



Six dedicated local volunteer Care Workers, coordinated by Phindile and Sharon, support the most vulnerable children in the community of Welverdiend. The love and care they provide ensure that each child is physically, emotionally and spiritually cared for.



17-year-old Timothy\* lives by himself after his sister moved away to live with her boyfriend. He was found by Care Workers in 2016, who visited his home and learned that he had no one to take care of him. Timothy needed food, toiletries, and school supplies. The Care Workers helped him with these practical things, but he also needed friends and family. By God's grace, he found those at school and at the Care Point. Over time, Linky, his Care Worker, has bonded with him. Timothy opens up to her and tells her about his problems and needs. She listens to him and helps him as much as she can. She shows him kindness and compassion and treats him like her own son, giving him a sense of belonging and hope.

### Community Update

In the past year, Pfunani CBO has experienced tremendous growth. The graduation process has helped them to identify the families and children who are ready to move on and those who still need support.

The Care Workers have worked hard to provide holistic care to the vulnerable ones, despite the difficulties they face in their community such as the lack of engagement from the local authorities and social workers, and the preference for traditional medicine over clinics. The Care Workers have been involved in some events that have strengthened their faith and vision. They attended a Maranatha Workshop and a church mobilisation meeting at the Hands at Work base in South Africa with other church leaders. The local Hands at Work team in Hazyview and the Care Workers are optimistic that they can keep improving their community and empowering the children for a brighter future.



### Activities and Projects

Last year, the Hands at Work Projects Team installed a food storage container at the Care Point and built a playground for the children to play on. Recently, blankets and mattresses were distributed to those in need (pictured left), and home repairs were completed – all working together to ensure the overall health and well-being of the children. Throughout the year, the Care Workers and Hazyview team have built relationships with the church leaders and the schools in the community, and they hope to engage more people. The Care Workers have welcomed international teams who have joined them in prayer, encouragement, and in the completion of some projects. They appreciate the support and friendship given by the teams. The transformation in the lives of the Care Workers and the children has been a miracle and they have become more hopeful, loving, and faithful. They are shining lights in their community.

