

Kidz Care Trust

NEWSLETTER July 2012

- Residential Shelter : Roodewal
- Drop-in Centre : Park Road Police Station
- Street Work / Outreach : Bloemfontein CBD & Suburbs

Kidz Care Trust is a non-governmental organisation which serves the community of Bloemfontein. Our aim and responsibility is to decrease the number of children living on the streets in Bloemfontein. Kidz Care Trust shelters street children under the age of eighteen at **Ikaheng Shelter**. Until it is possible for the children to be positioned back into the community, comprehensive care is rendered, including education, sport and recreation, housekeeping, life-skills and religion. The organization also runs a **Drop-in Centre** in partnership with Park Road Police Station for the boys residing on the street.

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Say NO to street children

Each time you give money to a child on the street, you sustain his life on the street. Let's get them to a shelter where they can be taken care of, where they can be children and where they can be reunited with their families or integrated into their community

GOALS ACHIEVED

- 13 Boys residing at the shelter
- We provide an after care service to boys for one year after they have left the shelter. With the help of our sponsors we were able to provide these children and their families with clothes, toiletries, food, curtains and mattresses. KCT assist children in obtaining their ID documents and assist families in applying for social grants.

DID YOU KNOW?

At the Drop-in Centre we provide:
Ablution facilities, life skills programmes, sport and recreational activities, laundry services, religion, medical care, food, family reunification and assessments

Challenges

Transport remains a challenge, not only due to the cost of fuel but also the cost of maintenance of our combi and bakkie. We need to replace these vehicles so that we can transport large numbers of boys safely.

Computers and IT technology are outdated and need to be replaced.

STREET WORK / OUTREACH

- Identification of children living and working on the street
- Daily contact and engagement with these children
- Establishing relationships
- Mobilizing child intervention
- Referrals to the drop-in centre
- Referrals to welfare agencies/departments

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

- Awareness articles in Ons Stad and Public Eye
- Dept of Education: School assessments and educational levels determined of the boys in the shelter
- Mangaung Municipality Book & Toy education program
- Oliewenhuis Museum Arts & Crafts
- CUT Wellness Centre
- Bloempark Reformed Church – recreation
- Dept Sport Arts & Crafts & Recreation - soccer outreach
- Church of Christ – birthday celebrations

NEEDS

- Lounge suite
- Garden furniture
- Back-to-school stationery
- Board games, books, puzzles, arts & crafts
- Groceries and toiletries
- We urgently need volunteers to offer their skills and assist in various tasks

CLOTHING NEEDS

Boys clothing, ages 9 – 17
School uniform, smart and casual wear, pajamas, underwear & socks, swimwear
Shoes, sizes 4 – 8 : smart, sandals, sport and school shoes

We are overwhelmed by the kind-heartedness and goodwill of our sponsors and contributors. A sincere word of thanks to each and everyone for not only ensuring that our children have better and safer living conditions but also offering them hope and self respect.