

SEPTEMBER 2025 RECAP



Matthew 19:14
But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not turn them away, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS



Greta, Sara, Lotte, and Nynke, four returning volunteers, joined us for the month of September. They expressed how deeply special it felt to be welcomed back to iKhaya with such love and openness. Witnessing the children's physical growth, emotional maturity, and wisdom was profoundly moving.

Sara and Greta supported our three new German volunteers, sharing their experience to help ease the transition. Nynke and Lotte assisted with care and leisure activities, while focusing on capturing video and photos for social media and marketing. They all helped with driving duties, donation collections, and took the children on several memorable outings.

Lotte and Nynke also explored parts of KwaZulu-Natal, immersing themselves in South African culture. A highlight for all seven volunteers was a trip to the game reserve and seeing elephants, zebras, and giraffes up close.

These young women cherished their time with the iKhaya and church community and are already looking forward to returning. Thank you, ladies, for investing so wholeheartedly in the lives of our children. Until next time!



LAUGHTER & LEARNING TOGETHER

This month was filled with laughter, learning, and plenty of smiles as our staff and volunteers spent time with the children. From playing card games with our teens, connecting with nature, participating in Action Ball, and guiding the little ones to build puzzles, these moments of fun and connection truly lit up our afternoons. It's in these simple times of sharing a smile, offering encouragement, and enjoying the rhythm of play that love shines brightest. We are so grateful to each person who brings warmth, patience, and heart into these special everyday moments.





MAKING A SPLASH!

Our recent Fun Day was an absolute hit! The highlight was the giant water slide, where children, volunteers, and even staff couldn't resist joining in on the excitement. Laughter echoed as everyone splashed and played together, creating memories that will be talked about for a long time. To make the day even more special, Danielle and friends arranged the event and treated everyone to delicious burgers for lunch. It was a beautiful reminder of the joy that comes when our community comes together in play, laughter, and care.



HERITAGE DAY

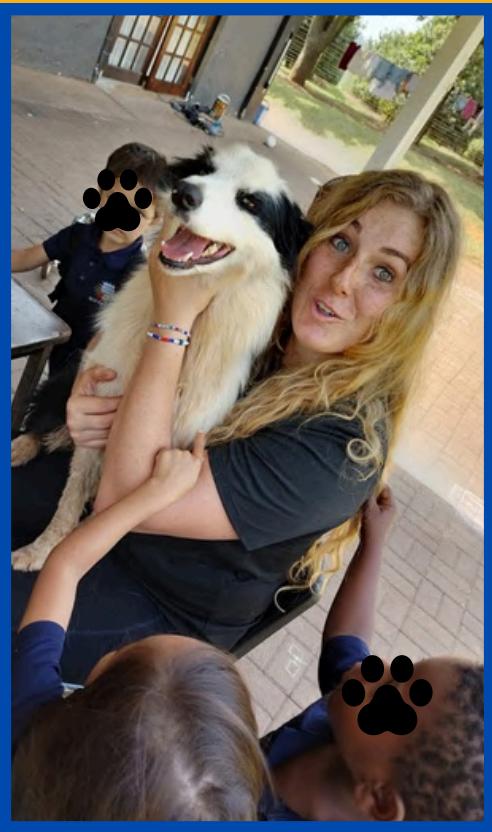
This Heritage Day, we celebrated the vibrant cultures that make our community unique. With music, stories, and traditional foods, children and staff shared in the joy of learning and connecting, honoring our heritage together.





Sewing Herself to Success

We're thrilled to share the progress of our very talented teen in the sewing skills program. With dedication, creativity, and lots of enthusiasm, she has been honing her skills and exploring her love for design. During her free time, she even challenged herself to create this beautiful dress entirely on her own, a true reflection of her growing confidence and talent. Moments like these remind us how empowering learning new skills can be, and we're so proud to watch her flourish.



Texas Steals the Show!

We had such a special visit from our friend Scharnee and her beautiful Border Collie, Texas. The children were delighted to spend time with this gentle and playful dog, showering him with love and attention. The highlight of the visit was watching Texas show off his impressive obedience tricks, which had the children cheering, and laughing with delight. Moments like these remind us how much happiness and connection animals can bring and the benefits pets have in our lives!



A Personal Note

Dear friends of iKhaya,

September has been a month of grace, growth, and gratitude. Welcoming back Greta, Sara, Lotte, and Nynke reminded us of the deep bonds that form when volunteers return to serve. Their presence, alongside our new German volunteers, brought fresh energy, gentle encouragement, and tender care to iKhaya, creating new memories while strengthening old relationships. Watching them reconnect with the children, celebrate milestones, and step in with joy wherever needed was a beautiful reminder of how service sows lasting seeds of love and connection.

As we look ahead, our Christmas campaign is gaining wonderful momentum, and excitement is brewing as the children have each written their wishlists. If you would like to be part of making dreams come true as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, please reach out to us for the finer details. Together, we can make this festive season a time of joy, wonder, and cherished memories for every child at iKhaya.

Seeing our children grow and develop new skills, we delight in the ongoing support we receive from our community. Thank you for being part of our story and for helping us create a safe and nurturing space where children can truly thrive. It's often in the little things, like a kind word of encouragement, a hug at just the right time, or a personalised birthday gift with a themed cake, that children feel most seen, most valued, and most at home. These small gestures carry sparks of hope, belonging, and joy that will last far beyond the moment.

Greetings,
Loressa, staff and children



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