



# iKhethelo Children's Village

*A Loving Community Raising Vulnerable Children to Wholeness*

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## Building Brighter Futures for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

Dear Friends,

iKhethelo Children's Village exists for one simple but profound reason: to give vulnerable children a real future.

Our Mission is "Empowering every child to reach their full potential through education, skills, and opportunities - breaking poverty cycles and shaping future leaders." We envision a future where every child we care for reaches their full potential, enabling them to be self-sufficient and a positive role model in their community.



Established in 1993 in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the village continues to care for children who have experienced neglect, abuse, abandonment, and extreme poverty — offering not just shelter but a home-like environment with stability, dignity and opportunity.

We are based in the beautiful Valley of a Thousand Hills close to Botha's Hill.

The Village is registered with the KZN Dept. of Social Development (DSD) as an official Child and Youth Care Centre (CYCC) registered for 45 children. We currently have 42 children ranging from infants to 21-year-olds. Each small home is led by committed caregiver who provides daily care, guidance and discipline. Most of the children come from Zulu backgrounds, with small minority from white backgrounds.

Loving care, good nutrition and education are our primary vehicles for breaking the cycle of poverty and, where possible, we place our children in good fee-paying schools that offer wider subject choices, strong extracurricular programmes and teaching in the English medium. Our aim is not simply school attendance; it is academic excellence and long-term employability.

Beyond academics, we intentionally shape character through mentorship, structured routines, sport, life-skills training, and Christian spiritual guidance. We help children grow into responsible, confident young adults who contribute positively to society.

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Examples of success include past graduates working as chefs overseas, engineers, hospitality professionals, graphic and fashion designers and many university and college students. These are not statistics - these are transformed lives.



This is Thando and Puleng. Both grew up at iKhethelo Children's Village, attended quality fee-paying schools (Hillcrest High), and went on to study at the International Chef School through our Launch Programme. Today, they have both graduated and are working as chefs in Scotland, UK. Their journey is a powerful testimony to how access to quality education can break the cycle of poverty and open doors to a brighter future.

A big news story for the Village is that we have just switched on a solar system gifted to us by Circular Energy in South Africa as part of their reusable energy initiative under their NPO called Energy 4 Hope. Solafficient Solutions jumped on board to install the system for the village.



[iKhethelo's new solar system](#)

## CURRENT NEEDS

As a Government registered CYCC, we do receive monthly funding from the KZN Dept of Social Development (DSD) for the children they place with us up until they are 18. We carry their full cost until they are 21 or complete their tertiary education and able to fend for themselves. We depend on DSD for less than 30% of our funding and so our loyal South African and overseas donors provide the majority of our income and make the continued running of the village possible. Currently we are facing a challenging financial environment due to:

- The cost of school fees: most of our children are in Model C schools and some are in Special Needs schools all of which are expensive.
- Inflation: relentless cost of living increases including increasing electricity tariffs.
- Fuel costs: we spend an inordinate amount of time carting and fetching children to their various schools and extramural events. The expected large increase in diesel prices is going to be very difficult for us.

Please consider partnering with us by:

- Becoming a monthly donor
- Sponsoring a specific need (education, security, food, transport, medical)
- Introducing us to others who may want to invest in the future of vulnerable children

All monetary donations qualify for Section 18A tax-deductible receipts.

If you would like more information or wish to discuss partnership opportunities, please feel free to contact either of us directly or go to [www.ikhethelo.org](http://www.ikhethelo.org)

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress... James 1 verse 27

With sincere thanks,



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