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Kids Haven protects and cares for children in crisis, and empowers families, children and communities to build safe and caring spaces for all.

## **FORMAL SCHOOL**

### ***Who is it for:***

Kids Haven ensures that all children living at the Centre attend formal school in the community. Children are expected to attend a local school and to progress alongside their grade cohorts.

### ***Where and when:***

Kids Haven uses a network of 24 different schools in Benoni and Daveyton, which ensures that every child is able to attend school and can thrive in the most suitable school. This can mean finding a school where the medium of instruction is Zulu or Sotho or finding a school which offers Afrikaans. We always consider the exit plans of the child as best we can to pick the best school to meet the child's needs so that there is a continuum of care when the child is re-united with family.

We attend parent-teacher meetings and offer supervised homework sessions at home to support their efforts to get good grades. We encourage every child to remain in school as long as possible – preferably completing Matric.

We also provide all the resources necessary for every child to attend school, including after-school support, extra lessons, remedial lessons, and parent/teacher meetings.

Kids Haven transports the children to and from school daily.

### ***Key outcome:***

The goal of the Formal School Programme is for each child to attain the highest grade possible—most particularly Matric—and to be fully integrated into the life of their school, including the extra mural activities offered by their schools.

### ***Additional outcome:***

Our Incare children get to integrate and socialise with children in the community, building friendships and enjoying social activities.

### ***Cost:***

The annual budget to cover all costs associated with formal school is R1 466 000 – R900 per month per learner.

School clothing costs R40 369 per year – R350 per learner per year

School fees cost R561 935 per year – R4 300 per learner per year

### ***How to help:***

- **Funding**

Sponsor a learner's school fees for a month – R360

Sponsor a learner's school fees for a year – R4 300

Sponsor a learner's outings and tours for a year – R250

Sponsor a learner's school uniform costs for a year – R350  
Donate any amount on a monthly or annual basis

- **Donation of appropriate consumables**

Donations of paint, modelling clay, paper, cardboard, textbooks, any stationary, etc are most appreciated.

- **Donation of second-hand books, games etc.**

We work on instilling the love of reading in our children and donations of all books, magazines and games are most welcome.

- **Volunteer involvement**

We are always looking for tutors to assist our students after school. If you have any teaching experience, we would so appreciate any time you could offer our learners.

- **Sports equipment and uniforms**

Our learners are encouraged to join sports teams. With this comes the need for sports equipment and uniforms. Any donations or pre-loved gear to assist is most welcome.