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A THEMBALITSHA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME



THEMBANI EDUCARE

An Early Start for a Brighter Future.



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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.

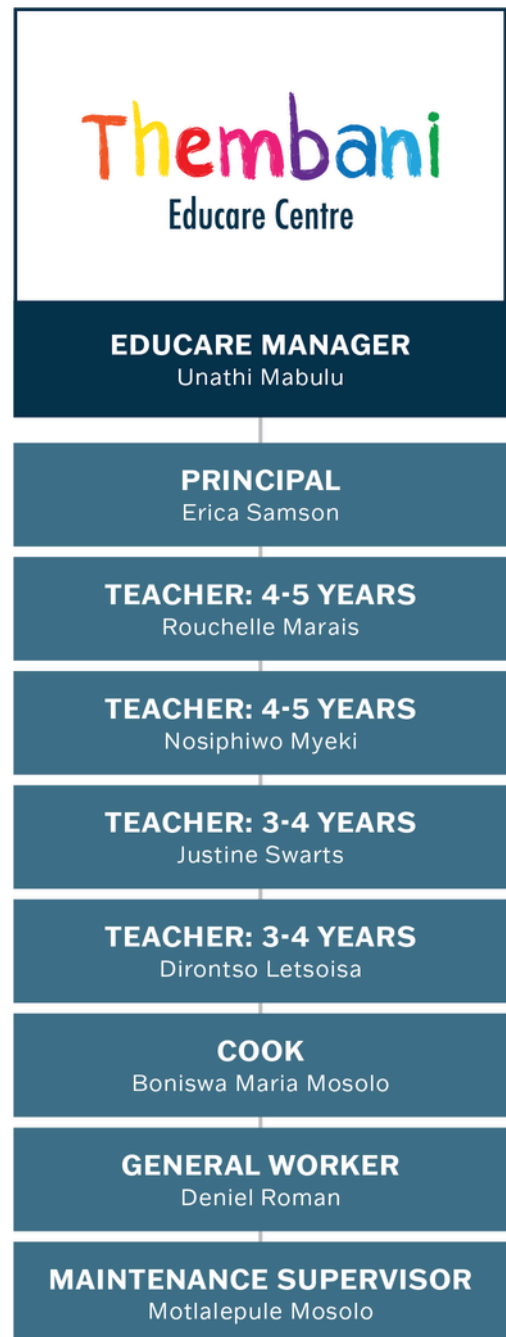
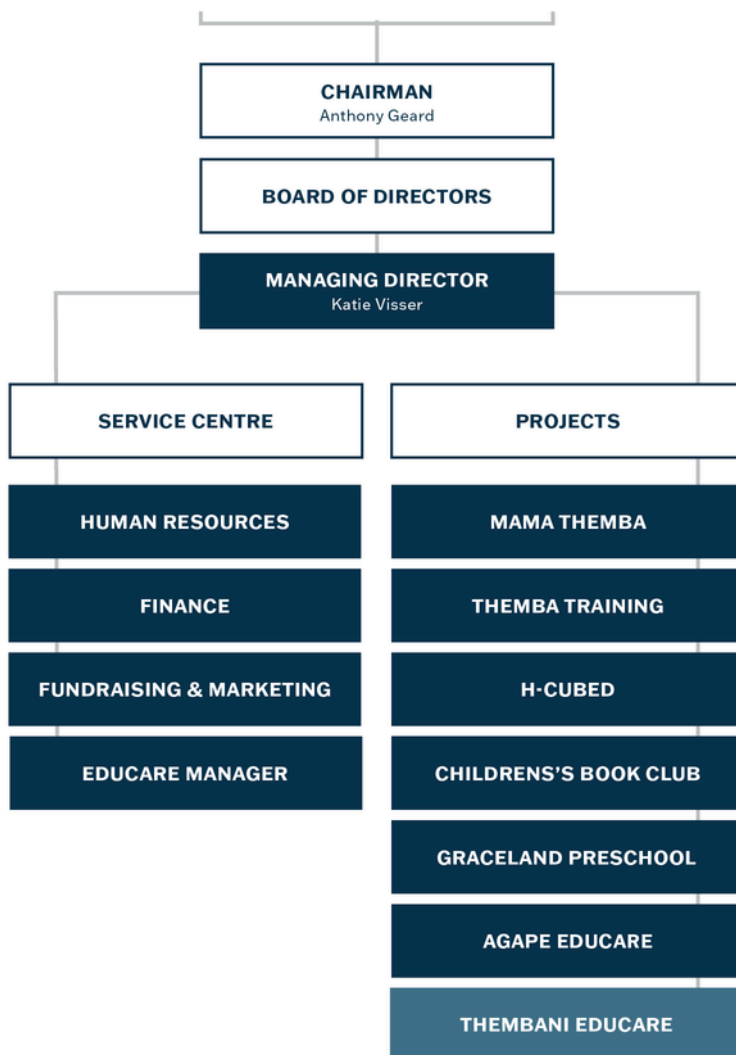
Thembalitsha's initiatives in health, training, and education equips individuals with the necessary skills, motivating their beneficiaries to contribute to their own communities, impacting positively on the economic and social well-being of South Africa.



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WHO IS THEMBANI EDUCARE

Thembani Educare is one of Thembalitsha Foundation's community-based Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, established to address the critical lack of quality early learning in under-resourced communities. Located in the heart of a densely populated neighbourhood, Thembani offers a foundation for lifelong learning by nurturing children between the ages of 3-5 years through a holistic approach to early education.

Since its inception in 2019, Thembani has grown from just a handful of learners to a full centre offering both preschool and Grade R classes. Our goal is to equip young children with the foundational tools needed for long-term academic and personal success. Through age-appropriate learning, nutrition, and emotional support, we aim to prepare each child for a confident transition into primary school and beyond.

OUR MOTIVATION

WHAT WE DO:

Thembani Educare offers a holistic, child-centred ECD programme that supports learners across key areas of development—emotional, physical, cognitive, sensory, and communicative. We provide a safe and welcoming environment where each child can grow at their own pace, supported by skilled educators and a caring routine.

Classes are designed to nurture curiosity, creativity, and resilience, while reinforcing early learning through play and structured activity. Our curriculum is aligned with the Department of Social Development's requirements and rooted in best practices for child development. In addition to academic readiness, we promote self-care, empathy, and positive peer interaction, laying a strong foundation for life-long learning and well-being.

WHY WE DO IT:

We believe that a strong educational foundation in the early years is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty and unlocking a child's full potential. Early childhood is a window of rapid brain development, where stimulation and nurturing have lasting effects on intelligence, behaviour, and emotional health.

In underserved communities, many children do not have access to consistent early education or a safe environment during the day. Without early intervention, these children face a greater risk of falling behind both academically and socially. Thembani Educare was established in direct response to these realities—to provide a place where young children are seen, supported, and given the tools to thrive.

By investing in the early development of each child, we are shaping confident individuals who will go on to contribute meaningfully to their communities. Our work is grounded in the belief that when children are empowered from the start, they are more likely to succeed in school—and in life.



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

THEMBANI EDUCARE IS ABLE TO OFFER:

THEMBANI EDUCARE PROVIDES A VIBRANT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUNG CHILDREN BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONS THROUGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL.

- **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.