



Mother of Peace – Sponsor a Child Programme

Please take a moment to consider what might happen to children when no-one is left to care for them?

Here in KwaZulu-Natal we are faced with the ever growing problem of children being orphaned or abandoned, with no-one to care for them. Current statistics estimate that there are as many as 3.4 million orphans in South Africa. (If all of these children were to hold hands, they would form a line all the way from Durban to Cape Town and half-way back again.) Just over a quarter of these orphans and abandoned children live in KwaZulu Natal.

Communities are no longer able to cope with this number of uncared for children. Government welfare organisations are buckling under the pressure. Could you walk away from these children in need? No, we could not either!

Here at Mother of Peace we are fortunate enough to have the infrastructure to take in those children who have nowhere else to go, to take care of them when nobody else can.

We provide family homes for children in need, where they are provided the structure of a home and family. Language and culture are maintained as far as possible and children are brought up to be responsible members of society.

How can you help?

Not everyone can foster a child in need. Anyone can help, however. We at Mother of Peace survive on small donations, people like you who continue to help the children in our care. We currently have 73

children resident with us, in family units made up of six children, a house mother and a care giver. All of these children need to be sheltered, fed, clothed, cared for medically and put through school. A number of our children are either HIV positive or have full blown AIDS.

You can help by sponsoring either one of these children, or even by sponsoring an entire family home of six children. Sponsoring a child means that you provide for some of their needs by donating a set amount of money each month.

While the financial needs of each child vary according to their own individual set of circumstances, the average cost can be calculated at about R750 per child per month. This does not mean that if you cannot afford R750 per month you cannot help! We would be grateful for whatever contribution you can make, however small.

How does it work?

It is very simple. Just complete the sponsorship form and e-mail it back to byron@motherofpeace.org.za.

Attached you will find the sponsorship form.

Upon receipt of this form, we will contact you and provide you with more information about the children that need sponsorship.

This is your opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child in need!