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Kingsway
Centre of Concern

rise up
and shine



love
one another



About Kingsway Centre of concern

Kingsway Centre of Concern is a registered Non-Profit Organisation committed to making a difference in communities affected by poverty, abuse and HIV/Aids. It comprises two divisions, the Kingsway Christian School and the Thandanani House of Refuge.

Kingsway Centre of Concern is a powerful source of general upliftment in the Zandspruit Informal Settlement community through its provision of outstanding education and care of the children, enhancing their abilities to grow and to take advantage of their opportunities.

Context

The vast proportion of South African children are not receiving the type of educational opportunities that they need to develop into responsible, contributing and equipped members of society.

The levels of poverty that hamper many of our young people, as well as the shortages of quality primary schools within peri-urban areas, are two of the leading reasons for the establishment of Kingsway School.

Disadvantaged children, in the Honeydew area of Johannesburg, are lacking the type of educational support that takes into account their whole being in a nurturing, committed and stable environment. This is the gap that Kingsway seeks to fill.

How did Kingsway start?

In 1986 a group of concerned people realized just how many children in their area were spending their lives on the streets, with little or no prospect of leading a better life. Stemming from the desire to help these children, they initiated a project in someone's garage.

In those early days of Kingsway, there were only seven children. Today Kingsway has evolved into a bustling little school catering for over 250 socially disadvantaged children from Grade 00 to Grade 7, in classes averaging 25.



MISSION

The Vision and the Mission of Kingsway Christian School can be summarized in the following four points:

- To provide a solid primary education for socio-economically disadvantaged children from informal settlements & surrounding communities.
- To employ qualified, competent, caring and committed staff who aim to deliver the curriculum in an environment which encourages active, positive learning.
- To maintain a culture of Christian values and encourage the development of these values in our learners' attitudes and behaviour.
- To teach our children to take responsibility for their lives and to make wise choices.



VALUES

Kingsway Christian School is a humanitarian, non-profit organization with a Christian-based philosophy. We therefore believe in:

- The development of the whole person, seeking to improve his/her life educationally, physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- Encouraging our children to recognise their God-given worth and potential and to make wise choices which will enable them to "rise up and shine".
- The need to reach beyond the immediate primary education of each child, the facilitation of lifelong learning and the making of responsible citizens.
- The fundamental value of emphasising the basics of numeracy, literacy and life skills.



The Zulu word "Thandanani" means "Love one another"



Thandanani House of Refuge

Thandanani was established to give hope to abandoned, abused, orphaned and neglected children. Within the walls of the House of Refuge, lives are being changed, hope renewed, dreams re-discovered, and authentic love experienced. One of the greatest gifts that can be given to these children is the safety and compassion that Thandanani provides.



During the late 1990s, teachers at the Kingsway School began to note that some of the children from the wider Zandspruit community were in desperate need of shelter and protection from negative influences. These included abuse, neglect and/or abandonment caused either by parental choice or HIV/Aids-related death.

Finally in December 2001, an ideal property was found. It is located adjacent to the Zandspruit Informal Settlement, which is a settlement of ±70 000 shack dwellers to the north west of Johannesburg. The property comprises a large old farmhouse, three cottages and various outbuildings, all positioned on a six hectare plot of land.

Through the generous donations of one of our supporters, Trinityhouse High School, the land was purchased and some basic renovations were completed in preparation for accepting our first children.

In February 2003 the Thandanani House of Refuge was finally established. Thandanani currently utilises the old farmhouse plus one of the cottages. The staff complement comprises two sets of house parents, an assistant house mother, domestic helper, social worker and administrator. Each child is nurtured, schooled and skilled for a hope-filled future.



Our Children

The House of Refuge currently cares for 18 children with ages ranging from 3 to 20. Since opening in 2003, Thandanani has had 45 children pass through its doors. While all the children come from very difficult backgrounds, we are excited to see the emotional, physical and spiritual growth and development that takes place in their lives.

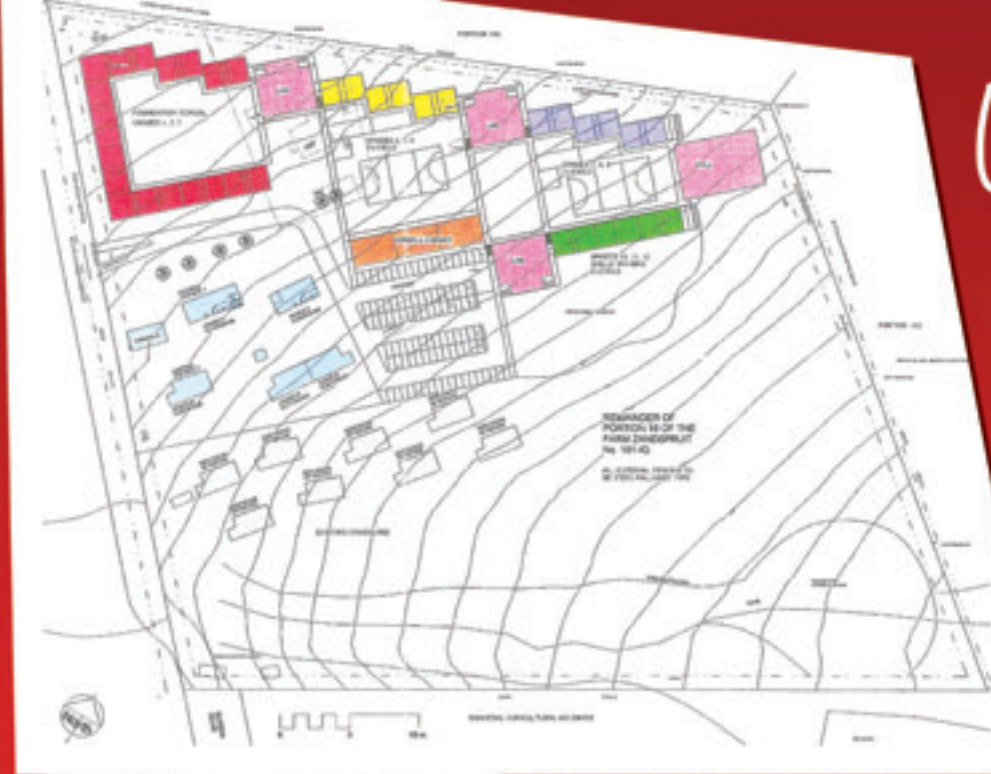
OUR VISION

"Our Vision is to provide a home for young lives from broken backgrounds and give them renewed hope for the future."



OUR VALUES

- Encouraging our children to reach their God-given potential, developing them into stable, caring adults.
- Teaching our children that God loves them unconditionally.
- Bringing up our children to make a difference to community and country.
- Affording our children the opportunity to acquire a good education and enjoy a balanced life - spiritually, physically and emotionally.



Our **NEW** and bigger school, with more homes for Thandanani!

Our way forward

Our plan is to restructure our homes and build eight NEW houses specifically designed for family units of six children per house.

We also plan to relocate the School to the property at Zandspruit from which the House of Refuge already operates.

Such a move will facilitate:

- A significant increase in the number of children able to benefit from the education and care offered by Kingsway Centre of Concern.
- The opportunity to develop and build a vocationally-orientated high school.

What you can do to help



There are many ways you can get involved with Kingsway Centre of Concern. We are always in need of passionate people to support our work through various volunteer programmes.

The ongoing and successful running of Kingsway Centre of Concern depends on the generous contributions of donors. To participate in the envisaged development, or to make a financial contribution to either the school or the home, kindly see contact and banking details on this page. Since we are a registered South African Non-Profit Organisation (NPO No. 003-978), all donations are tax deductible. If you would like a tax receipt for your donation, please advise us accordingly.

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What High School Teachers have to say about our past students

"It is such a pleasure to teach Bongani. He is enthusiastic about my subject, participates well in class and is an excellent group player. He is respectful, polite and always willing to help those around him." (Trinityhouse High School)

"Kingsway students who have received sponsorships are grateful to be a part of the King's School Robin Hills. They make a positive contribution to school life through their willingness to serve, their pleasant, respectful attitudes and developed Christian character. Academically they cope well due to the good grounding and solid foundation which has been laid at Kingsway." (King's School Robin Hills)

What our past and present students had to say about Kingsway School

"Kingsway has taught me that it does not matter what kind of background you come from, you have a right to learn." - **Gundo**

"Kingsway School means everything to me because our teachers teach us how to learn, to respect other people and how to study" - **Luthando**

"This school makes me be a person" - **Veronica**

"The school teaches us to praise God and follow the right choices in life." - **Anna**

What some of our children say about Thandanani

"Thandanani is nice and when I feel sad they make me happy" - **Monica 11 years old**

"Today I have grown up into a young man who was taught to respect and love everyone around me. I can cook, wash and clean... taught to me by my house parents at Thandanani" - **Bongani 16 years old**

Testimonials



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