

## OUR BUDGET

Our budget includes the following major expenses:

- Medical treatment and medication for each of the children.
- Cost of clothing and food to supply a simple, healthy diet for the children.
- Expenses incurred in the adoption process.
- School fees and extracurricular activities.
- Transport costs.
- Operating expenses for our family homes.
- Salaries for all our hardworking staff and house parents.

## GET INVOLVED

We are calling on those who are passionate about this mission to partner with us in a new way.

By considering the adoption of a child, or introducing us to your corporate connections, or even sponsoring a family home on a monthly basis, you can help us keep our promise to care for the children at Oasis Haven. To learn more, contact us by phone or email and we will direct you to the appropriate team member.

### BANKING DETAILS

First National Bank

Branch Code 254005

Account Number 620 565 267 37

Swift Code FIRZAJJ

Please include your organisation's name as your reference and specify if you would like to receive an 18A tax certificate. Should you wish to become part of our "Friends of Oasis" debit order program, please contact us.

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**Placing and caring for  
abandoned and HIV+ children  
within Forever Families**

## WHO ARE WE

Oasis Haven of Love Foundation is a non profit organization that seeks to place and care for abandoned and HIV positive children within Forever Families.

Our strategy is simple and revolves around the concept of "Family". It is worked out as follows:

- The Adoption Option: We place abandoned children into Adoptive Families.
- Family Homes: We aim to be a family to those children that we cannot place, through our Family Homes.

## OUR HISTORY

Current estimates place the number of people living with HIV in South Africa at 5,700,000. These people are teachers, doctors, policemen, mothers and fathers. And as this group slowly dies out, they leave behind a generation of orphans. According to UNICEF, South Africa is a country where nearly 2 million of its children have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS. Subject to extreme stigma, exploitation, neglect and disease, these children are facing circumstances unseen by any other generation in the history of the world.

In late 2000 a vision for a solution was birthed. Lorna Campbell Salmon and Jacky Viljoen saw the need in the Johannesburg area and set out to establish a home for abandoned and HIV+ babies and children. Over time, key professionals and community members joined the team to oversee finances and operations.

In 2009, the board initiated a process to restructure the homes to look more like family and to embrace the values that would carry Oasis Haven forward with excellence. With a strong conviction to give every child the very best, we resolve to provide a loving family for those who have been utterly abandoned.

The daily objective at Oasis Haven is to place and care for abandoned and HIV+ children within forever families. This two pronged approach prioritizes both adoption and quality of care. One arm recruits and trains parents and places children into these adoptive homes while the other arm provides comprehensive, family-centered care for the children remaining in our Family Homes.

## OUR CHILDREN'S STORIES

Jonathan's umbilical cord was still attached when he was found abandoned on a pavement one deathly cold winter's evening. On examination the doctor reported that he could not have been more than two hours old. Six months later he was adopted by a loving mom and dad, and now has a doting grandfather.

Mark, Robin, and Shaun, were three of our HIV positive children who were adopted into an American family. Their new parents love them deeply. On regular medication, they continue to lead a normal life and can plan for a future full of adventure and dreams come true. Thabiso tested HIV positive at birth but when re-

tested at the age of three, he was found to be HIV negative and therefore qualified for adoption. This phenomenon often occurs when a child

is rescued early and given a high quality care. Today, Thabiso lives happily and healthily with his family in the Netherlands.

## THE WAY FORWARD

As our vision is to place abandoned children into families, we aim to spend less energy on fund raising activities, and more on the adoption and caretaking process that this entails.

Partnership with local services and professionals is crucial to the success of this model. Therefore we need the help of leading experts in social work, education, psychology, and medicine. By a shared commitment to the vision of family, the highest standards are maintained.

The common compromises are no longer acceptable. It is our unspoken commitment to treat every child as we would our very own. Therefore, no child is "unadoptable", no child is beyond help, no child deserves less than our very best.

## CURRENT STRUCTURE

Oasis Haven of Love Foundation is a registered section 21 company, with a Board of Directors. It also has Section 18A tax certification, which allows for tax deductions for all South African donations.

The Oasis Haven Board is comprised of 8 directors from various disciplines and walks of life. Although affiliated to a local church, Oasis Haven is run independently with a separate set of books, bank accounts and internal processes.

Oasis Haven is a registered Children's Care Centre and has cared for more than 60 children over its first 9 years of operation.

**"Nkosi was found inside a paper bag in a township where rats had nibbled away at his toes. He was immediately taken in and cared for at Oasis Haven. With the love and attention of his caregivers, the sad details of his past soon faded away and revealed a beautiful little boy full of life and laughter."**