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GOOD HOPE CENTRE

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The Good Hope Centre was started in January 2007. A corrugated covered area at one of the block of flats was used as the setting of the Centre. With the assistance of the local municipality, and particularly the support of the municipal officials Elmarie and Isabelle, the covered area was enclosed by brick walls. In the beginning it was a struggle to survive, particularly because of a lack of money and the required educational programmes. However, with the help of teacher students from the Pretoria University with the afternoon classes, the support of the community and loyal members of staff the Centre slowly grew and provided in a huge need of the community.

The vision of the Good Hope Centre is to provide the children with a positive and safe environment with opportunities to acquire a sufficient level of school readiness. The Centre's biggest wish is to become an attainable and sustainable pre-primary institution with a positive financial situation within five years.

Good Hope Centre is under the management of Bridgette Mackay as head and she is assisted by six assistants. None of the members of staff are fully qualified but they are continuously improving their own competencies. There are 23 learners in grade R and 27 in the earlier classes. The Centre consists of one classroom and a basic playground.

The Good Hope Centre is governed by a parent-teacher government body of ten members, each with a particular responsibility. The Centre experienced very positive attitudes and support from the local community and the municipality.