

Tutela Linden Newsletter

We introduce to you: The second Tutela Linden Newsletter!

In this edition, we are showing the lovely faces of our Social Workers, Supervisor and Chairperson.

We also want you to know what has happened to our funding, and our plans going forward.

Happy reading!

Love, Wya ~on behalf of the Tutela Linden Team~

MEET THE TEAM!



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FINANCES



Tutela Linden is a registered Non-Profit Organisation, and our Social Workers' salaries are partly subsidised by the Department of Social Development. The subsidy we receive only covers a third of the financial income needed to deliver the services of Tutela Family Care Linden.

We are the only Child Protection Organisation working in our area, and without our services the most vulnerable and poor will not receive the help they deserve.

We still do not have a signed Service Level Agreement with the Department of Social Development. This means that we are not funded by Government for the work that we do. Unfortunately, without the funding, we are not able to take in any new clients. We are referring all new clients to DSD. This month alone we had to turn away 40 children who needed our help. We do not want to close our doors, as we believe in the work that we do, and we have a responsibility to protect our children. We are passionate about our work, and WANT to find a way to continue.

OUR WAY FORWARD FRIENDS OF TUTELA

One of our fund raising initiatives is to partner with our community, churches, schools and local businesses. In February, we launched a movement called Friends of Tutela.

We currently have 5 friends of Tutela who are committed to donate on a monthly basis. We are having another event to increase this number. **Please consider partnering with us, financially.**

Our aim is to have at **LEAST 250 friends of Tutela** who are willing to partner with us, and donate monthly.

Tutela is a registered Non-Profit Organisation, and an approved institution for purposes of section 18(A) of the Income Tax Act. Donations to Tutela are tax deductible in certain instances.

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SOON

We are excited about the fundraising projects we are busy with.

Some of the initiatives are:

- Paid Services (counselling and therapy)
- Assessment of Children
- Early Intervention and Prevention Programs
- Partnering with schools

Watch this space for more!

SNIPPETS OF HOPE

OUR AIM IS TO PROTECT CHILDREN

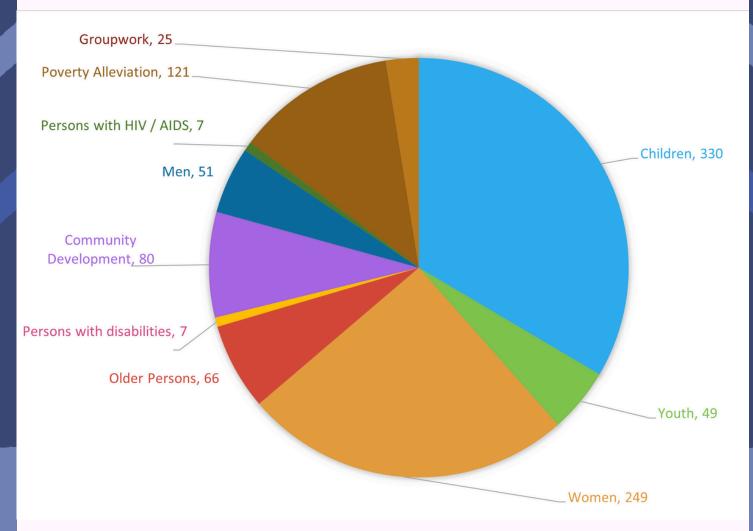
- We managed to get another birth certificate issued for a child that has been waiting for 7 years!
- Our office is part of the Randburg Community Outreach Forum, and we are excited to be part of a Community Mapping Initiative.
- We had a very successful Jumble Sale! With the money raised, we were able to replace the battery on one of our cars! Thank you to Trinie and your team of Volunteers!
- One of our Sister NGO's, One Small Act of Kindness donated BOXES, and BOXES of Easter Eggs for our Foster Children. Through this small act of kindness we were able to create a few extra smiles over Easter.
- On a sad note, we have to say goodbye to Takalani, our Social Worker in Cosmo City. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. We appreciate you, and are going to miss you! All the best going forward.



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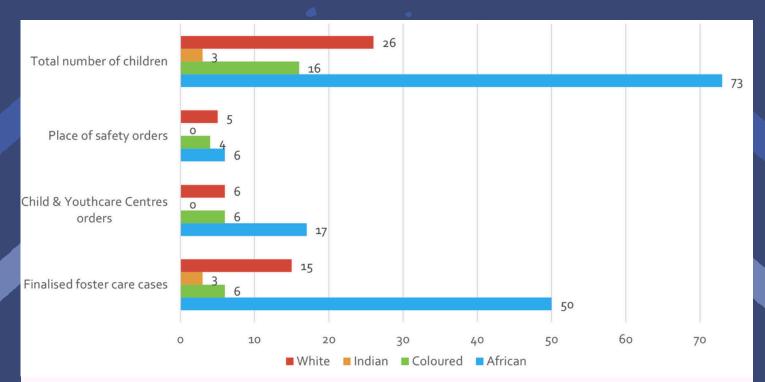
STATS FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS

Every year, we aim to reach a certain amount of people. Our services are rendered to people with particular needs, in specific target groups. In the past six months, we provided services to **985 clients**. Children are the main beneficiaries of our expertise. We also work with a number of vulnerable women and have also made an impact through poverty alleviation interventions.



"Caring brings Hope!" - Tutela





We have a total of 118 Children in Alternative Care. These children are either orphans, or have been removed from the care of their biological parents or primary caregivers.

We have 74 Foster children. 29 are in Child and Youth Care Centre's and 15 are in Temporary Safe Care.

We remain responsible for these children. We have contact with them at least once every quarter, and we work hard to ensure they have healthy relationships in their foster families. We make certain that each individual child's emotional and educational needs are met, and that their placement in foster care remains in their best interest at all times.

The children in temporary safe care, have been removed from their families, but the court case is still ongoing. We work tirelessly to ensure stability and proper placement for them.

If we cannot keep our doors open, these children will not get the continuum of care that we provide.

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