



THE FATHER'S HEART

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Transform. Restore. Thrive

Annual Report

2024 - 2025



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BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

As the Board of The Father's Heart Community Development, we acknowledge and accept responsibility for the preparation, integrity, and accuracy of this annual report and are collectively responsible to present a balanced view of the organisation's performance, strategy, and impact.

Our financial information has been independently reviewed by Nolands, an external auditor and thoroughly verified internally, by both executive management and our Board and have assured themselves that all material aspects have been covered comprehensively.

The Board believes that the 2024/2025 annual report provides a balanced overview of the organisation and its prospects. The Board has therefore approved the report for publication.

Jay Naidoo

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

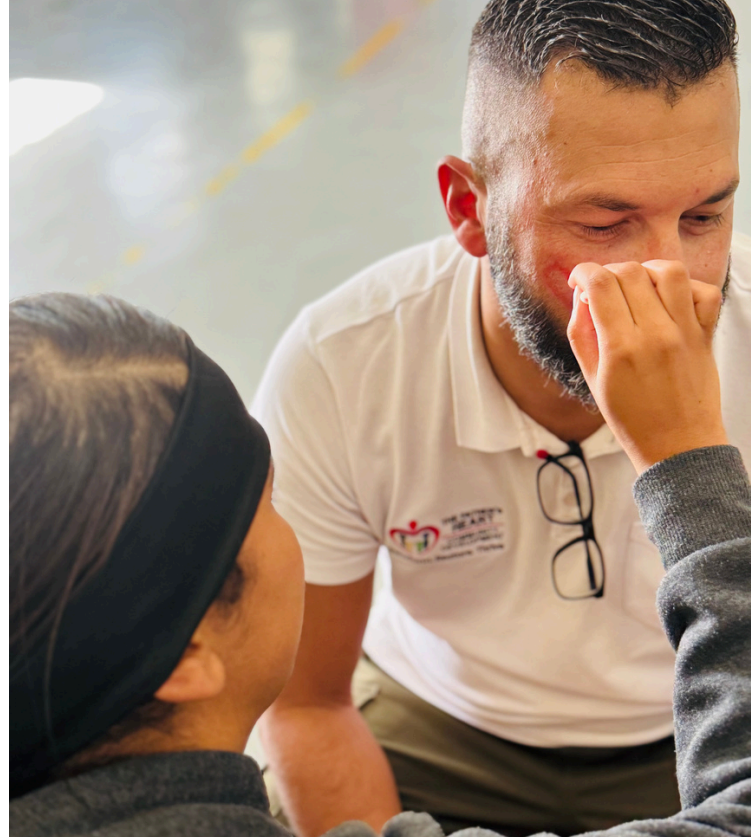
2025 began, as many years do, with both great promise and its fair share of challenges—but through it all, our optimism never wavered. Our team was excited and energized, and our new strategy was ready to be implemented.

This year marked the third year of our Online School in operation, a milestone that continues to bring new faces, families, and stories into The Father's Heart family. Each school year begins with excitement and purpose, and once the first day arrives, there's no looking back—only forward to the lives being changed daily.

Our strategic focus for 2025 was twofold: to fully implement every program within our mandate, and to give renewed attention to our long-awaited building project, as our current facilities have reached full capacity. The “lift and shift” approach we adopted within our community-based office will help us to prepare practically and logistically for the transition into our permanent space. It's been a long road with the city and our partners, but we are truly grateful for the perseverance, collaboration, and faith that have brought us to the threshold of breaking ground.

Our journey in the community has been filled with many ups and downs, the connections we have made with those we serve has never been stronger, everyone is working together towards a common goal, a Fisantekraal that is safe, bustling and filled with opportunities for the next generation. We saw improvements happening in the areas surrounding the community and it's an encouragement to our team and the community that there will be a brighter tomorrow.

Ensuring that compassion, integrity and moral ethics are at the forefront of all that we do, we celebrate our journey, and that of the community, in how we have both grown.



Looking ahead, 2026 will be a defining year as we break ground and begin construction of the Child and Youth Centre—a true Beacon of Light for the community. This space will be dedicated to the upliftment, growth, and the daily fulfillment of God's command in James 1:27:

Pure and undefiled religion...is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, will be fulfilled daily.

This haven for those who need the heart of the Father, will continue to serve the community, as we have had for the past 6 years. Ensuring that compassion, integrity and moral ethics are at the forefront of all that we do, we celebrate our journey, and that of the community, in how we have both grown. Fisantekraal continues to be one of both challenge and triumph, where we try to make a difference in the lives of those we serve, as they have made a huge impact and difference in ours.

We will never be the same, our eyes will never be closed to the cries of those who need us, and 2026 will be another year of **Breakthrough** and **Godly moments** that will live with us forever.

Thank you to everyone who has walked this journey with us. We appreciate you.

Michael Carolissen

STRATEGIC INTENT

This year, we sharpened our focus to ensure every program delivers lasting impact and aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals. Our journey has been focused on supporting and building resilience, equipping families with 21st-century tools, and nurturing a mindset of hope and opportunity

We are not just raising children; we are raising future parents, leaders, and providers who will break cycles of poverty and transform their communities.

The power of investing in people is immeasurable, and we remain committed to walking this long journey until families no longer just survive, but truly thrive.

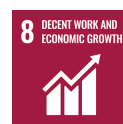
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations (UN) defined 17 sustainable development goals for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. As part of our organisation development goals, we invest in and develop the communities in which the children live.

All our developmental initiatives are facilitated at our strategically placed, safe, Child & Youth Development Centre, established in the heart of the community; a beacon of hope & community upliftment.



Through our 2 brand pillars we are addressing:



INVESTING INTO OUR CHILDREN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



At The Father's Heart, we aim to transform the life of every orphan and vulnerable child & enable them to break the cycle of **poverty, inequality, and hopelessness**.

We do this by focusing on two pillars; firstly **strengthening and increasing the capacities & resiliency of the highly vulnerable families** who are caring for these orphaned and vulnerable children, so they can provide a nurturing & responsive environment for these children to grow & thrive.

Building on that foundation, we provide a **transformative system of care in the form of various developmental & supportive programmes to these children**, from early childhood to young adulthood, in their communities.

This ensures no child is left behind.

KEY CHALLENGES WE ADDRESS



50% of children in SA live below the food poverty line (Household earns less than R796 per month per person)



64% of children in SA live in Fatherless homes



56% of SA adolescents between 10 and 17 experienced physical abuse in their lifetime



4 out of 5 Grade 4's cannot read for meaning as a result of the Covid pandemic.



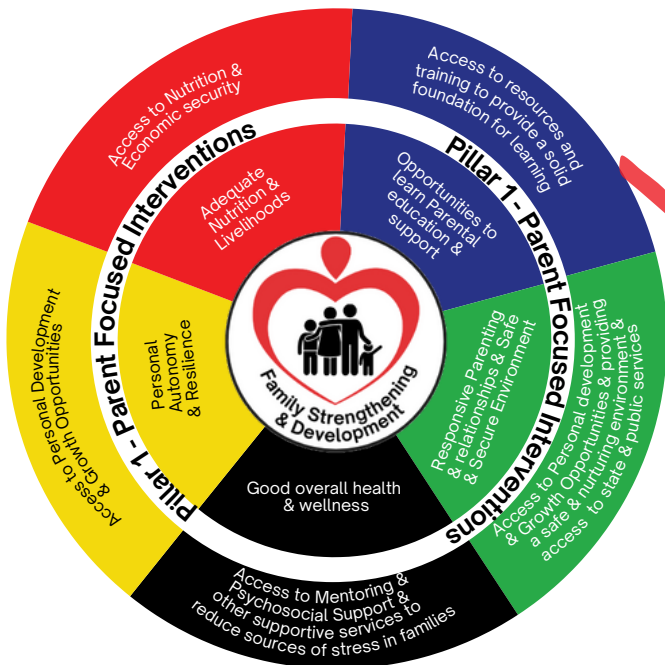
27% of children under five are stunted due to chronic malnutrition.



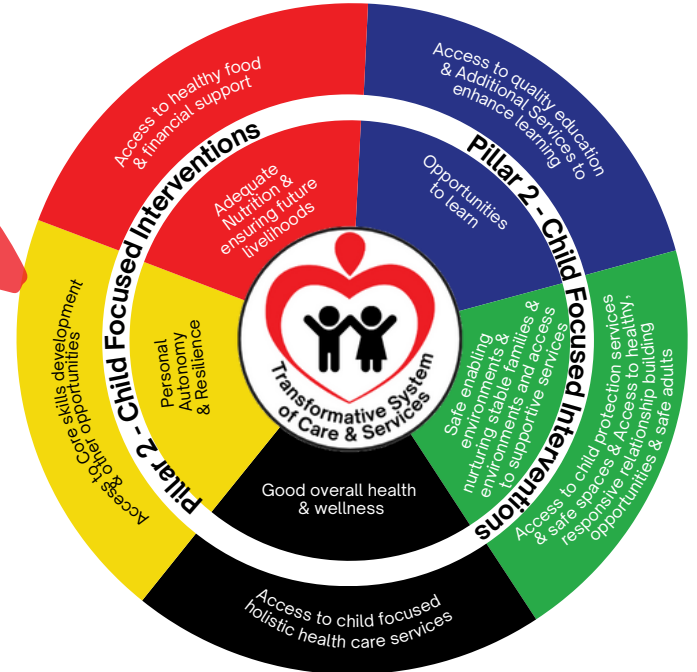
60% (3 out of 5) of 21 – 24-year-olds are not in employment, education or training

Mountains of social studies have verified that a strong, stable family consistently produces the best outcomes for children which is why we have a strong focus on strengthening and developing families as a first pillar of our model.

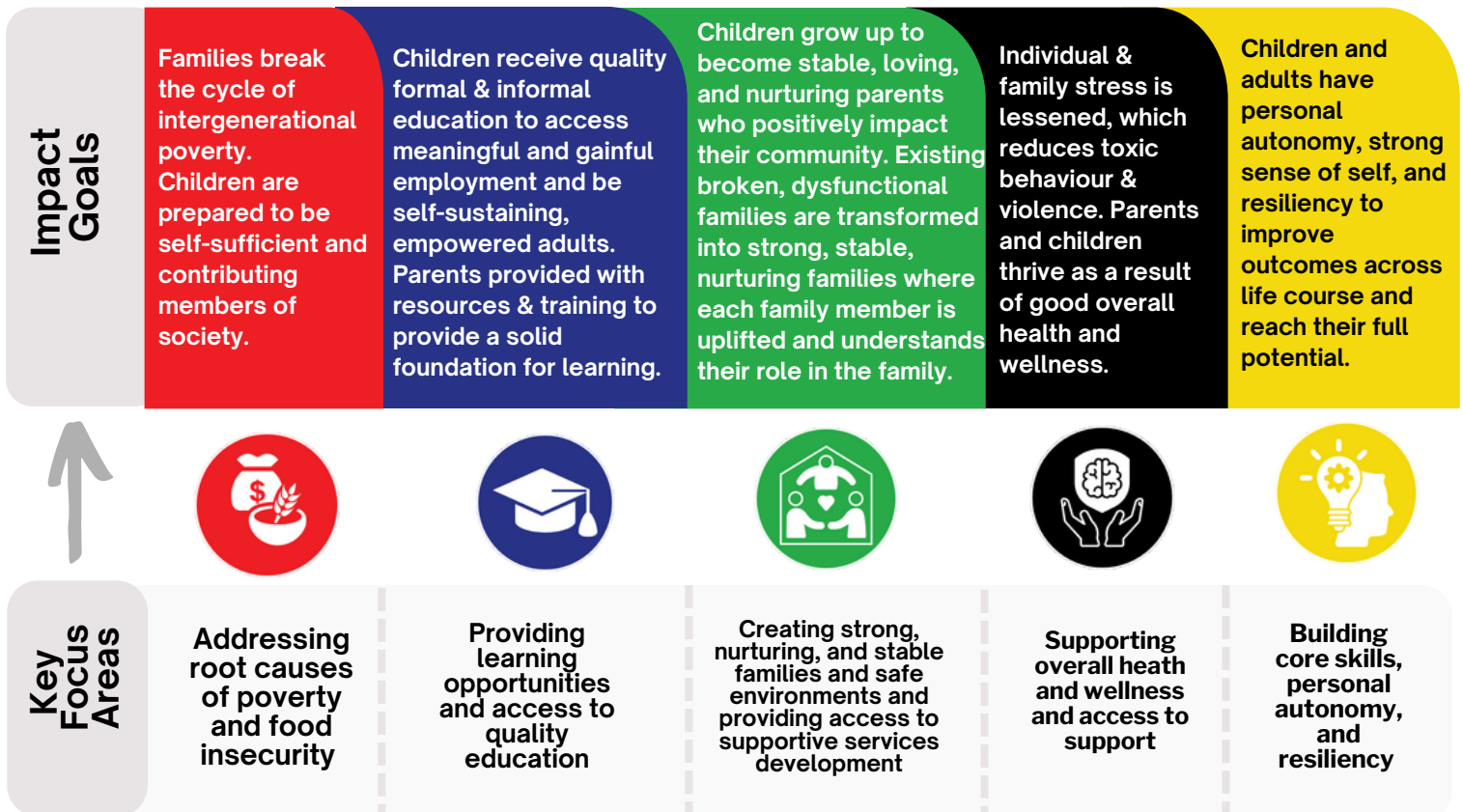
OUR THEORY OF CHANGE IN ACTION



BRAND PILLAR 1
Parent focused Interventions



BRAND PILLAR 2
Child focused interventions



KEY 2024-2025 METRICS AT A GLANCE



In 2024-2025, The Father's Heart continued to grow in reach and effectiveness — expanding programmes, strengthening partnerships, and deepening our impact in Fisantekraal by transforming lives through education, care, and community impact. These numbers reflect more than outputs; they represent lives changed, families restored, and hope renewed.

121

Participants have been impacted by all our inhouse programs



19

Students have benefitted from our Online School Program



23

Orphan & Vulnerable Families have been onboarded to our programs



45

Adults/Youth have received Mentorship/Life Coaching weekly



76

Vulnerable Children have accessed all our afterschool programs & daily nutritional program



15

Permanent Volunteers have committed their time weekly



22

Strategic Program Partners have invested into our participants & programs



The power of investing in people yields an incredible return — sustainable families, resilient children, and thriving communities.



ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY AND FOOD INSECURITY



RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY & POVERTY

In South Africa, millions of children live in households where food insecurity is a daily reality. Poverty limits access to balanced meals, and the rising cost of living has pushed even more families into hardship. This means children often go to school hungry, or rely on cheap, nutrient-poor foods that do not support healthy development.

Our nutrition program runs daily for our online school & afterschool students. We provide breakfast and lunch to the online students, as well as a meal to our afterschool kids. By providing consistent, nutritious meals daily, we not only meeting an urgent physical need, but also creating the foundation for education, dignity, and hope.



Meals served
2379
Jan - Jun 2025



Families break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Children are prepared to be self-sufficient and contributing members of society.



CURRENCY PROGRAM

Our model is grounded in the principle of a hand-up, not a handout. The Currency Program gives both adults and children the opportunity to earn rewards for:

- Participating in educational and life skills programs
- Maintaining regular attendance at programs or workshops
- Contributing positively within their households or communities

We believe that this model creates agency, promotes personal responsibility, and inspires participants to actively participate in their development journey.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As part of growing this project sustainably, our local community and businesses have the opportunity to sow into this project monthly by donating good secondhand/new clothing, shoes, household items, toiletries, toys, books, stationery etc. For Mandela Day, we had a number of people reach out to contribute to this initiative and make this their Hands Up project. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Curro, Experian SA, Heyns & Partners, Impower Solar & Brights Hardware who so generously donated to our Currency Program for this financial period.





PROVIDING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

OUR SOLUTION

While most South African children are enrolled in school, only about half (51%) complete Grade 12 — and many leave the system without mastering the foundational skills needed for success beyond the classroom (DBE, 2023). Without access to quality education and the supportive services that remove barriers to learning, children face significant challenges to future employment, personal growth, and well-being.

Education is not only a basic human right but also a powerful catalyst for development. It is one of the strongest tools for breaking cycles of poverty, improving health outcomes, advancing gender equality, and fostering peace and stability. Through education, individuals gain the knowledge, confidence, and capacity to build better futures for themselves and their communities.

At The Father’s Heart, our mission is to provide high-quality, contextually responsive education and opportunities that promote long-term success. We combine this with comprehensive support services — creating safe, nurturing environments that strengthen families, build interpersonal and practical life skills, ensure access to nutrition, reduce toxic stress, and provide psychosocial care. Since 2022, we have implemented a multi-pronged, research-informed, and evidence-based holistic model to address this complex challenge.

Our approach integrates all our key focus areas, and a range of interventions and programmes designed to shift trajectories and unlock the full potential of every child we serve.

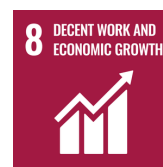


Children receive quality formal & informal education to access meaningful and gainful employment and be self-sustaining, empowered adults. Parents provided with resources & training to provide a solid foundation for learning.



Online school class attendance

961





The Father's Heart Online School provides fully sponsored, high-quality education for orphaned, vulnerable, and at-risk children within their own community based in Fisantekraal. In partnership with Think Digital and other supporters, we offer accredited CAPS, technology access, and on-site facilitators who ensure a safe and supportive environment.

The programme serves children who have had to leave mainstream schooling due to neglect, bullying, unsafe conditions, or limited subject options, as well as pregnant teens and young mothers who receive mentoring, counselling, and the opportunity to continue or reintegrate into school after childbirth.

We're grateful for our new partnership with Curro Durbanville High School, launched at the beginning of 2025, which is already making a meaningful impact in our learners' academic journeys. Every second week, Curro teachers and learners volunteer their time to tutor and mentor our students—helping them overcome learning challenges, building confidence, and helping to develop effective study habits.

Beyond academic gains, these sessions have boosted self-esteem and inspired hope. We deeply appreciate the Curro team's commitment to community upliftment and look forward to seeing the continued impact of this partnership well into the future.





CREATING STRONG, NURTURING, AND STABLE FAMILIES AND SAFE ENVIRONMENTS AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DEVELOPMENT

OUR SOLUTION

Part of our strategy is developing nurturing responsive positive parents and reducing toxic stress in families. We do this through:

- Father support groups assist in supporting fathers, affirming them & teaching them to be responsible, nurturing, engaged care givers.
- Parents - Regular feedback loops, progress check-ins, and problem-solving meetings.
- Psychosocial support for parents, including mentoring & coaching – counsellors and parent support groups & workshops assist parents in taking adequate care of their own physical, mental & emotional needs to thwart potential issues in parents that could negatively impact the child.
- Ad hoc programs & workshops focusing on core skills developments to support child, such as communication, positive disciplining, parenting skills, trauma competent care
- Access to government & supportive services (Department Social Dev. & Home Affairs)
- Home visits for early warning triggers & quick response to major stressors affecting families



Parent Engagement & Surveys Completed

30



Parenting Coaching & Leadership Attendance

62



Number of families contacted by Social Worker

20



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Children grow up to become stable, loving, and nurturing parents who positively impact their community. Existing broken, dysfunctional families are transformed into strong, stable, nurturing families where each family member is uplifted and understands their role in the family.



FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

We met Alfreda “Freda” De Wee in 2019. She has been part of The Father’s Heart Community Development since the very beginning. What began as a story marked by heartbreak has been transformed into one of hope and changing lives.

Her journey is a true testament that when given opportunities, cycles of poverty can be broken — and lives can move from merely surviving to truly thriving.

Since then, Freda’s family has experienced remarkable transformation:

We had the opportunity to work with an amazing video team, to help us capture the story on camera.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH VIDEO](#)

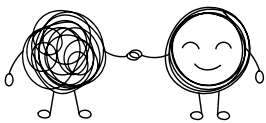


SUPPORTING OVERALL HEALTH AND WELLNESS AND ACCESS TO SUPPORT

OUR SOLUTION

Addressing unprocessed complex trauma and providing Psychosocial support for all our participants and staff is a high priority. All our participants have access to counsellors, play therapists, psychologists & social workers. We also provide access to education around wholesome nutrition, group support, mentorship, and ensuring our bodies, physically, mentally and spiritually are taken care of.

We also provide group therapy specifically for ages 8-11 to help them process trauma before the teen years hit and risky behaviour presents itself (at 12/13 is when we often find the girls engaging in sexual behaviour and the boys often turn to gangsterism and substance abuse)



Play Therapy Session
Attendance

113



Bible Study Class
Attendance

197



Meetings with
Social Worker

67



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Individual & family stress is lessened, which reduces toxic behaviour & violence. Parents and children thrive as a result of good overall health and wellness.



We collaborated with Beth Rapha and I Love Boobies to host a special Women's Month event dedicated to raising awareness about breast care and overall wellness.





BUILDING CORE SKILLS, PERSONAL AUTONOMY, AND RESILIENCY

OUR SOLUTION

We focus on holistic family growth by creating personal development and leadership opportunities for both parents and children. Parents and guardians participate in core skills, life skills, and leadership training that build confidence and capacity, while children are encouraged to explore and develop their talents through afterschool programmes in art, music, dance, drama, sport, and other youth development activities. To build future-ready kids, we've expanded our offerings to include IT and DJing programmes, equipping young people with digital and creative skills for the modern world.

We also provide Occupational Therapy (OT) lessons for children aged six and under, supporting their early developmental milestones and school readiness. Through targeted workshops on issues such as bullying, decision-making, and self-worth, along with mentoring and two-generation initiatives, we strengthen family bonds and nurture resilience, connection, and shared growth.

We have been incredibly fortunate to work with Strategic Program Partners that give of their time and skills pro-bono to offer these life changing classes.



Art Class
Attendance

318



Music Class
Attendance

359



Teen Life Coaching
& Leadership Session Attendance

74



Senior Mentorship
Class Attendance

134



Occupational
Therapy Class

24



Digital Literacy
Class Attendance

140

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Children and adults have personal autonomy, strong sense of self, and resiliency to improve outcomes across life course and reach their full potential.



YEAR AT A GLANCE



Christmas 2024



2025 Online School year begins



Tutoring Classes by Curro



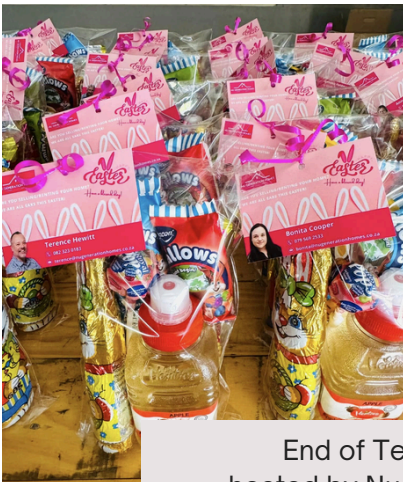
Brights Staff activation and visit to building site



Staff day retreat at In Harmonie



Sports Day Activation with Athletes in Action



End of Term Easter Party hosted by Nu Generation Homes



Charity Golf Day hosted by Just Property



Donation of Laptops from Experian SA for our Online School



Occupational Therapy Classes



Digital Literacy Classes

YEAR AT A GLANCE



Mr & Mrs Curro visit with Currency Donation



Lead Mentorship Class with seniors



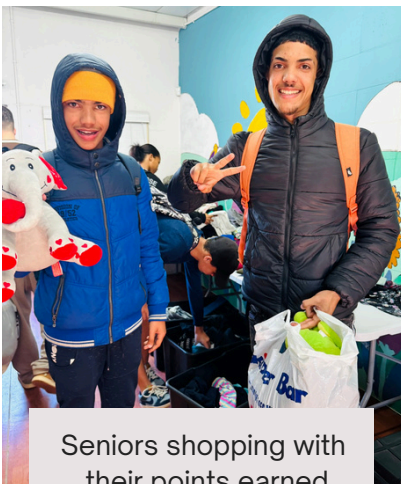
Tutoring Classes in Session



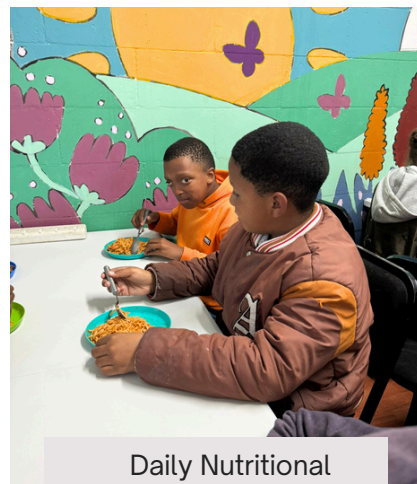
Donations for Currency Program



I Love Boobies Event with Beth Rapha & Fathers Heart Team



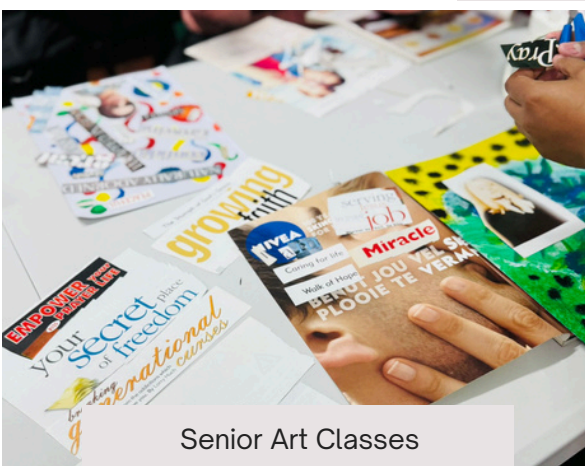
Seniors shopping with their points earned



Daily Nutritional Program



Visit from Siya Kolisi Foundation



Senior Art Classes



Djing Classes in full swing



FUTURE FOCUS



As we look ahead, The Father’s Heart remains committed to consistent, sustainable growth that deepens our impact and strengthens our reach. In 2026, we will focus on expanding our capacity—growing our workforce, volunteer base, and the number of orphaned and vulnerable families we support. We will also strengthen community partnerships and sustainability initiatives to ensure lasting transformation.

A major milestone on the horizon is the construction of our Fisantekraal Child and Youth Centre, set to begin in March 2026 and reach completion by October 2026.

This new facility will be a cornerstone of hope and opportunity, enabling us to serve ten times more individuals within the community. It will provide a safe, empowering space for children, youth, and families to learn, grow, and thrive—anchoring our mission to see every life restored and every future transformed.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As we reflect on the 24-25 financial year, we are deeply grateful for the generous support that has allowed our community to benefit from essential resources—fostering not only immediate relief but fueling each program that brings lasting impact into the lives of those we serve.

These achievements are made possible through careful financial stewardship and the unwavering generosity of our partners, who help us keep programme costs low while expanding our reach.

“We remain committed to a financial model that maximizes impact without compromising our core values of integrity and accountability.”

In keeping with our zero-tolerance policy toward fraud, The Father’s Heart upholds strict governance and oversight measures. Our donors and community can give with confidence, knowing that every contribution is managed transparently and used to build a future where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

DONOR INCOME

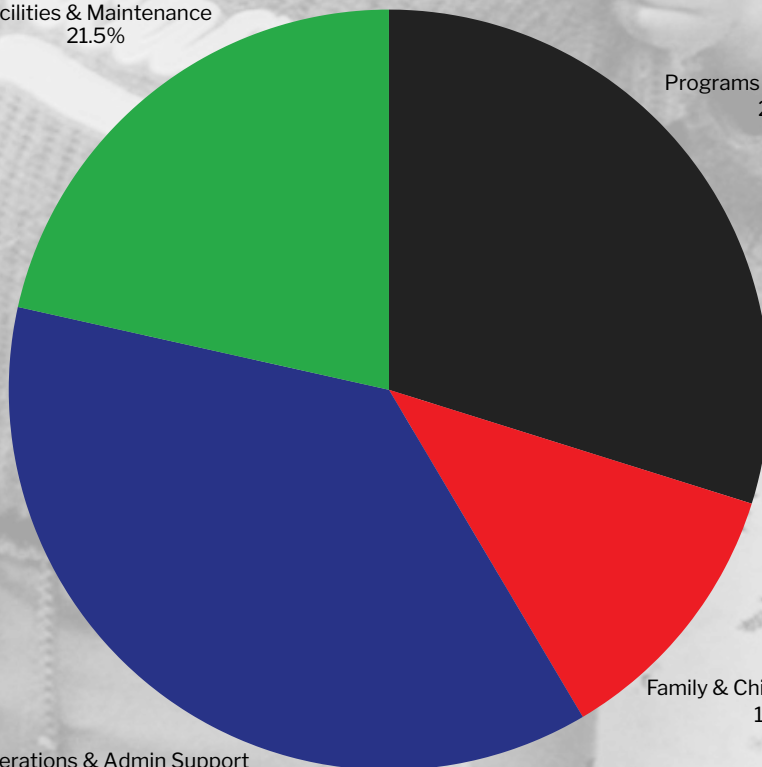
● 2025 ● 2024 ● 2023



OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Facilities & Maintenance
21.5%

Programs & Interventions
29.8%



Operations & Admin Support
37%

Family & Child Development
11.6%



THANK YOU

Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude for the incredible community of supporters who continue to stand with us. Your generosity—through monthly, annual, and one-time contributions—has been the driving force behind every life touched, every dream rekindled, and every family restored.

Because of your support, we've provided children with quality education, nutritious daily meals, emotional healing through trauma assisted programs with opportunities to grow into confident, future-ready young people.

Parents and guardians have gained vital skills and leadership training, and the encouragement needed to build stronger, more resilient families.

Each success story—from a child thriving in our Online School to a family finding stability through our programs—is a reflection of your compassion in action.

Your donations do more than fund initiatives; they help to transform lives.



Thank you to our Strategic, Champion, Program & Building Partners. Our individual, once-off donors, gifts in kind, our supporters and prayer partners, we cannot do this work without you.



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