



TransCape Children in Need July-Dec 2019

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Report about Children in Need from July to December 2019

The Children in Need program started as an emergency fund for the patients at Canzibe hospital, to support the doctors when they saw desperate cases. In 2017 it moved to Mankosi area. This program looks after vulnerable children and families. Three days a week Andisiwe and the volunteers go on house visits. The tasks are to talk to the parents or the guardians of the children in need and to understand their situation. After we assess the situation, we offer assistance in form of clothes, food, blankets and mattresses. We also assist with the application process and transportation costs to apply for birth certificates and IDs.

Since the last 6 months, Andisiwe extended the program to help the lonely, elderly people of the community. She found a few old ladies who were desperate for help in their houses and also needed a warm blanket for winter. One 61-year-old lady did not have an ID document. Andisiwe helped her with the application and as a result the lady received her ID and also gets an old age grant from the government now. She supports her family with that money.



Andisiwe found some lovely women to volunteer for the program. Once a week the ladies will go and visit the old people and wash their clothes, clean their



houses and cook a warm meal for and with them. They chat and interact with the elderly and bring a positive change to the lonely.

Furthermore, there is a six-year-old girl called Cinga. She is a child in need. We bought uniform and clothes for her. Moreover, we offered money for her to go to East London on an educational tour in October. She brought her educational reports to our program to show her progress in school. She is a clever little thing who comes top of her class every term.

In September we organized a trip with 10 children to go to Home Affairs in Ngqeleni to apply for birth certificates again. Unfortunately, the systems were down again. This happens often and is very frustrating!



25 children were reported to Andisiwe as candidates for the children in need project. She went to evaluate the homes and they received clothes and blankets to carry them through the year. Andisiwe also provides help in terms of

information how to better a situation in the homes and refers the family to our partner organization One to One children project to receive regular checkup visits.

Please don' t hesitate to contact us if there are any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Yours,

Andisiwe Masiphula.