



“Preparing our Children for a Future of Excellence.”

23 March 2020

Dear Friends of The Village

INTRODUCTION AND REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

To many we need no introduction, however for those that do not know us we introduce ourselves and as a refresher The Village Safe Haven is a Group Foster Care Facility that also acts as a Place of Safety. We are referred to by law as an Alternative Child Care Centre. Currently we are in our 15th year of operation.

We believe that every child in need is worthy of quality care. We thus do not show preference to any situation. We do however not cater for children with serious physical disabilities as we do not have the facilities or staff for this. We have created homes for our children and have moved away totally from the “institution style” which children’s homes (orphanages) were known for. Love and quality care is what we offer our children and we trust that in turn when our children leave our care as young adults that they leave as “young adults of excellence”.

Currently we are home to 18 children and can accommodate an extra 6 in capacity of Place of Safety. Our children all attend local schools and pre-schools. We also run an excellent mentorship programme and exit plan programme for our children. This means we do not abandon them when they are 18 years of age but rather assist them to become young men and woman of substance.

Sadly, our operational funds have reached the point where we will be facing possible closure in the very near future. We need a substantial amount per month to keep our doors open. We have done everything possible without changing the ethos and standards that the children are adapted to.

Should our last attempts to raise funds fail, it will mean that the children and only parents that they have known will have to be separated and placed elsewhere. This will be devastating for these children. Unfortunately, the foster parents as individuals are not able to financially support the children without the assistance of The Village Safe Haven.

We can assure you that all funds donated are very wisely administered by an expert under the close supervision of the whole management committee. All financials are open to view and we welcome visitors to view our property and operations

We would herewith like to confirm that in terms of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice more than 75% of previously disadvantaged persons, born or naturalised to South Africa prior to 1994 are the beneficiaries of The Village Safe Haven.

We are registered as a Non-Profit Organization and Public Beneficiary Organization and do issue Tax Certificates.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harris", written in a cursive style.

Michael and Susan Harris
Principal Members and Parents
The Village Safe Haven Family