

Child Welfare Tshwane - January Newsletter 2025

A New Year, A Renewed Commitment to Protecting and Empowering orphaned and vulnerable children.

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

As we settle into 2025, we reflect on the incredible journey of the past year at Child Welfare Tshwane (CWT). Together with your unwavering support, we've been able to make meaningful strides in our mission to promote the well-being and safety of children in our community over the festive season as well as setting them on course for the start of the new school year.

Reflecting on Our Impact in 2024

The past year has been a time of resilience and growth for our organization. Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to:

- Provide life-enhancing support to over **350 children** and families, not only at our Bramley CYCC, but also at OVCs and our ECD.
- Offer **psychosocial support** to children who have experienced abuse or neglect, helping them on their journey to recovery through our competent and compassionate social workers.
- Continue with our **new educational initiatives despite the financial stress at the beginning of the year**, focusing on the importance of emotional health and well-being for children and caregivers alike.

Each achievement has been a stepping stone towards our ultimate goal: a future where every child in Tshwane grows up in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.

Looking Ahead: Our Vision for 2025

The year ahead presents both challenges and opportunities. As we step into 2025, our focus will be on the following areas:

1. **Strengthening Our Marketing Initiatives for Independence:** We will continue to expand our efforts to raise more funds to prevent child abuse, neglect, and exploitation through education, awareness and fundraising campaigns. Make sure you follow our social media pages to see the exciting news and events.
2. **Supporting Vulnerable Families:** Through family support services and collaboration with local partners, we aim to ensure that every child has access to the care and resources they need to thrive.
3. **Fostering Partnerships:** Our work is made possible by the collaboration of government bodies, donors, volunteers, and local businesses. We will continue to build these vital relationships to amplify our impact.

How You Can Help in 2025

Your continued support is critical in helping us make a lasting difference in the lives of children. Here are a few ways you can get involved in the year ahead:

- **Donate:** Your financial contributions go directly towards our programs, helping provide emergency support, educational resources, and care for vulnerable children. We will be launching several new fundraising campaigns to make it easy for all our donors to contribute towards the programme they believe in and support.
- **Volunteer:** Your time and skills can have a huge impact. Whether it's mentoring, organizing events, or helping with outreach efforts, there are many ways to get involved.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with your network either by word of mouth or follow us on our social media platforms, help raise awareness about child welfare issues and encourage others to join us in our work.

Thank You for Your Continued Support

None of our achievements would be possible without you. As we move into the new year, we are excited to continue working together to create a safer, brighter future for the children of Tshwane.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and thriving 2025!



Ane

Ane Roux (PR and Marketing Manager)

Director's Note

Happy 2025 to all our staff, beneficiaries, volunteers, and sponsors.

I want to take a moment to reflect on 2024—a year full of unpredictability, challenges, and unexpected blessings. It was a year that tested our resilience but also proved the strength of our collective spirit. I am deeply grateful to every donor, sponsor, and volunteer who walked alongside us, offering their time, resources, and unwavering support when we needed it most.

Thanks to your incredible dedication, we were able to navigate some tough hurdles while going through the process of securing our subsidy from the Department of Social Development. It took countless meetings with the Provincial Department's Premier, MEC, HOD, and with the invaluable assistance of the Gauteng Crisis Care Committee (GCCC) and Webber and Wentzel we were successful in securing our subsidized funding.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are filled with optimism. We remain firmly grounded in our vision and mission, believing more than ever in the change we bring to the lives of so many vulnerable children, families, and communities. Our focus will continue to be on empowering our beneficiaries through education, awareness, and the necessary protection for children who require it. The children in our CYCC Bramley are at the heart of everything we do, and we will always strive to meet their needs with compassion, care, and commitment.

Our community-based offices remain open and accessible to all, and we are seeing the growth of our OVC Programs—because, as we know, the need for care, nourishment, and support is constant. Our Holiday and After School Programs, ensure that the children we serve are stimulated, engaged, and loved. Every single initiative we undertake is driven by our shared belief that every child deserves a brighter, safer future.

And, as we continue to move forward, I encourage all of us to remember one thing when the going gets tough:

One day, one thought, one moment and one task at a time, and so we will continue to make a difference together.

Thank you for your commitment, your heart, and your belief in the work we do at CWT. Let's make 2025 another year to be proud of.



Nina

Nina de Caires (Director)

Bramley Update

We turned Janu-worry into Thankful Month

Dear Bramley Family,

As we end this "Thankful Month," our hearts are filled with gratitude, and we are excited to share some of the wonderful achievements of our incredible children with you.

Celebrating Matric Success

We are beyond proud to announce that three of our learners have earned distinctions in their Matric exams! Moreover, all four of our school-leavers from 2024 have successfully passed their Matric and two of them with a Bachelor's pass. This milestone is a testament to their hard work and determination, and we couldn't be more thrilled for their futures. On top of that, they have recently received their learner's licenses, and we are excited to continue supporting them on their journey to obtaining their driver's licenses.

A Proud Manager Moment

As the Manager of Bramley CYCC, it has been a true privilege to attend our Grade 8 and Grade 12 parent evenings, where we celebrated the progress and dedication of our learners. Additionally, I had the honour of attending the Grade 11 Merit Function at HTS John Voster, where one of our boys received an award for his dedication to the school choir, participating for two consecutive years. It's moments like these that remind me of the wide range of talents our children possess.

Athletics Achievements

Our children have also been excelling in the athletics season, demonstrating their commitment and perseverance. From sprinting to long-distance running and long-jump, several of our learners have earned medals, showcasing their diverse talents and strong work ethic.

Looking forward to 2025-thrive!

We're incredibly optimistic about what 2025 holds for us. The best is yet to come, and we can't wait to see what new achievements and experiences await our Bramley family. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude, and we are truly thankful for each and every one of you who plays a role in supporting our children's journey.

With gratitude,



Driana

Driana Zandberg (Manager at Bramley CYCC)

That's a wrap for January, stay updated via our social media page or catch up here, on our website's new NEWSLETTER page.