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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.

PRE-SCHOOL

Who it is for:

Children ages 2-6 that come from the surrounding Benoni community (inner city), the closest informal settlement - eMandleni and from Kids Haven's Incare residence. Children come from impoverished homes, often headed by single parents. There is no charge to attend the school.

Where it takes place:

Benoni city centre in a stand-alone Early Childhood Development centre with a garden attached within the Kids Haven campus.

Key outcome:

Following Early Childhood Development principles of learning through play the key outcome is to prepare these young children for formal school, ensuring they are well-prepared, at the correct age and entry grade. The goal is to find each child a placement in Grade R in a local school.

Additional outcome:

- Parent support and training on early child stimulation to nurture their young children in the home.
- The Kids Haven pre-school provides a daily nutritious meal, and healthy snack every day.
- Youth who attend the Kids Haven Youth Hub may gain experience in Early Childhood Development - how to nurture and care for young children, how to provide quality education stimulation to young children, and how to run a daily pre-school programme.

Results 2025:

- 36 children in the programme
- Parents completed the multi-week Sihleng'Imizi Parenting Training Support Programme including topics on nutrition, schooling and stimulation, finances, discipline, and parent well-being and mental health.
- One past child who grew up at Kids Haven is now a fully qualified ECD practitioner and works in the KH preschool and in the Teen hub in the afternoons.
- Two Pathway Programme participants are completing their teaching practicals at the pre-school.
- Pathway Programme participants sent their children to the pre-school so they could complete the course.

Cost:

R691 per child per month or R8 298 per child per annum to provide trained teachers, resources, one meal per day and an outing per term.

Funding:

Budget is R545 825. Department of Education provides funding of R247 104. The deficit is R298 721.

How to help:

- **Funding for programme**

Sponsor a child per month – R691

Sponsor a child per year – R8 298

Donate any amount on a monthly or annual basis

- **Funding for meals**

Feed a child at school per month – R100

Feed a child at school per year – R1 200

- **Funding for outings**

Sponsor all children for one outing per term – R2 000

Sponsor all children for four outings in the year – R8 000

Sponsor one child per outing – R70

Sponsor one child for four outings in the year – R280

- **Donation of appropriate consumables**

Donations of paint, playdough, paper, cardboard, 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**

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

