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A THEMBALITSHA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



AGAPE EDUCARE

Providing Education and Loving Care



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MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

WE ARE HOPE RESTORERS. WE ARE THEMBALITSHA.

The Thembalitsha Foundation has been working with communities in South Africa since 1997, inspiring change and offering a hand-up rather than a handout. We are a diverse team of people, committed to addressing the socioeconomic challenges of the vulnerable and marginalised people of the Western Cape through healthcare, education and training.

OUR MISSION is to transform the lives of the destitute, forgotten and vulnerable in South Africa through educational, health and training projects. OUR VISION is to restore hope and develop people to a point of self-reliance. Our CORE ORGANISATIONAL VALUES are Teamwork, Integrity, Compassion, Stewardship, Professionalism, and Loyalty.

THEMBALITSHA FOUNDATION

Thembalitsha Foundation is a registered Non-Profit Organisation that was established in 1997 in South Africa.

Thembalitsha operates in the Western Cape, in Somerset West, Strand, Stellenbosch, and Grabouw. The Foundation is committed to addressing the socio-economic challenges of vulnerable and marginalised people of South Africa by developing them to the point of self-reliance through the provision of healthcare, education and training in order to restore new hope.

Thembalitsha Foundation has seven community-based programmes, including two recently launched initiatives. Our services are open to all people in need. These services embody our core values of empowerment, development and social uplifting in order to effect positive change.

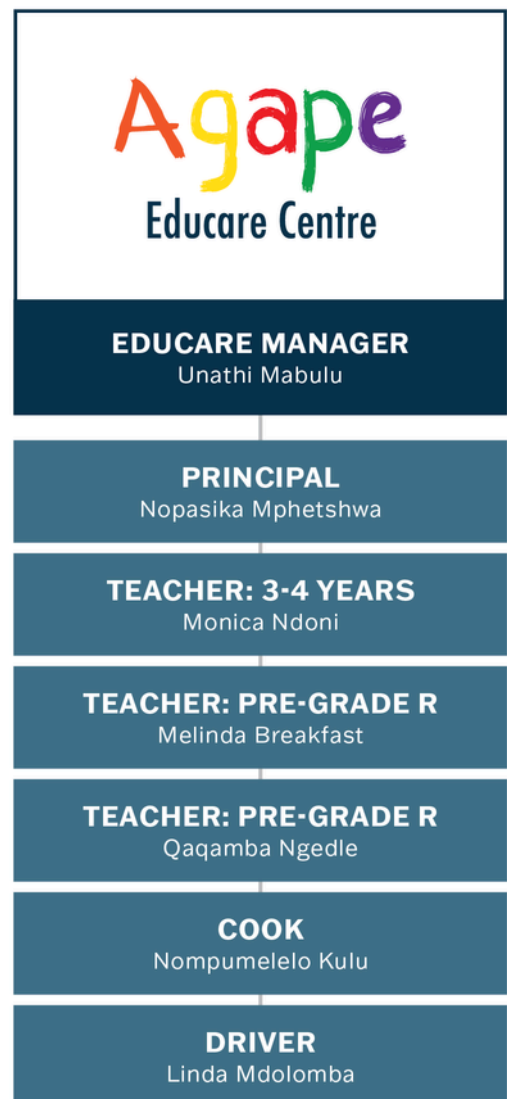
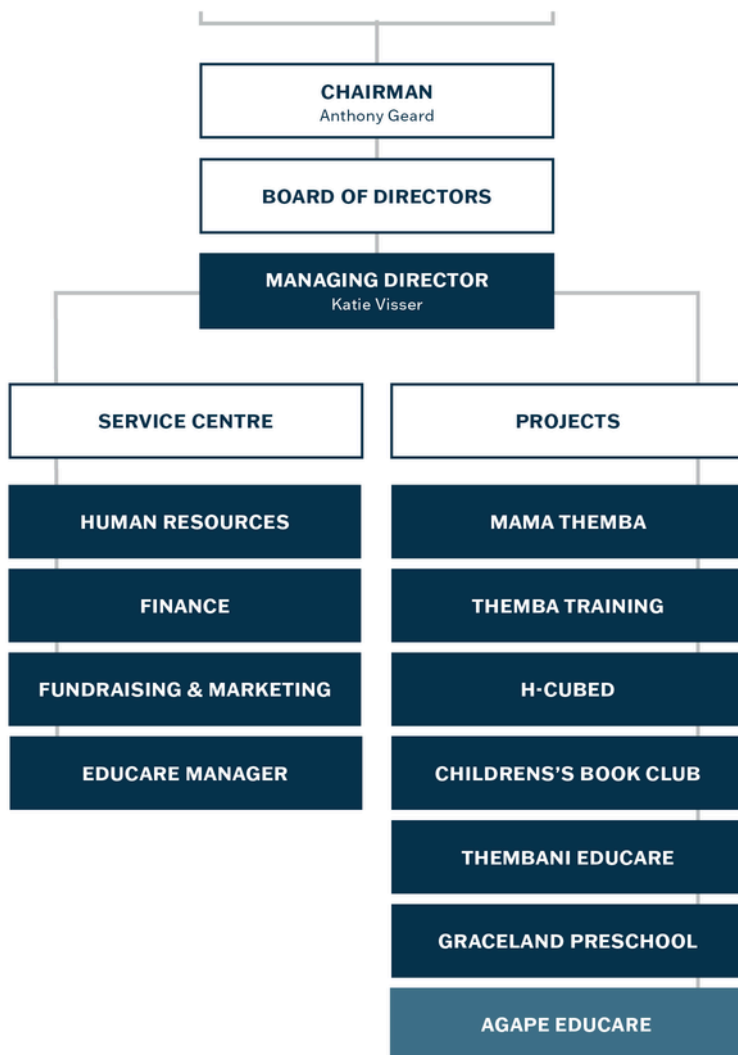
Thembalitsha's initiatives in health, training, and education equips individuals with the necessary skills, motivating their beneficiaries to contribute to their own communities, impacting positively on the economic and social well-being of South Africa.



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WHO IS AGAPE EDUCARE

Agape Educare is one of Thembalitsha Foundation's community-based early childhood development (ECD) centres, located in the informal settlement of Asanda Village, Nomzamo, Cape Town. Founded in 2011 by local Nomzamo pastors, Agape was established with the goal of removing young children from unsafe street environments and providing them with a safe, nurturing space for learning. Agape offers a foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing children between the ages of 3-5 years through a holistic approach to early education.

Our mission is to bring hope through excellent preschool education, empowering vulnerable learners from under-resourced communities by preparing them for success at school and in life. Agape focuses on holistic child development—supporting the physical, emotional, intellectual, and social growth of every learner in our care. By building a strong foundation, we aim to instil a lifelong passion for learning and equip children to become confident, self-reliant individuals

OUR MOTIVATION

WHAT WE DO:

Agape Educare offers a structured early learning programme for children aged 2 to 5. Our qualified team teaches essential skills aligned with the Department of Social Development's guidelines. Learning takes place in a safe, caring environment that combines education with play, creativity, and nutrition. Every child receives at least one nutritious meal daily, and indoor and outdoor activities support their holistic growth.

We focus on building curiosity, self-confidence, and social skills. Our curriculum includes values like self-care, caring for others, and making a positive impact in the community. Through this approach, we prepare children for formal schooling while fostering emotional and physical well-being.

At Agape Educare, preschoolers engage with the BelaCoo learning app on laptops provided by the Foundation, enjoying playful, interactive lessons that strengthen literacy, numeracy, cognitive skills, and early digital habits such as navigating a mouse and caring for the equipment they use.

WHY WE DO IT:

We believe the early years are crucial to shaping a child's future. Research shows that up to 50% of a person's intellect is developed by age four, and early education significantly affects long-term learning and behaviour. Without structured care, many children in communities like Nomzamo are left unsupervised while their parents work, putting them at risk and missing vital stages of development.

Agape was founded to respond to this need—providing a safe, stimulating environment where children are encouraged to thrive. Our classrooms offer more than learning; they provide care, structure, and joy during the most critical years. By delivering accessible and nurturing education, we help bridge the gap for disadvantaged children, giving them the tools to succeed in school and in life.

We envision every learner becoming a confident, capable individual who contributes meaningfully to their community.



Key Educational Milestones Reached

RECOGNISING & KNOWING
THEIR NAME & SURNAME

COUNTING FROM 1 - 10

UNDERSTANDING VOLUME

UNDERSTANDING NIGHT & DAY

UNDERSTANDING TIME

NAMING & IDENTIFYING COLOURS

SHARING & TAKING TURNS

GROUP PLAY

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS

WALKING BACKWARDS

TUMBLING, SKIPPING,
& HOPPING FORWARD

GROSS & FINE MOTOR SKILL

COPYING SHAPES & LETTERS

CUTTING WITH SCISSORS

COLOURING WITHIN THE LINES

BALL SKILLS

AGAPE EDUCARE IS ABLE TO OFFER:

AGAPE EDUCARE OFFERS A SAFE, CARING SPACE WHERE CHILDREN ENGAGE IN STRUCTURED EARLY LEARNING THAT NURTURES EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

- **SKILLED AND QUALIFIED STAFF:**
delivering a Childhood Development programme that meets the standards set by the Department of Education.
- **AGE-APPROPRIATE, STRUCTURED LEARNING**
that supports cognitive, emotional, and social growth.
- **A SAFE AND NURTURING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:**
where children feel emotionally and physically secure.
- **NUTRITIOUS DAILY MEALS AND HEALTHY SNACKS**
to support children's growth, well-being, and ability to concentrate.
- **INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLAY OPPORTUNITIES**
that encourage exploration, creativity, and the development of fine and gross motor skills.
- **A HOLISTIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
that includes values-based education focused on self-care, care for the environment, and positive community interaction.

JOIN US

JOIN US IN RESTORING HOPE AND TRANSFORMING LIVES, BECAUSE TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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MAKING AN IMPACT

Pheletso Nrhune's Story of Impact & Hope:

In 2022, a little girl named Pheletso Nrhune walked through the doors of Agape Educare Centre for the first time. But Pheletso wasn't like most children starting school. She arrived as a sickly child, her energy drained, her appetite gone, and her spark seemingly dimmed. Her parents shared their concerns with the centre, explaining how she struggled to eat, even at home. They were desperate to see their daughter thrive.

From the very beginning, the team at Agape Educare knew that Pheletso's journey would require more than teaching it would require patience, love, and a deep commitment to her well-being. With open hearts, the staff embraced her challenges and made it their mission to nurture her back to health. The cook prepared nutritious meals carefully tailored to her needs, ensuring that every bite was packed with the goodness her body needed.

Slowly but surely, Pheletso began to respond. What her parents couldn't achieve at home, Agape's care and environment made possible. She started eating again, taking small but significant steps toward recovery. It wasn't just the food that made the difference. It was the love and encouragement she received from everyone at the centre.

As the months passed, Pheletso began to transform. Her once fragile frame grew stronger, and the sparkle returned to her eyes. But the most remarkable change was in her spirit. She began to love school, waking up each morning eager to learn, play, and explore.



Her parents, who had once moved her between different Educare centres in search of the right fit, knew they had found something special at Agape.

Pheletso successfully completed her Pre-Grade R class at Agape in 2024. She excelled in her school work, and her parents beam with pride at the confident, joyful child she has become. Pheletso's story is a testament to the power of patience, care, and a nurturing environment. It's a reminder that sometimes, all it takes is a little love and support to help a child overcome even the greatest challenges.

At Agape Educare, Pheletso found more than a school - she found a second family, a place where she could heal, grow, and shine. Her journey is far from over, but one thing is certain: Pheletso's future is bright, and Agape Educare will forever be a part of her story.