



helping the helpless



fairhavens babies home

provides a loving and nurturing environment where abandoned babies and toddlers are restored to health and wholeness before being placed in a secure family unit.



“ religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress. ”

- James 1:27

Established in 2004 by Jenni Wallace, who had a vision of establishing a safe haven for Durban's many abandoned babies, Fairhavens works closely with Durban Child Welfare to provide 24 hour-a-day care for the babies entrusted to them.

“There are so many children in the Durban North area whose lives have been ripped apart by the effects of poverty, HIV/AIDS, and violence,” says Jenni. “We can't mend them all, but at Fairhavens we are trying to stitch the torn pieces of their lives together to give them a chance of a bright new future.”





organisational excellence

Under the dedicated supervision of crisis-care parent Linda Davis, and ably assisted by a small team of full-time employees and a group of willing volunteers, the babies benefit from good nutrition and loving nurture, which has seen many under-nourished and traumatised babies flourish into healthy, happy children. Babies who are in need of medical care are treated by a local paediatrician who volunteers his services.



changed lives in turn changing lives

By 2010 more than 80 'Fairhavens babies' had been adopted or fostered, bringing joy to many childless couples and providing a loving family unit for these children. Some of the adoptive parents travel from as far afield as Denmark, spending an emotional week touring the region to gain an understanding of their baby's background while the legal documentation is finalised. Strong bonds have been forged between Fairhavens and these new parents and we are always delighted to receive reports of how well 'our' babies adjust to their new families.

our vision for growth

Fairhavens Babies Home was originally housed on the premises of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Durban North, which provided a safe environment for the children and easy access for caregivers and volunteers. In April 2010 Indlela purchased a property in Kensington Drive, enabling Fairhavens to relocate to more spacious premises that offer increased opportunities for the community to get actively involved. Our vision is to establish further homes, increasing our ability to cope with the large number of abandoned children.

how you can help fairhavens

Fairhavens is dependent on volunteers, donors and companies who can support us in a number of ways.

- Financial or practical support for our overhead costs which include:
 - staff salaries
 - vehicle running costs
 - equipment repairs & replacement
 - medical expenses
 - overheads such as telephone and electricity costs
- Donations of consumables used, including:
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Toiletries, nappies, etc
- Professional medical services rendered at reduced cost , e.g. paediatric, physiotherapy, occupational therapy
- Volunteer carers – our babies thrive on the love and attention they receive from volunteer caregivers. Both babies and carers benefit from the emotional bonding that results from spending as little as an hour at Fairhavens loving these abandoned children
- Donations towards our fund for the purchase of more Fairhavens homes.

“ the test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children. ”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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