



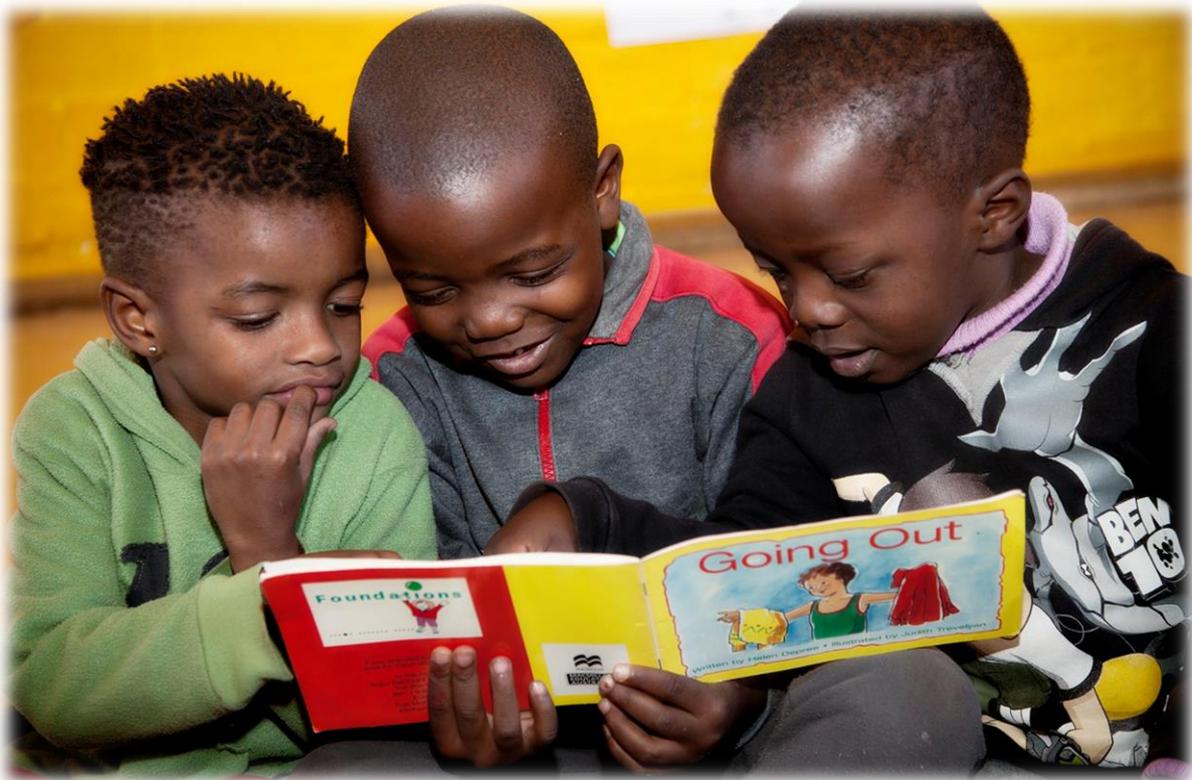
**Hospice Wits**  
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**PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:  
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, ORPHANS & VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN, HIV/AIDS, FOOD SECURITY,  
HEALTH & WELFARE & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

**MAPETLA DAY CARE CENTRE, SOWETO**

**A HOSPICEWITS SOWETO HOSPICE INITIATIVE**

**FUNDING PROPOSAL**



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**Vision:** To be the best palliative care provider in South Africa (We are a five-star accredited member of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa)

**Mission:** To provide excellent palliative care and support to the citizens of Johannesburg and Soweto

**Values:** Dignity, Integrity, and Respect at the heart of everything we do

## **ORGANISATION INFORMATION**

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Account Type: Current

Account Name: HospiceWits

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Millions of children under the age of five in African countries are at risk of not reaching their full development potential because they suffer from the negative consequences of poverty, disease, nutritional deficiencies and inadequate learning opportunities.

Lack of a solid early childhood education in essence translates to a deprivation of academic achievement and opportunities for self-development and independence. This results in a bleak, dependent adult life.

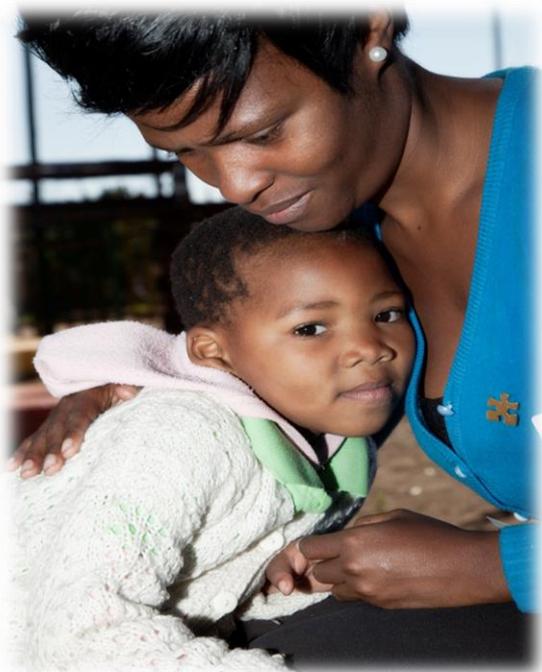
In South Africa, despite policies and legislation guaranteeing universal primary education, in practice this is not always the case. Financially disadvantaged parents lack the economic capacity to send their children to facilities providing quality early childhood development programs.

HospiceWits (Hospice Association of the Witwatersrand) established the Mapetla Day Care Centre in the suburb of Mapetla, Soweto, in March 2002. The purpose was to provide a quality early childhood development program for the pre-school orphans and vulnerable children of HospiceWits' Soweto Hospice's sick, and sometimes deceased patients.

Our approach is a holistic one, taking into consideration issues of human rights, poverty, benefits to the children, their parents, the community, local schools and the country.

All the children, who are aged between two and six, are affected in some way by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Many have lost one or both of their parents to the virus, or are HIV positive themselves and learning to live a normal, healthy lifestyle despite their illness. The children who attend our centre are all from underprivileged homes in the Mapetla area of Soweto.

Social and Health Care workers regularly assess the health of each child. In an attempt to boost their compromised immune systems, children receive two nutritious meals and a snack every school day. To assist the families further, they are provided with a monthly food parcel containing basic staple necessities, kindly donated by Tiger Brands since 2007.



## **HISTORY OF MAPETLA DAY CARE CENTRE**

With the increase in the number of orphans and vulnerable children belonging to our patients, HospiceWits, Soweto, opened this modern day care centre in 2002.

Prior to that date, children were often left at home alone, running around in the streets unsupervised, as their parents were either at work, or at a local clinic receiving medication and treatment.

The opening of the Centre was accelerated when one of the children was run over by a car and killed whilst running across a busy road.

Initially there were 25 children in attendance three days per week only, but this number has now grown to 93 children who attend five days a week.

The eager learners are aged between two and six, and of additional benefit to them is the fact that their daily nutritional requirements are also taken care of. Where the need is identified, we ensure that the children are issued with food parcels through our home care team to ensure nutrition in their home environment.

The staff members who care for the children are HospiceWits trained Community Care Workers who have been upgraded to Early Childhood Development trainers. The teachers are currently on level 4 of the ECD training they receive towards obtaining their National Certificate.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- To provide access to education – specifically early childhood development, focusing on the foundation phase of learning
- Improved opportunities for reaching full potential academically, & otherwise
- To provide a place of safety, care and educational support for children affected by HIV/AIDS
- To provide medical and psychosocial support services to both the children and their families
- To provide supervision for the correct intake of antiretroviral treatment
- To provide correct and factual information about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention to both the children and their parents/guardians





### **EDUCATIONAL VALUE**

The Centre facilitates the provision of access to early childhood learning which will enable learners to start formal schooling without any further disadvantages.

Children follow a specific daily syllabus which includes numeracy, literacy and physical exercise. The project also provides a full School Readiness Program for children who will start Grade 1.

This means that the project outcomes impact the greater educational system. Once learners leave the Centre, the teachers stay in close contact with the various Primary Schools, and if the need arises, our social worker is available for interventions if necessary.

All interventions ensure the children's educational, medical, safety and nutritional requirements. Parents and family members are free to go about their daily work and engage in economic activities we provide through our Empowerment Program. These skills and social tools ensure their optimal functionality in the community, and the upliftment of society.

### **IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY**

- It is one of the only economically viable options for many indigent parents to access early childhood education for their children
- Access to health care and professional health workers by learners and parents, takes pressure off medical services and public health care system
- The Centre provides a holistic approach to community well-being by providing not only early childhood learning, but access to professional staff including doctors, nurses, social workers and community care workers
- Children are receiving optimal nutrition at the Centre, and food parcels are provided for the home environment on a need basis
- Parents and families of sick children are educated on how to care for their

children in the home environment, thus reducing the probability of admission to the in-patient unit and losing out on school attendance



### **INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES**

The entire Mapetla community benefits from this project through our awareness campaigns, as follows:

- The wider community
- Pre-school, formal and non-formal primary school teachers who will receive children that have received foundational learning (100 teachers).
- Stakeholders from other organisations working on ECD and HIV/AIDS

### **WHAT WE REQUIRE FUNDING FOR**

We are appealing for a portion of our monthly expenses totaling R123, 244 as detailed in the budget below.

Staff salaries and project management costs are paid from funds raised through fundraising initiatives throughout the year.

**As a Public Benefit Organisation donors may claim donations as a tax deduction. Donors may also claim BBBEE points against the Socio-Economic Development element of the BBBEE scorecard, as HospiceWits is a level 1 contributor.**

### **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

- At the outset, indicators, systems and guidelines for monitoring and evaluation are established
- Reports are submitted to the CEO's office and to funding partners according to required format

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT & FINANCIAL CONTROLS

All our programs are coordinated by our CEO, with regular input and reporting from program officers and staff. Board Members meet on a quarterly basis and are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the group financial statements.

The accounts are audited by Grant Thornton at year-end, on 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.

The governor's responsibility also includes maintaining adequate accounting records and an effective system of risk management. The Executive Committee meets on a monthly basis, and is responsible for the daily running of the organization, including all departments such as health services, psychosocial services, finance, administration, marketing and retail. Our Palliative Services Managers constantly inspect and supervise the running of the in-patient unit.

### APPEAL TO COVER A PORTION OF MONTHLY EXPENSES – R 123,244

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COST PER MONTH</b>
Medical Consumables	17,805
Medical Consultations	28,989
Catering Purchases	14,507
Repairs & Maintenance of Centre	1,979
Educational Outings (one per term – 2 buses)	39,200
Stationery and Photostat expenses	7,500
Telephone and admin	3,200
Cleaning Materials & Services	2,975
Educational Toys, Books & Games	5,000
Pest Control	2,089
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>R123,244</b>



## **OTHER PROJECTS**

### **1. Clinical Care Program**

HospiceWits provides care & support to communities within the Johannesburg Metropolitan District - primarily Johannesburg and Soweto.

A wide range of services is offered to patients with life-threatening illnesses such as cancer, HIV/AIDS, organ failure and others. Our organisation also goes beyond that to extend support to the patient's families and broader communities as well. Experienced staff ensures that they manage the pain and symptoms of patients under their care in order to improve their quality of life. Palliative care is provided either in the comfort of the patient's home, or in the In-Patient Units situated in both Houghton and Soweto.

Palliative care is the holistic care of someone diagnosed with a life threatening illness. It includes pain management and symptom control, psychological, emotional and spiritual counselling. HospiceWits offers palliative care to all – nobody is turned away regardless of age, race, religion or financial circumstances.

Owing to the high rate of indigence amongst our patients, HospiceWits relies on donors and well-wishers to assist with monetary and in-kind support, without which, many patients and their families would have nowhere to turn to.

### **2. Centre for Palliative Learning (CPL), Houghton**

We produce and deliver Palliative Care Training programs that are effective, programs that are excellent in quality and relevant to people and their various communities including those in the disadvantaged areas. The primary goal is to strengthen the palliative care capacity of people so that they become an asset to the various agencies and communities they represent.

Through extensive training, certification and dedication, our facilitators have attained mastery in their fields and enjoy sharing their skill and knowledge with our clients. CPL Programs are designed and adapted to suit the specific needs of our clients, while conforming to health authorities' regulations and standards. Tailored Workshops are also available for religious groups and corporates. There are courses that are accredited with HWSETA and SANC. In Service Training is CPD accredited

### **3. Siyanqoba Empowerment Centre – HospiceWits, Soweto**

Discharged patients who are on the Soweto Home Care Program attend HospiceWits rotationally over the five day week. They receive two nutritious meals, have access to our professional team of doctors, nurses and social worker and are able to interact with other recuperating patients. We provide a facility for them to independently run a small income-generating project where they produce crafts which are sold to the public for their personal sustenance.

## CONCLUSION

The benefits of early childhood development cannot be overstated.

Consistent, high-quality early education has a long-lasting beneficial effect on the overall development of children. It encourages social and emotional development where relationships are forged with both adults and children, providing a sense of security that leads to co-operative play and goal accomplishment skills.

Furthermore, children who are secure in a learning environment develop age-appropriate cognitive skills as well as language skills at a rapid pace - particularly between the ages of one and five years old. This leads to engagement in age-appropriate conversations, and growing confidence.

HospiceWits is very proud of this project and the opportunity it is affording young children to get a good start in life, grow and reach their full potential.

We thank you in advance for your support.



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