



EMALAHLENI CHILD &  
FAMILY WELFARE

HIGHVELD HOUSE REPORT

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2025

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1 APRIL 2024 – 31 March 2025

### OVERVIEW

Highveld house aims to meet emotional, physical, psychological and educational needs for abandoned and vulnerable children in a loving and caring environment so that the children can be re-integrated into society. This year the house accommodated a total number of 26 children consisting of 10 boys and 16 girls who have been designated to the centre through the Children's Court.

### HIGHVELD HOUSE TEMPORARY SAFE CARE CENTRE



## HIGHVELD HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE



Since the centre is a temporary safe care, children are not required to be sheltered at the centre beyond six months although there is a provision to motivate to extend the period of placement. After a period of six months the case manager is required to review the child concerned' alternative placement whether to recommend reunification with the family if circumstances which led to the removal of the child has improved to the better or recommend permanent alternative placement in foster care, adoption or children's home (Child and Youth Care Centre).

- 4 children discharged to Care Village Children's Home.
- 4 children discharged to Belfast Children's Home •
- 3 children reunified with their families •
- 6 children placed in foster care •
- 9 children are currently in the house

## HIGHVELD HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS





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The Highveld house operational structure consists of 6 members which are:

- Sannie Mthombeni (Centre Manager)
- Nonhlanhla Sibanyoni (House mother)
- Ntombikayise Mbatha (House mother)
- Pauline Mabena (House assistant)
- Lena Pule (Assistant House mother)
- Jackson Duma (Maintenance & gardening)
- Tryphina Nkosi (Laundry)

Highveld House temporarily appointed a house mother Mrs Lena Pule after resignation of Christina Mthombeni who was the House Mother, to assist in the house until a professional child and youth care worker's appointment. Ntombikayise Mbatha was appointed on the 3rd of June 2024 in a post of a House Mother.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the staff members of the centre for their commitment and hard work to ensure that the needs of the children are taken care of on daily basis, and also to all multi -disciplinary team for the holistic development of our children in the centre. e.g., Social Workers from all

organizations for providing therapeutic care, Teachers for academical activities and Doctors for treatment and medical reports for our children at Highveld House.

#### Types of Services provided by the house

- Residential care services – accommodation, food, clothing and school transportation.
- Statutory services as prescribed by the Children’s Act N0. 38 of 2005.
- Therapeutic programmes – e.g., counselling
- Educational programmes
- Developmental assessment
- Skills developmental programmes
- Recreational activities
- Holiday programmes
- Referral services
- Reunification services





The national events commemorated at the centre on yearly basis to create awareness are as follows:

- Child protection week
- Youth day
- Mandela day
- Heritage Day
- 16 Days of activism against gender-based violence
- World AIDS DAY.

Children were involved in educational sessions, we often partner with stakeholders from SAPS, Mother to Mother, NICRO and Department of Education to capacitate the children.









## RECOGNITION OF DONORS

We remain forever grateful to our donors and volunteers for their support and involvement. Witbank Ackerman's, Havilah kids, Highland Mews, Buco Build Ware, Bacothule Trading, Lady Girls, Mrs Thulare, Nkosi family, Carolina Bellezza Salon, Highveld Mall, Lucrative Properties, SARS Team, Clear water boarding school and Zola Mtsweni.

We remain forever grateful for medical care received from Cosmos Doctors who examine our children and give them prescriptions as well as medical reports where necessary, Dr JC Spoelstra, CJ Beyers, T Holland, L Pieterse and Dr Ayodel (Paediatrician) at Life Cosmos and General Hospital for therapeutic care.



## CLEARWATER BOARDING SCHOOL

### MONTHLY DONORS:

We remain forever grateful to our regular monthly donors – Masemanzi Mining for monthly grocery Voucher, Candy Shop, Fruits & Veg, and Pastor Valentine for payment of DSTV monthly subscription.



### CHURCH SPONSORS:

Reform Church, Catholic Women's League, Methodist Church, New Life Church, Anglican Church and Cathedral Parish.

### METHODIST CHRISTMAS LUNCH



## REFORMED CHURCH RENOVATION PROCESS



### SUCCESES:

- Launching of Emalahleni Child and Family Welfare on the 19th Of October 2025.
- Working independently and consistent monitoring by DSD
- Installation of Cupboard in the passage by Buco Company
- Staff recognition by the executive board (Bonuses)

### CHALLENGES

- Cut off of electricity for two months
- Breakdown of the Nissan Kombi
- Behaviour management for the teenagers
- Non-payment of subsidy



#### CONCLUSION:

Big thanks to Sub- committee and Executive committee for their involvement, and support to ensure that all house aims, goals and objectives are achieved. To the Principal Social Worker- Nomusa Mashimbyi and monitoring Social Worker Ivy Rathlogo your presence and active involvement is much appreciated for ensuring the staff competency and that the house is executing social services statutory policies in accordance to the Children's Act No.38 of 2005, to the office manager, thank you for ensuring that Highveld House does not run out of resources.

Report written by: Sannie Mthombeni.