

**The MKI Health Satellites, in collaboration with Clover Mama Afrika are located nationwide throughout South Africa; totaling 32 in number:**

**House of Mercy, operated by Mama Daphne  
Worcester  
Western Cape**

Mama Daphne Oliphant has been running House of Mercy for over 8 years and cares for 53 children. Children use the excuse of not having the necessary uniforms and stationery to stay away from school. For Mama Daphne this is not a good reason and she ensures that the children receive the bare necessities to attend school. She also runs a soup kitchen, teaches sewing, hosts Sunday school classes and attends to HIV and TB patients.



**IkhayaIthemba Village and Nceduluntu Educare Centre, operated by Mama Lumka  
Somerset West  
Western Cape**

Mama Nomaqumru Lumka of IkhayaIthemba Village and Nceduluntu Educare Centre in Somerset West is well known as Mama Lumka and is our latest Mama to join the sisterhood. Mama Lumka is an exceptional woman who, despite her lowly beginnings and lack of education, has achieved in 10 years what most people of privileged backgrounds are unable to do in a lifetime. Her job entails caring and nurturing small children from the community who have become orphaned through HIV/Aids, abandoned because of physical or mental disability or have been rescued from an abusive home.



She began her project in December 1995 in her small 2 roomed house in Nomzamo by advertising child daycare facilities. The advert was a simple handwritten cardboard sign which she hung on the fence outside her home. Today the Nceduluntu Educare Centre cares for 65 children. By 2001 Mama Lumka was becoming increasingly aware of the need for an additional facility where small children could be cared for on a full-time basis. With the support from local businesses and individuals, the IkhayaIthemba Village was built and cares for 20 children aged between infancy and 10 year olds on a full time basis.

**Khayaletu Care Centre, operated by Mama Selestien  
Montagu  
Western Cape**

Mama Selestien Moses together with dedicated caregivers collectively cares for more than 300 children and 83 elderly on a daily basis in the Ashbury, Montagu region situated in the Western Cape. They also work closely with the local welfare department and offer a counselling service to abused children.



**Ubuhle Babantwana Care Centre, operated by Mama Pumla  
Cape Town  
Western Cape**

Mama Pumla Gigi looks after 125 children. "Let the children come to me," is Pumla's approach to life. She is a warm and caring person who has done so much with the little she has. The children in her care are educated, fed and entertained all day, everyday. The centre will never turn a parent away who cannot afford the small fee.



**Ebenezer Care Centre, operated by Mama Shirley  
Ennerdale  
Gauteng**

Ebenezer means "rock of hope" the woman behind the centre is Mama Shirley Merime. The centre cares for 66 children and 77 senior citizens and has been running for more than 13 years. Mama Shirley is affectionately known as 'Mother Teresa' by the residents as she truly believes that the needs of others are more important than her own.



**Abangani Enkosini, operated by Mama Portia  
Alexandra  
Gauteng**

In the centre of Alexandra is an organisation that cares for more than 320 orphans who have lost their parents to HIV/Aids. Mama Portia Mongake started Abangani Enkosini in 1997 with the aim of eliminating social indifferences within the community.



**Self-help Day Care, operated by Florence  
Bloemfontein  
Free State**

Mama Florence Nyakiso is a housewife, mother, granny and a foster care mother of two children. She is dedicated to providing a safe haven for children that was left unattended while their parents were at work within her community. In 1995 she started Self-Help Day Care and with the help of 2 caregivers and 4 teachers she nurtures and educates more than 163 children.



**Vukani Traditional Centre, operated by Mama Thokozile  
Ixopo  
Kwazulu Natal**

Chief Thokozile was born and raised in Ofafa and did her schooling in Empageni, she married Chief Ndlovu at a young age. Not being able to have children of her own, her husband did seek another woman and had a son. He was killed in the 1991 violence and being their tradition, she had to take over the responsibility of looking after and raising his illegitimate son who is to become chief when he turns 25. Until then, she was selected as Chief by her community and took over full responsibilities from 1994.



**Good Hope Community Organisation, operated by Mama Mary  
Mabopane  
North West Province**

Mama Mary Lwate, founder of the Good Hope Community Organisation is our newest member to join the sisterhood. Mama Mary is situated in Winterveld, Mabopane and is an inspirational woman. She started the Good Hope Community Organisation in 1997 to care for abandoned and abused children. Her extended family has grown from 18 girls to over 150 children aged new born to 20 years. The crèche alone has 44 children and these children are cared for on a full time basis. In addition to caring for the children, Mama Mary ensures that they attend school and teaches them skills such as baking, dressmaking and knitting. The centre also has a beadwork project that produces decorative items and jewellery.



**Mpumalanga Christian Network, operated by Mama Esther  
Nelspruit  
Mpumalanga**

Mama Esther Nkosi's home is based on an old military ground. She looks after 94 children with an aim to house and care for homeless and poor children while providing a good education.



**Amadea Safe House for Children, operated by Mama Rina  
Pretoria North  
Gauteng**

In Pretoria, Mama Rina Malan's aim is to provide a safe environment for every child who is abused, neglected or suffering from HIV/Aids. Rina believes that "children need to be nurtured to build their creative, intellectual and physical growth." Mama Rina cares for 15 children and loves them as if they were her own. She also mentors and empowers members of the Soshanguve Community.



**Shalati Drop in Centre, operated by Mama Dorah  
Polokwane  
Limpopo**

Mama Dorah Semenya started the Shalati (meaning patience) Drop in Centre in May 2006 when she noticed that many neighbours were dying, leaving the children unattended or in the care of abusive relatives and guardians. She could not bear to see these children hanging around doing nothing, avoiding going to school and not eating properly.



**Siyazigabisa, Home of Hope, operated by Mama Gab'sile  
Johannesburg  
Gauteng**

In the heart of Tembisa Mama Gab'sile Khoza looks after more than 40 abused and abandoned children. Gab'sile herself was a victim of abuse at an early age and now dedicates her life to providing these children with education, food, clothes and loving supervision.



**Bahle Care Centre, operated by Bahle  
Durban  
Kwazulu Natal**

Mama Bahle Ngcobo, founder of the Bahle Care Centre has left behind a legacy of upliftment and goodwill over to Eunice Dlamini. The centre looks after more than 1510 orphaned, abused and HIV/Aids affected children and 516 elderly. They bring new hope to the elderly of Umlazi by teaching them to help her care for the young ones.



**Tyilulwazi Centre for the Disabled, operated by Mama Albertina  
Alexandria  
Eastern Cape**

Mama Albertina Bloko started her centre for disabled children in February 2005 and cares for 50 children and young adults. The main reason for her to start the care centre was that she found that disabled children were being isolated and hidden away by their families.



**Helping Hands Centre, operated by Mama Priscilla  
Wellington  
Western Cape**

Mama Priscilla Simons of Carterville, Wellington started her centre "Helping Hands" six years ago, she cares for 92 children with the youngest aged 18 months. She currently shares her house with 18-orphaned children. Apart from providing the children in her care with meals, she also ensures that their family receives breakfast every morning.



**Hosanna Community Church and Projects, operated by Mama Sipuwe  
Hazyview  
Mpumalanga**

Mama Sipuwe Solomons of Shabalala in Hazyview a nurse and midwife, saw the overwhelming need for feeding and caring for the many vulnerable children in her area. She provides a feeding scheme for orphans, hospice, and home base care to 139 children aged between 8 and 14. She also provides for the unemployed adults, skills training such as gardening and sewing as well adult literacy. She started Hosanna Community Church and Projects in 2008 with the help and support of her husband Solly. Mama Sipuwe's mission is to cultivate a HIV/Aids free community by providing a good quality health care service to the poor and needy of the grater Hazyview area.



**Zanempilo Projects, operated by Mama Doris  
Keiskammahoek (1.5 hours from East London)  
Eastern Cape**

Mama Doris Ndingane is well known for her dynamic character as she runs no less than three community projects; dairy, poultry and food plot (10000sqm). She manages over 30 community members specifically women and has involved the youth in the food plot project.



**Lesedi la Thuto Centre, operated by Mama Rosemary  
Free State  
Bloemfontein**

Mama Rosemary Machogo is the founder of the centre and cares for 120 children between the ages of three and seven years old. Rosemary uses the Asset Mapping concept to give the children an advantage in terms of early education and development. Mama Rosemary is also involved in fieldwork on women's development and gender sensitive crime prevention research.



**Siphathiswe Educare Centre, operated by Mama Agnes  
Mossel Bay  
Eastern Cape**

Agnes Mhlahlo is incredible and truly remarkable, at age 81 she is dedicated to her vision of keeping children off the streets. She feeds and nurtures 300 children aged from newborn to 6 years old. She also provides an all important basic education platform for the pre-school children.



**Seki Women's Foundation, operated by Mama Pella  
Port Elizabeth  
Eastern Cape**

Mama Pella Bono is a pillar of strength for the New Brighton community; she established the Seki Women's Foundation in January 2004 and with the assistance of 15 volunteers they provide meals to more than 260 children and elderly people, Mama Pella also attends to 25 HIV patients on a daily basis.



**Tshepang Programmes for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children, operated by Mama Susan  
Princess  
Roodepoort**

Mama Zakhe (Susan) Rammekwa of Tshepang Programmes for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children situated in Princess, Roodepoort.

Susan, who is fondly known as Zakhe, gave up a directorship position with the Social Welfare Department to start her own organisation. "I had to start my own centre and implement a system that works," she says.

Mama Zakhe cares for 250 children on a daily basis, has a feeding scheme for over 20 adults and elderly people and sustains her community through organic gardens. She is assisted by 23 fulltime caregivers and also tends to child-headed households in the nearby informal settlement.

Her centre also provides employment for five members with a sewing project and this is where Clover Mama Afrika will be able to help her become even more sustainable. In addition, Mama Zakhe is excited about implementing the Siyabonga bread oven project and food garden.



**Ikemiseng Creche & Pre School, operated by Mama Alinah  
Welkom  
Free State**

On the outskirts of Welkom is Mama Alinah Marumo, the founder of Ikemiseng Creche which has been running since 1989. Mama Alinah cares for 120 children aged 0 to 6 years. Her motto is "let them stand for themselves to face the future".



**Oasis Centre, operated by Mama Mary  
Upington  
Northern Cape**

Mama Mary Visage cares for 77 children and adults that are physically and mentally disabled. She provides daily activities and training for each of her members and produces beautiful items that are sold to tourists. Her projects include food plot, sewing, baking and craft work.



**Bangwaketsi Ba Rra Motingwe Centre, operated by Mama Dinah  
Castello Farm  
North West**

Mama Dinah Mogale of Bangwaketsi ba rra Motingwe Centre situated in Rysmierbult, Ventersdorp district, North West is dedicated to empowering women in her community. She started her needlework project in 2005 and in conjunction with the North West University Mama Dinah has been able to encourage training for more than 20 members. They produce Christmas decorations and various other items such as embroidered placemats. Joining Clover Mama Afrika will enable her to receive the much needed follow-up training to be able to produce an extended range of products.



**Ncedisizwe Pre School, operated by Mama Dorah  
Potchefstroom  
North West**

Mama Dorah Tshabalala is the proverbial sponge that soaks up every bit of knowledge she can. She never had the opportunity to go to school, yet many years later she opened the doors of her own pre-school. Mama Dorah cares for 30 children between the ages of six months and five years. She not only feeds them on a daily basis but also teaches them the basics of reading and writing.



**New Era Creche, operated by Mama Glenrose  
East London  
Eastern Cape**

Mama Glenrose Mashiga cares for 65 children on a daily basis. Situated in Mdantsane in East London which is Africa's second largest township, Mama Glenrose saw a great need for children to be cared for whilst their parents are at work or looking for employment. She charges a minimum fee per month per child but has never turned away a parent who cannot afford the fee.



**Njongozethu Support Group, operated by Mama Noxolo  
East London  
Eastern Cape**

Mama Noxolo Ndzimela has taken over from Mama Veronica at Njongozethu Support Group. Mama Noxolo is a dynamic 22 year who has been working at the centre for many years. Mama Noxolo's attitude is to get the job done, she is respected by her fellow caregivers and has a passion to care for the children. She has good insight to improving the current skills implemented at the centre (i.e. bread baking, sewing and food gardens).



**Thusano Educare, operated by Mama Annie  
Heilbron  
Free State**

Mama Annie Qibi is a dynamic person who does not settle for less than the best for her community. She has been running Thusano (meaning Help) Educare since 1991 when there were only 10 children in her care. Today Mama Annie, together with five teachers nurtures and educates over 120 children, aged 1 to 5 years old.



**Vutomi I Nyiko Stimulation Centre, operated by Mama Felicity  
Meadowland  
Soweto**

Young Mama Felicity Maluleke has taken over the legacy of Mama Linah who passed away in June 2009. Thanks to Mama Linah's care and guidance, Felicity who has been working at the centre for four years was able to gain an abundance of knowledge to care for the disabled children of the centre. Mama Felicity shares the passion and dedication of caring for those who cannot care for themselves. "I want to provide these children a safe and secure environment and will continue to find our own premises so that we can have a place we can call home." Says Mama Felicity.



At 23, she faces many challenges but has the determination to carry on the good work that Mama Linah started.

**Ubombo Children's Care Village, operated by Mama Dawn  
Ubombo  
Kwazulu Natal**

Mama Dawn Irons cares for 35 abused and orphaned children of all ages on a day-to-day basis and has 18 additional orphaned children who are permanently based at the centre. She also provides after care supervision to local school going children and assists them with their education as well as teaches and encourages them with extramural activities such as sports, arts and crafts. Over and above this she runs an outreach programme for 300 children and 7 households in the rural area of Ubombo.



**Baphumelele Children's Home, operated by Mama Rosie  
Cape Town  
Western Cape**

Baphumelele means "progress" in Xhosa, Mama Rosie Mashale provides a safe and loving haven for more than 120 children who would otherwise face a life on the streets of Khayelitsha. Mama Rosie is dedicated to caring for the children with the aid of 45 caregivers working in 24 hour shifts, seven days a week.

