

# ANNUAL REVIEW

November 2010



On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank you for your support and interest in the work I Care does.

Being the first I Care annual report, two periods are covered in this review, the completed year to 28th February 2010 and the current year ending February 2011, where both actual year-to-date figures and predicted 2011 yearend figures, are included in the attached document.

I would like to commence by giving praise to God for placing this mercy ministry onto the hearts of so many who have been involved since inception and for continuing to guide us as we reach out to the children on the street.

Thanks to all our donors, both big and small because without you I Care would not be in existence.

I am going to single out some donations which have enabled us to not only consolidate our operations, but to begin a process of expansion with confidence. One of the most difficult aspects of donor funded organizations, such as I Care, is to plan for the future when we are not sure of the continuance of funding.

Specifically:

Rotary (Holland & Umhlanga)

Scott Bader

Baumann Trust

Chris & Emma Jonker

Iqraa

Bob Southerton

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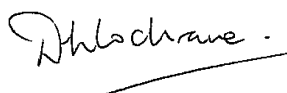
Grindrod

Innovent

Victor Daitz

ACSA/Illembe

I would also like to thank all those involved in the organization of our annual golf day, Peter Hatton for his tireless efforts in putting together a successful street collection and LexisNexis for organising the awareness walk along the Durban beachfront.



Denise Cochrane  
Trustee

## The Problem

At I Care we believe that the streets are no place for children to grow up, as they are subjected to abuse, addiction, human trafficking and crime.

We coined the phrase 'Don't give me money, give me a future!' urging the public to adopt a constructive approach to this problem

Our vision for the future comes from our founding scripture;

*Once again old men and women will walk the streets with a cane and sit together in the city squares. And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play." Zechariah 8 v 4-5.*



## Our Solution

Our solution was to adopt a holistic cycle of action that incorporated:

Awareness / Prevention  
Outreach / Aftercare  
Rehabilitation  
Housing  
Education  
Skills Development / Job Creation



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In so doing we hope to create effective members of society who contribute to society rather than place a drain on it.

## 2010 Highlights

I Care's achievements during the period under review are shown in each area of the cycle.



### Awareness /Prevention

#### ♥ 2010 Highlights:

- ♥ Golf Day
- ♥ Street Collection
- ♥ Lexis Nexis Big Walk
- ♥ Awareness talks to schools  
(4 schools per day)

In addition to the golf day, LexisNexis big walk and the street collection it is important that we not only raise awareness of I Care and what we do, but that we raise awareness for the kids in the community of the dangers attached to life on the street.

In this regard we have undertaken numerous awareness talks at community schools



### Golf Day







**Lexis Nexis Big Walk**



**Street Collection**



**Preventative Talks**

## Outreach/ Aftercare



### ♥ 2010 Highlights

- ♥ Big Shoes resident @ Hope Centre & provides HIV training & testing
- ♥ Data Base developed & availability of stats
- ♥ Numerous talks done on human trafficking, crime & drug addiction
- ♥ Establishment of JHB drop-in centre
- ♥ 39 number of children in school in our Afterschool programme



## Hope Centre



**'Big Shoes is all about improving the medical care of orphaned and vulnerable children, especially those affected by HIV/AIDS so that they may grow up to fill big shoes!'**



At the beginning of the 2009 / 2010 financial year a drop-in centre was a dream and now it is a full blown reality. Our Hope centre in Greyville is fully operational and with Big Shoes being resident there we are able to offer HIV / Aids training, testing and counseling.

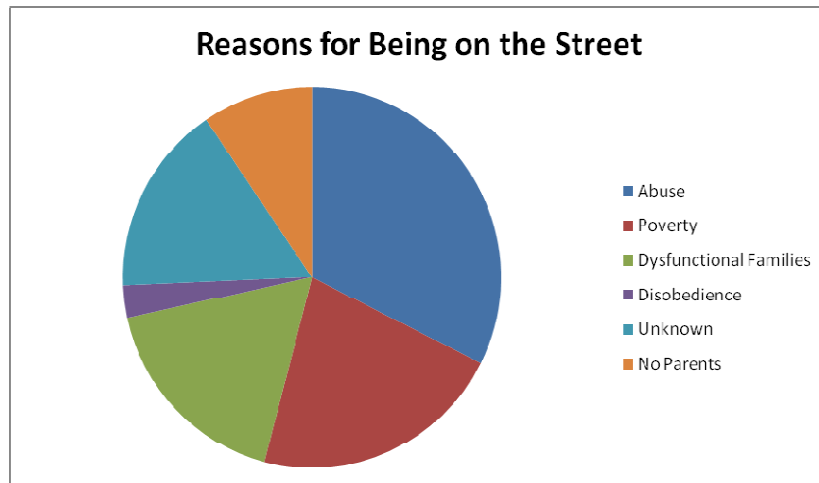
We have had numerous talks on human trafficking, crime prevention and drug abuse and we have an established afterschool programmes running for kids in the community.

## Data Base & Stats

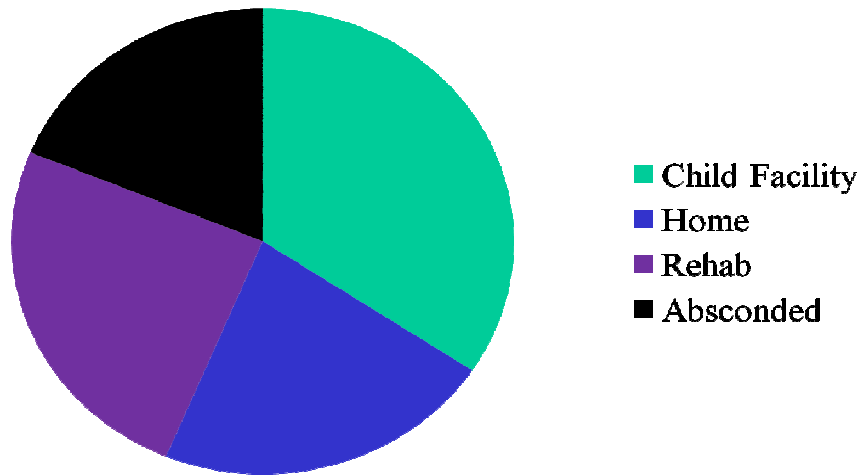
We have also developed a database which enables us to extract statistical information to direct our focus, to track children's progress & thereby measure our effectiveness. During the period under review we have had an average of 44 boys per month attend the Hope Centre and while there are dealt with holistically; physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally through interventions offered at the centre.

- 43 boys returned directly to their families
- 9 boys were placed in child care facilities or are in the hands of Social Welfare
- 41 boys have been taken into a rehabilitation programme

## Statistics

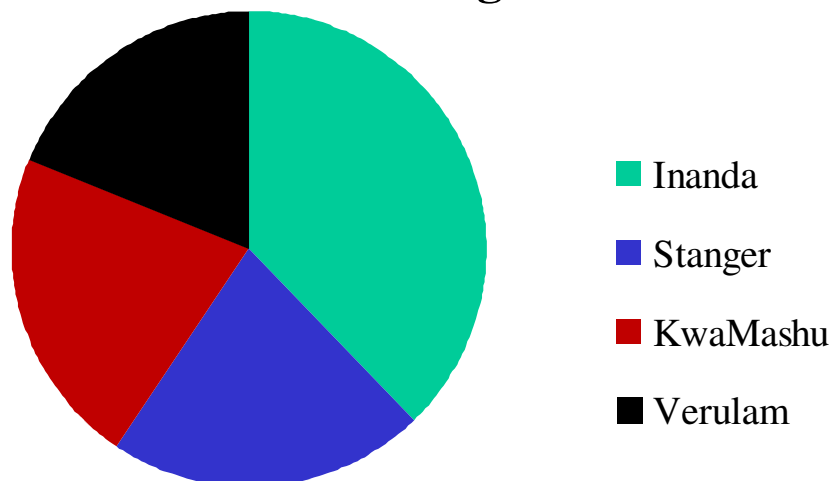


Statistics  
**Placement of Children**



Statistics

**Areas of Origin**



## **Johannesburg Drop-In Centre**



In addition, due to a very generous donation from some Australian partners we have purchased a Scout Hall in Johannesburg which we will take occupation of in January and this will become a duplicate of the Durban Hope Centre. We have already taken 3 boys off the streets of Brixton into our rehabilitation centre and we have another 6 from Fordsburg in our outreach programme.

## **Future Drop-In Centres**

We are currently in discussions with a church in Pietermaritzburg to work alongside Youth For Christ in a hall on the church property to establish a drop-in facility for the kids on the streets of that city.



## After Care Programme



## Rehabilitation

### 2010 Highlights

- 41 children rehabilitated in 2010
- New rehabilitation centre – able to cater for up to 30 children per programme



## Rehabilitation

Previously we were conducting our rehabilitation programme out of a rented house in a residential area and were given notice by the Municipality to close the programme down. We established a new rehabilitation centre in Kwa Makhutha where we can accommodate up to 30 boys at a time.

During the 2009 / 2010 year we rehabilitated 41 boys and in the current year we have rehabilitated 27 boys, including the 3 from Johannesburg and we currently have 11 boys in the programme. Of these boys 25 were taken home after the programme and re-united with the families 16 boys could not go home due to the unacceptable state of their home and they have been transferred into our houses.

We have also begun a process of sending some of the older boys, who fall outside of the I Care age category into external drug rehabilitation. This has been a difficult learning experience and we have had as many abscondscions as we have had successes. We currently have 4 boys in this type of rehabilitation.





## Housing

### ♥ 2010 Highlights

- ♥ 3 Functioning | Care houses
- ♥ Consolidation & training of House Parents (Focus on the family)
- ♥ New house in Johannesburg

## Housing

We have built 3 houses in Illovo which are fully functional with established house parents.

These house parents parenting skills are being consolidated through NACCW and Focus on the Family training as well as our own in-house parenting course. In December 2009 we re-integrated 9 boys who had been living in our houses and new boys graduating from our rehabilitation programme took their place.

We have opened a house in the Boksburg area, in close proximity to a skills development centre and we are currently housing 3 boys who are attending a course in basic construction skills at that centre. This house is managed by a house parent who is undergoing the same training as the Durban parents. This house will, in all likelihood be used as the residence for the older boys who have completed the external rehabilitation process and are ready to be involved in the development of a skill.







## Education

### 2010 Highlights

- 39 children remained in school in our Afterschool programme
- 11 children in our bridging school programme at the I Care School
- 2 are at St Raphael's special needs School
- 1 is at the Durban School for the hearing Impaired
- 1 is at Amanzimtoti High School

## Education

We have 11 boys in our ACE school undergoing bridging education to enable them to return to main stream schooling.

In addition we have 3 boys, who are living in our houses who are attending special need schools two at St Raphael's, and one at the Durban School for the hearing Impaired

We also have one boy who attends the local Amanzimtoti High School







## Skills/ Job Creation

### ♥ 2010 Highlights

♥ St Antony's Skills Centre, Boksburg

♥ 2 employed @ Armstrong Construction, 1 employed @ SA Fasteners, 1 employed by I Care

### Skills & Job Creation

The three boys from Johannesburg whom I referred to above are attending St Anthony's College in Boksburg and are registered for courses in bricklaying and carpentry. It is our intention to obtain formal employment for these boys on completion of their courses.

Armstrong Construction, here in Durban have employed two boys who have previously been through the entire I Care cycle and were living at home and SA Fasteners has employed one boy in their warehouse facility. All three of these boys are living with I Care, either in one of our houses or at our rehabilitation centre.

A fourth boy, having undergone external rehabilitation and basic welding training is also living at our rehabilitation centre and has been made responsible for the upkeep of the grounds at the centre while we attempt to find him employment.

## Employment



### Effective Members of Society

- Boys back in formal education – primary, secondary & tertiary
- Boys in skills training programmes
- Boys gainfully employed by our corporate partners

## Effective Members of Society

Most of the children who have been taken home from the street are back in the schooling system and are monitored on a regular basis to assess their performance. We even have a head boy from amongst these boys.

We have some of the older boys learning new skills to prepare them for the employment market and some boys actually employed.

## **The Future**

As we have indicated I Care has begun a process of expansion into other cities / towns in South Africa. To be able to commit ourselves to this we need the support of the community. Our needs are:

- Prayer for the boys being touched by I Care and for the direction we are taking
- Funds to be able to sustain our expansion projects
- Volunteers to assist in all areas of our operation
- Employment opportunities for those boys being skilled as part of our cycle

## **Immediate Areas of Need**

- Sponsor the running costs of our Drop-In Centres
- Provide a vehicle for the Johannesburg Outreach team
- Sponsor Skills Development
- Sponsor a house for the older boys
- Provide employment opportunities



Thank you from all the I Care Staff and Volunteers of 2010