

Dear friends of the House of Encouragement Foundation

The last four weeks before the big vacations in South Africa we could spend with the children and caregivers in Soshanguve. It was a very intensive time for all. The children had their last exams at school and in the afternoon, there was a lot going on at the Lesedi-Potlana center. All the children were involved in making Christmas decorations of various kinds. Some also learned knitting and crocheting and others were engaged in baking "Christmas cookies". The many projects increased the anticipation of Christmas and the big vacations. The early Christmas party at the center was a special experience for all of us. The children were proud of their artwork and each one was able to take something home after the celebration. There was singing, dancing and good food, a meaningful and at the same time joyful celebration.



The distribution of food packages is a huge help for the foster mothers, especially over the big festive season and big holidays. With the supply of basic food items, it will enable some of the families to have a special Christmas menu.



The "Gogos" (grandmothers and foster mothers) were invited to the center, where they were informed about the activities of the past year. The gratitude of the foster mothers for the great help given to the children by our team was touching. Some stood up and testified how positively their protégés had changed since they had been at the center. They also expressed their gratitude for the children's academic support and furtherance.

The food packages were too heavy for many of the older women, so they either had to be carried by the children or they helped themselves with a wheelbarrow. For some who lived further away, the packages were delivered to their homes by car.



Everyone, the 68 orphans, the team of six caregivers, the 47 foster mothers and we from the House of Encouragement Foundation thank you for faithfully supporting us again in 2022. You will receive a confirmation of your donation by the end of January.



We wish you  
a Merry Christmas  
and all the best  
for the new year.

With warm regards,

Walter und Estelle Bosshard

Bubikon/Soshanguve, 17 December 2022