



## Will you help touch children's hearts?

### Leaving a lifetime gift through your Will

Everyone would like to leave something special for their family or a cause they believe in. One of the best ways to ensure this is through a Will as it is a legal document that gives you peace of mind to fulfill your wishes. By making a charitable bequest in your will, you could contribute significantly to the future needs of Beautiful Gate and our children.

Should you wish to leave a legacy to Beautiful Gate in your will, we highly recommend that you contact professional help through a lawyer or financial advisor.

If you are considering a legacy gift for Beautiful Gate kindly let us know so that we acknowledge and discuss it together.

#### Remember to let us know that you have made a gift, so we can acknowledge you and keep you updated about our work!

If you are donating within **South Africa** use these bank details:

Name: Beautiful Gate SA, Bank: Standard Bank, Acc No. 072029773  
Branch: Blue Route, Branch Code: 025609

If you are in the **UK, Holland** or **USA** please contact us on support@beautifulgate.org to find out about local ways to give.

By joining the MySchool programme and making Beautiful Gate your beneficiary, every time you swipe your card, a portion of your purchase is donated to our cause. Apply at [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za).



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## A glimpse of our community

In the township area of Nyanga you will find the communities of Crossroads and Philippi, which grew out of the increasing numbers of people moving to Cape Town to look for work. Unfortunately, many residents suffer due to high unemployment and social problems such as drug/alcohol abuse, gangsterism, teen pregnancy and a high rate of crime.

Nyanga also has one of the highest HIV infection rates in the province, with about a third of adults being HIV positive. This adds an extra burden. Clinics are often distant, making it difficult to get treatment. Many live with the fear that they will be rejected by family and friends because of the stigma attached to the disease. Added to this is the financial burden, as the income in the area is less than R1,000 per person per month.

### Current needs list

If you would like to support us financially below is a list of our current needs:

- R170 provides a **snack for 30 children** at school
- R500 secures a child with **uniform and school fees**
- R3 400 provides a **daily meal for 10 children** per month
- R5 000 to meet **travel** needs for children, teenagers and community support visits
- R15 000 for **utility bills** for the centre
- R21 000 for **salaries** for our team of child care workers

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Together Bringing Hope to Children & Families

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In September 2010 a beautiful little baby boy was delivered to Beautiful Gate by the local social worker. Police patrolling at night had found him crying on the side of the road where he had been abandoned by his mother.

Aya was a few weeks old and though he looked kind of stressed he seemed fine. That same month three newborns we know of were abandoned in the city according to Child Welfare, one of almost 500 to experience the same fate in 2010.

One wonders why a mother would abandon her baby in this way. It is difficult to understand, unless we can find the answers from the mother of course. However experience tells us that teen pregnancy along with poverty, HIV, lack of food security and alcohol abuse, all contribute to child abandonment. It's a stark reminder that helping children without finding ways to help their parents is a losing battle.

The boy joined the other children at Beautiful Gate and we did medical checks to make sure he was healthy. Thereafter we appealed to the public to help trace the mother of the child but unfortunately her whereabouts are unknown. A few months after we took him, he was admitted to the hospital and we got a bit of a scare but he gradually recovered. Since then he has been very healthy and grown into a bubbling boy.

The good news is that in less than a year the boy found a family and was adopted by a couple in Cape Town! The family initially visited us and later hosted Aya for the weekend. After that, their hearts were captured and it was time to go for good. He has bonded so well with his new parents and we are so delighted that Aya managed to find a loving family within such a short period of time. Though we will certainly miss Aya, his journey is such an inspiration.

Beautiful Gate sees preserving families as vital to bring justice for children, but still much more is needed to help preserve families in our city.

We are a Christian organisation demonstrating the love of God by helping those in need, no matter what their background or faith. We believe that children grow best in a family, and families are best supported by their local community. We therefore aim to build community networks while caring for children and supporting families.

### The Community Development Programme includes:

- **Youth Development** – working with a core group of 80 teenagers each week, to help them in turn reach other youth with life skills, leadership skills, and community service, and providing constructive activities such as drama and dance for young people.
- **Community Networking** – encouraging the community to work together to solve problems and build a better future for their children.
- **Resource Centre** – providing information, referrals, facilities and other resources to families, young people and community groups, to enable them to develop and become stronger.
- **Strengthening Families** – providing access to grants, short term food relief, advice and referrals, for 240 families each year to help them stay together and find long-term solutions.

### The Community Support Programme includes:

- **Paediatric ARV clinic** – in partnership with the government clinic, to provide access to treatment for over 400 HIV+ children.
- **Crisis care** – a registered temporary place of safety for up to 40 abused, abandoned or orphaned children in need of protection, love, nutritious food and medical care.
- **Reunification work** – finding a permanent family (birth, extended or foster families) for the children who come into crisis care.

## Join us in reaching out to children

We try to support families to care for children. But there are times when we need to provide a loving, safe home for children while family problems are being resolved (crisis care). Sometimes they may stay for a few weeks, sometimes it may take a year or longer. During their time with us they live with 3-5 other children in a family-style cottage, looked after by a house-mother (or father) who takes care of their needs, emotional, physical and spiritual.

## Why join our Sponsor a Child Programme

- You have a chance to support children from this community, helping to provide essentials such as food, education and love.
- By supporting the children, and showing that you care enough to provide practical solutions, you make a difference to the future of this community and this country, bringing hope and breaking down barriers.
- We will send you quarterly updates as well as newsletters so you see the results of your support.
- Your regular gift allows us to plan ahead and make an on-going commitment to children and families.

## How do you join Sponsor a Child Programme?

With a minimum monthly donation of R120 / £15 / \$25 / €20 along with your contact details you automatically join. The easiest way is to arrange a stop order into our bank account (please see bank details on the reverse side of this leaflet).



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My full name .....

My Phone number .....

My Email .....

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