

In this time of COVID-19, we are using our influence and resources to reach into the lives of the many impoverished families we meet through our regular programmes, giving them support so they can have the essentials of food, medicine and soap during lockdown.



Every year **thousands of children are abandoned** in hospitals or left to die due to poverty and HIV in South Africa. **Thousands more** are left to sit at home or in backyard crèches **with little to no education**. The doors for their future are closed, the answers NO, and in each abandoned, neglected, and under stimulated child **the cycle of poverty begins again**.

Botshabelo is passionate about transforming children's lives



Our aim is to see children given the best start in life through great care and education.

Our mission is to uplift the quality of life for each child and woman we are in contact with.

Our impact:

Babies Home	Urban Kids Educentre	UpliftED Teacher Training
<p>Since opening in 2000, we have cared for over 220 children seeing over 200 adopted or reunified with their families.</p>	<p>Opening with 7 children, we have grown to over 120 children in 6 classrooms, serving 600+ children since 2011.</p>	<p>Empowering over 150 Early Childhood Development practitioners in preschool centres of impoverished communities last year, we are working with an additional 100+ year.</p>
<p>Botshabelo currently has over 3 000 beneficiaries, with 14 children in our Babies Home, 122 in Urban Kids Educentre, and 115 women training with us, and over 2 700 children in the ECD centres we uplift in impoverished communities.</p> <p><i>Botshabelo transforms lives, one child, one teacher, one community at a time.</i></p>		

OUR ORGANISATION

Botshabelo is a Tswana word meaning a 'place to run to.' Established as an NPO 20 years ago in Midrand, South Africa, we are passionate about transforming children's lives through excellent education and residential care.

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In 2011, we stepped in to preschool education, in response to the serious lack of affordable preschool education for underprivileged families in our area. For these families, the choices are for preschoolers to stay at home, or sit in over-packed, under-resourced crèches that offer little to no stimulation.

We opened Urban Kids Educentre to offer quality education at greatly reduced, or fully sponsored, rates to children age 3 to 6 years old.

We also opened our UpliftED Training Programme to support ECD centres in impoverished communities. This programme has proved critical, as most of the teachers in crèches in townships are completely ill-equipped and untrained. Our training programme offers these women theoretical and practical training and ongoing support and empowerment, as well as educational equipment for their school

A closer look at each programme:

BABIES HOME:



History / Scope

The Botshabelo Babies Home is a home where orphaned and abandoned children receive GREAT care. The Babies Home opened in March 2000 in response to the plight of babies being abandoned in hospitals or left to die due to poverty and HIV. Our aim has always been to provide a loving, caring, homely environment addressing each child's needs and enable them to grow to their full potential. Our heart is to give the BEST to the 'least'. It is our privilege to build health and strength in these vulnerable ones to that they are physically, emotionally, and socially prepared to connect into a

Forever Family with a foundation for success. We have strategically built our approach so that our children leave strong, happy, and developmentally on-time.

In each new stage, there is a direction. In this stage of our Babies Home, we have seen a great increase in the number of extremely premature babies joining us. As a home that has grown strong in caring for its children, we have been identified as a good place for the most vulnerable: premature babies born as early as 30 weeks. This year, we have already been able to place 14 children into Forever Families, and welcome an additional 14 new children into our home. Many of these have been extreme-premies, either delivered early from cases of extreme stress and poverty, or the result of failed abortions. One such baby is our little Mr. A., born at 30 weeks. He battled in hospital for several weeks with his breathing failing several times. When he came to us, we made sure a breathing monitor was a part of his daily care. He seemed to be growing quite well, until about 3 weeks ago when one of our caregivers, Cordelia, called to say that something just wasn't right. As a good-crier, Mr. A was being way too quiet. He also hadn't finished his last few bottles, and when you held him to your chest you could hear something strange. After typical breathing, there would be a few short, labored breaths. In many cases, this kind of quiet change might not be picked up for days. However, by that evening the team had him admitted to Joburg General Hospital. He had pneumonia! Since then, our ladies have worked tirelessly to add daily visits to Mr. A to their schedule. We are excited to share that not only was he able to come back to us, he has grown in the last 4 months so well that he was able to be connected into a Forever Family last month!

With your support, we are able to be a home of excellence that can give these little fighters a chance at life.

URBAN KIDS EDUCENTRE



History / Scope

Here's a bit of the history on the Urban Kids Educentre:

In 2010 we began Urban Kids for underprivileged children from the Midrand and Olievenhoutbosch area. Urban Kids Educentre began with 7 children and 2 educators, and has quickly grown to over 100 students in 6 classrooms. We are passionate about Early

Childhood Education and laying solid foundations for these children to build on throughout their schooling career.

In order to make quality education accessible to all, we endeavour to keep the school fees at a minimal level, near 1/3 of typical Midrand preschool costs. We work with individuals and companies to resource this school in many ways, keeping costs down: donations of equipment, sponsorship of educational equipment, and volunteers across our school (from the office to the classroom). For the truly impoverished families we want to reach, R1 160 per month is completely unaffordable. For these families, we endeavour to pair them with a sponsorship (also through local individuals and companies) to alleviate the burden.

From birth to 6 years old= 90% of brain development

As we follow the growth of Urban Kids students, we have seen the impact of laying this foundation. Their families are giving education greater priority and working to find them good placements for primary school. These children are making it in their classes, and often the top of their classes, being ready to learn with their foundational skills intact. By opening doors of opportunity to these little ones, we can break the cycle of poverty, one child, one family, one community at a time.



UPLIFTED TRAINING PROGRAMME

History / Scope

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In addition to opening our own preschool (Urban Kids Educentre), we also opened our UpliftED

Training Programme to support ECD centres in impoverished communities. This programme has proved critical, as most of the teachers in crèches in townships are completely ill-equipped and untrained. Our training programme offers these women theoretical and practical training and ongoing support and empowerment, as well as educational equipment for their school.

In addition to training teachers and resourcing centres, we have found it critically necessary to add a Monitoring and Evaluation branch to our programme. This arm of the Training Program enables the teachers to practice what the lessons from training in an environment of support and accountability. Each week, Linda, our UpliftED



Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, visits the participating trainees to evaluate and monitor their application of skills, use of materials, and general growth. After analysing the impact of many programs into the community (including our own), UpliftED identified this department as an essential piece in ensuring that we reach our beneficiaries, both teachers and the students they serve. This step of accountability also helps us nurture the teachers for exponential growth, as they can ask questions and receive continual feedback on their progress for the good of the students they serve for years to come. We are uplifting the mindset from child-minders to that of professional teachers who are excited to teach and ambitious to grow.



Thank you for considering how you might connect with us to do good.

We value your investment and maximize its use and report back to you on its impact– so you know your investment will go a long way to bringing change!

We'd love to hear from you regarding any questions or possible joint-projects. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you.

Warm Regards,



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Fundraiser

Botshabelo - Administrative Details:

Name of Organisation	Botshabelo
Core Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orphaned / Vulnerable Children Care (OVC) • Education (Early Childhood Development for vulnerable children ages 0-6, and Skills Development for disadvantaged females) • Enterprise Development
Beneficiaries	Children (0-6 years old) & Women
Average number of children in residential care	12-14 Current capacity 15
Average number of children attending Urban Kids Educentre	122 Current capacity; 122
ECD Practitioners trained through the training programme	Average 50 centres, and 100-150 women
Start Date of Organisation	22 June 1999
NPO Number	006-589 NPO
PBO Number	18/11/13/1891
VAT Number	4850257165
Main Geographical Area	<u>Babies Home</u> : Reunification and adoption to all areas
	<u>Urban Kids Educentre</u> : Primarily Midrand and Olievenhoutbosch, Gauteng.
	<u>UpliftED Teacher Training Programme</u> : Midrand and Olievenhoutbosch, Gauteng; Additional townships areas in Gauteng (Atteridgeville, etc.) Modimolle, Limpopo and Hambrooke, KZN
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