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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.

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.

Where previously our care-leavers programme was mainly staff-lead, based on reflections from former young people now living independently, the programme has transitioned to be more child directed. Children receive an independence toolbox workbook that they work through while living at Kids Haven which helps prepare them for life after Kids Haven. It includes a checklist of independent skills to achieve.

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 who leave Kids Haven.

Cost:

While there is no budget specifically allocated for the care leavers programme it is included in the Incare budget. Costs include transport fares and attending a two-day camp during the year.

How to help:

- **Funding for programme**

Donate any amount on a monthly or annual basis

- **Funding for camps**

Sponsor all the beneficiaries for one camp in the year – R25 000

Sponsor one beneficiary per camp – R2 000

- **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.