in Ntuzuma, also this year. As said before, we are now raising money to buy a house in Matatiele, Eastern Cape and continue our work there. This is why we only organize bigger events if safety is not an issue. Because of crime, we have been forced to make our special and bigger events much smaller. We do however always try to at least make a nice meal and open the house in Ntuzuma, to just be happy, fed and be a child. We had about 60 kids coming over this year in Ntuzuma. Later this year we went to Eastern Cape and gave out clothes to about 90 kids who live in real poverty.

#### Outreach/visting teams

Due to the increase of crime around us, also this year, we couldn't have any team coming over.

#### We make books

We write and illustrate children bible books in Zulu. By doing this we try to encourage reading and share the gospel with them at the same time. We now have 6 books ready in their own language.

I am looking forward to have them translated in Sotho, when we move to Matatiele in Future.

As we find ourselves working in Ntuzuma but also making new plans for another place, where we finally hope to build out our mission, a safe home, we are so encouraged to see that many people support us in this and belief in our work. People want to see us grow stronger and get that house, that we always prayed and dreamed about. You are enabling us to help so many disadvantaged families. We are thankful to do it together. Thanks to you, we could bless so many, who are in a growing need of support. And together we will move, when the time it right, to help those in need in the Eastern Cape.

To everyone who has contributed in so many ways and enabled us to serve the community of Ntuzuma township and now also Tinana in Eastern Cape, thank you.

Jozien Koelewijn

Chairlady – Ikhaya Lothando

## **2. Identifying details of the Organization**

### **Title and registration details:**

Ikhaya Lothando, a home for children.

### **Registration**

Its a faith based welfare organization registered as follows:

- As Ikhaya Lothando Charible Trust IT020141/2014
- Non profit Organisation 155-039

## **3. Area of operation**

For the last 10 years we worked In Durban, KwaZulu Natal. This province, carries the heaviest burden with the most children and adults affected by HIV/AIDS. Thousands of children are being left orphaned every month without any adult care what so ever.

Ntuzuma township. Its home for about 500.000 people, connected to KwaMashu and Inanda, two other big townships with a high crime rate.

HIV/AIDS is high in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Statistics show it is even higher than anywhere else in the country. Especially the rural area is hit hard by the epidemic. Social problems, such as extreme poverty, abuse of women and children, unemployment, and the consequences of HIV/AIDS characterise life in many townships. While the need is high, there is no help. Most homes are already full, while more and more children end up alone or in an abusive situation.

Almost the same can be said about Eastern Cape. Eventhough poverty, abuse and children growing up with only a gogo or even alone, seem to be a bigger problem here. Through the years we found ourselves going up and down to Tinana and Matatiele, about 4,5 hour drive from Durban. After 10 years, this is the place where we want to build a crisis care home for young abused girls from the rural area. We hope to move here in the near future!

## **We want to be a safe home for those who don't have one.**

Ikhaya lothando wants to be that place, a home, where children can be child again. Where the youth can come to share their story. We want to fill up the gap that is in their life by offering alternatives for crime, alcohol and abuse.

#### **4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES (the Goal)**

- The rescue and care of persons in distress
- The provision of poverty relief
- The provision of community service
- Help, development and support of children, more particularly (without limiting the generality thereof), children in need of care.

Based on Cristian principles and belief

#### **5. Ikhaya Lothando – bridging the gap**

**Ikhaya Lothando** functions in many ways as a bridge, bringing people and organisations from different cultures, countries and socio-economic backgrounds together, to work towards a better Ntuzuma and connected townships.

We work closely together with churches in Durban, in Ntuzuma, Kwamashu, child welfare and other NGO's. Together we try to reach out to the children in Ntuzuma, who can use some extra support towards a better future.

As there is hardly anything organised for the youth of Ntuzuma, we try to offer sport, as a way out or another option for drugs/whoonga.

We will do the same in Matatiele, where we already build our contacts with the orphanage and social workers and caregivers in Tinana. We ll defently try to connect with a Christian Church once we move there.

#### **6. Beneficiaries**

**For the duration of the 2019-2020 financial year, Ikhaya lothando attended to problems of**

60-100 children in need, weekly.

60 kids from disadvantaged families, providing miliemeal and morvite.

30 orphans/child headed families.

20 mothers/gogo's (HIV/AIDS)

80 children are in these families.

500 kids and adults came for help/support or food.

#### **7. Services rendered**

##### **A. HIV/AIDS**

- We ve assisted around 5 adults with AIDS, caring, going to the clinic, helping them to get on the ARV's and get the grant money to buy the groceries.
- We ve helped around 5 babies with HIV/AIDS to survive and are now alive.

## **Helping people with their papers for ID's, Birth Certificates, Grants ETC.**

- Especially those who are too sick or weak to do it themselves.
- People with AIDS, TB and orphans
- We helped about 15 people this year.

## **B. Children in need home support**

As we are a small organization but part of the community, adults as well as children find their way to us. From the house, we give help where ever that is needed. Fundy, who is the mama can than help out.

- We see more and more people suffering because of lack of food and being sick or having a lot of kids to look after.
- We were able to help them with food and clothing.
- If needed we provide transport to the clinic.
- We help with schoolwork if needed
- We listen to their stories.
- We give advice/encourage children/moms on how to get help from social work.

## **C. Transport**

### **Transport to clinics and hospitals**

- People, children and even babies in extreme needs are brought to the hospitals and clinic, around 100 trips a year.  
Without this help, patients would not be able to go to the clinic or hospitals for the lack of money.
- Or just because they are too weak to go on their own. Sometimes because its their only chance to make it.

### **Transport to the rural area**

- We ve been helping many poor children and their gogo's with miliemeal and morvite both in Ntuzuma and in Tinana, Eastern Cape. Especially in Tinana the need is huge and there is hardly any help.

### **Transport for groceries soupkitchen**

- We buy groceries on a weekly bases now as we've been growing to feed children and sometimes adults. This will come to at least 200 trips a year.

## **Car in the township**

- There is one driver, Jozien, and is using the ISUZU double cap 240 LE.

## 8. Poor Relief

### Food, clothing and household articles in crisis situations

- Milie meal and Morvite was provided through the Wellness centre in Durban, which could feed up to 50 families.
- Every week we help around 15 different families with food, depending on what we have.
- With help from a church in the Netherlands we've been able to help many more with clothing and food.

## 9. Administration Aspect

Ikhaya Lothando is a small project that through the years, build the trust of the people, to be able to do what we want to do.

- Founder Fundy Shangase does most of the hands-on work with the youth as well as the little children. Like the coaching and cooking. She is an experienced child care worker and is easy going for the youth. She is a volunteer and only receives a stipend.
- Jozien is a full-time volunteer from the Netherlands. She takes care of all the transport, administration and fundraising.
- Other locals have been helping on certain occasions with practical work.
- We only pay local people from Ntuzuma when needed, for example for building fences and storage space for the house.
- Our aim is to get more volunteers.

- **We got a new Logo as we are preparing to move to Matatiele.**



## 10. Fundraising

- Ikhaya Lothando depends entirely on financial support and donations from supporters/donors and Partners
- Overseas fundraising done by: Jozien Koelewijn
- South Africa fundraising done by: Fundy Shangase and Jozien Koelewijn

## 11. Finances

As Ikhaya Lothando has been registered in 2015, we have 3 official financial reports.

## **12. Banking details**

**First National Bank**

**Account name: Ikhaya Lothando Charitable Trust**

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**Ikhaya Lothando is a non-profit organization**

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