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REAL LIVES. REAL HOPE. REAL IMPACT.

APRIL
2026

Proverbs 22 v 6 (NIV)

"Train up a child in the way he
should go; even when he is old he
will not depart from it."

CONNECTING WITH KRISTIN

This month, we're delighted to reconnect with Kristin, who volunteered at iKhaya from August 2017 to July 2018 alongside Priska, Ursula and Kathleen from Germany. Now living in Düsseldorf and working in Sales at EF Education First, Kristin continues to champion cultural exchange in her everyday life. One of her most treasured memories from her time at iKhaya is the simple joy of snack time with the children, a moment made possible through the generosity of local businesses. She still remembers the Zulu prayer shared before every meal, "siyabonga Jesu", a reminder of gratitude that has stayed with her ever since.



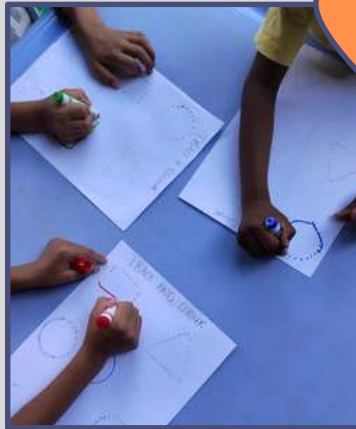
CAREERS DAY

A doctor, teacher, fireman, astronaut, policeman... you name it. Our delighted learners arrived in full character for Careers Day, proudly dressed as the heroes they dream of becoming. The excitement was contagious as the school buzzed with tiny professionals ready to save the world, teach a class, explore space, or keep the community safe, all in one joyful morning of imagination and possibility.





Car Racing



Trace & Colour



"Fishing"



Playdough Pins



Peg Pinching

Fun & Skill-Building

Our toddlers turned the classroom into a little world of wonder this month with tiny hands busy and big imaginations buzzing. There were cars zooming, colours popping, little fingers working hard, and plenty of proud "I did it!" moments. They poked, pinched, picked up, balanced, matched and explored with all the determination only toddlers can bring. Learning snuck in quietly while the fun took centre stage, just the way we love it.



Loaves of Love



Every week, BB Bread drops off the softest, freshest loaves to iKhaya. From speedy sarmies to lunchbox lifesavers to that perfect slice next to a warm bowl of soup, these loaves stretch further than you'd think and fill plenty of happy tummies along the way. BB Bread, thank you for turning everyday bread into everyday kindness.



CHORE-TIME-CHAMPS



Chore time at iKhaya is always a mix of giggles, teamwork and tiny bursts of pride. From washing socks to scrubbing shoes to wiping down tables and chairs, our children are learning that caring for their space is part of growing into confident, self-sufficient young people. Little hands, big effort and the sweetest sense of "look what I can do".



Sowing in Love

Our volunteers spent a joyful morning planting four big flower pots with the children, digging, patting, planting and decorating the pots with bright handprints, butterflies and bursts of colour. Even the toddlers joined in, proudly helping carry soil bags and adding their tiny prints. We ended the fun with ham-and-cheese rolls and a happy scoop of jelly and custard.



UNDER THE STARS



What a treat it was to shake up the routine with something extra special. Our children loved settling in for a cosy movie night alongside our amazing volunteers, chips, giggles and all. After a game of hide and seek, the adventure continued with a camp-out under the stars. Blankets, flashlights, whispers and wide-eyed excitement made it a night none of us will forget. Moments like these remind us how magical community can be.



A Personal Note

Greetings friends of iKhaya

As we close this month's newsletter, my heart is full. Every smile, every small victory, every act of kindness, from our volunteers, our staff, and our incredible children, reminds me what a privilege it is to be part of this home. Thank you for standing with us, cheering for us, and helping us create a place where little lives grow in confidence, joy and belonging. Your support makes all the difference, and we are so grateful to journey with you.

We are thrilled to share that we've already reached 30% of our Shap Baby! Project target of R150,000 for 2026. If you haven't yet heard the heart-stirring story behind this initiative, started by Ansa, a local doctor whose compassion sparked a movement, we'd love for you to visit our GivenGain page for the full story and updates from the incredible athletes running for iKhaya.

Below is our general needs list. Even one or two items make a meaningful difference, so please feel free to share it with friends, family and your community to help spread the word and grow the support.

Our Bedding Drive has also received overwhelming generosity, and we are almost ready to begin upgrading the children's beds. Your contributions are helping turn this dream into reality and will bring so many smiles to young faces.

With appreciation, Loressa, the Board Members, Staff and Children

Mud, giggles and messy magic, the best kind of play after the rain!



Bedding Drive Building Brighter Bedtimes

Help Us Make Beds Brighter! Your donation of new bedding or a mattress brings warmth, comfort, and dignity to every child at iKhaya LiKaBaba. Rally your friends and colleagues to help us reach this goal.

Every fresh set received becomes a cozy, safe place for a child to rest and grow.

Join this initiative by reaching out to:

Danielle on 082 723 1581

Loressa on 065 804 9385



Help Us Care Together!

May 2026



Your Giving Meets These Needs

- Nappies size 1,3,4,5
- Infacare 1,3
- Wet wipes
- Washing powder
- Dishwashing liquid
- Bleach
- Bath soap
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Deodorant (boy & girls)
- Toilet paper
- Maize meal
- Sugar beans
- Jam, Peanut butter
- Cereal (weetbix, cornflakes, oats, etc.)
- Beef & Chicken
- Rooibos teabags
- Milk, Sugar, Oil
- Onions, Potatoes

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