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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.

## **CARE LEAVERS PROGRAMME**

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

Older children and youth living at Kids Haven aged 16 years and older who will be leaving Kids Haven in the next few years after completing their schooling to the highest grade possible.

### ***Where and when it takes place:***

At the Kids Haven Centre and Kids Haven Village in Benoni. The meetings occur weekly, and the programme continues for at least six months, usually up to nine months. The young adults also attend two camps during the year.

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

To ensure that the young adults who leave Kids Haven have the necessary life skills to successfully integrate into society and live independently.

Kids Haven has developed tasks and a checklist of independent skills to achieve while on the Care Leaver programme.

The beneficiaries appreciate this programme and Kids Haven continues to adapt the programme to meet the needs of the youth.

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

- To make all the young adults who leave Kids Haven feel supported, cared for and loved. Their emotional well-being is key to a successful transition, and we offer psychosocial support for all those on the Care Leavers programme.

### ***Cost:***

R720 per beneficiary per month. The annual budget for the programme is R171 396. The primary cost is for a staff member to run this programme. Costs cover ingredients for meals that the care leavers learn to cook, internet café expenses when learning to send and receive emails and transport fares when care leavers are required to use public transport to independently access the clinic and similar 'adult' spaces. There are costs associated with the camps run during the year.

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

- **Funding for programme**

Sponsor a young adult per month – R720.

Sponsor a young adult per year – R8 640

Donate any amount on a monthly or annual basis

- **Funding for camps**

Sponsor all the beneficiaries for one camp in the year – R22 000  
Sponsor one beneficiary per camp – R1 180

- **Donation of resources**

Donations of any stationary, personal journals, camping gear like sleeping bags, backpacks etc, are most appreciated.

- **Volunteer involvement**

Come and spend a day with our care leavers. They love visitors and there are many activities that you can get involved in.