

HUIS MAERUA NEWSLETTER

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**Safe, loving
children's
home**

About Us

A BRAND NEW WEBSITE FOR HUIS MAERUA CHILDREN'S HOME

YOUR GUIDE TO OUR STORY, OUR CHILDREN AND OUR IMPACT

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the brand-new Huis Maerua website!

Our new website has been created to give our supporters, partners, families and the wider community a beautiful and informative window into the heart of Huis Maerua. It is a place where you can learn more about who we are, the children we care for, the work we do and the programmes that help our children heal, grow and build a brighter future.

From our story and mission to our latest news, projects, needs and ways to get involved, the website makes it easier than ever to connect with Huis Maerua and become part of our journey.

This beautiful new platform would not have been possible without the incredible generosity and support of Teruza and Namhost.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to them for sponsoring the development of our website and for helping us strengthen the way we communicate our story to the world.

A website is more than just a page on the internet, it is a doorway into our home. Through it, we hope to share the stories of hope, resilience and transformation that happen every day at Huis Maerua.

Thank you, Teruza and Namhost, for investing in our vision and helping us tell our story.

We invite you to visit our new website, explore, learn more about our work and discover the many ways you can make a difference in the lives of the children at Huis Maerua.

A new website, a stronger connection and bigger opportunity to make an impact.



WHAT DOES IT REALLY COST TO KEEP A CHILDREN'S HOME RUNNING?

When we think about a children's home, we often think first about the children — their safety, their meals, their education, their smiles and their future, but behind every safe bed, warm meal and school uniform is a cost. Keeping a children's home operational is a daily responsibility that requires far more than simply providing a roof over a child's head.

At Huis Maerua, our children need a home that is safe, stable and nurturing — 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. That means electricity and water, food, medical care, education, transport, household supplies, maintenance, security, insurance and, most importantly, dedicated people who care for and support the children.

The cost goes far beyond the basics. The government subsidy currently contributes N\$473/month caring for a child. The balance must be covered through donations and



- community support. The reality is that the monthly cost of caring for one child can exceed N\$11,000 when all the necessities of residential care are considered and then there is a list of unexpected expenses. These are not luxuries. They are part of keeping a home functioning.

- A children's home cannot operate on good intentions alone. Caring for vulnerable children requires consistency. We cannot simply switch off the lights because funding is low, postpone



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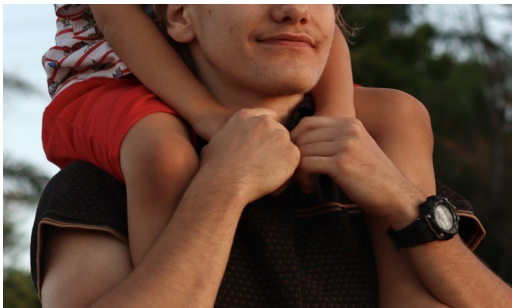
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a medical appointment, or tell a child that there is no money for their basic needs. The children depend on us every day and this is why community support is so important.

Every donation, whether large or small, contributes to creating stability. A monthly debit order can help towards recurring expenses. A company can sponsor a specific need. A business can donate goods or services. A church, school, family or community group can organise a fundraiser. When many people contribute what they can, the collective impact becomes significant.

You can help keep a home running. Supporting Huis Maerua is not simply about giving money to an organisation. It is about investing in a child's opportunity to grow up in a safe environment where they can heal, learn, develop confidence and prepare for adulthood.

There is no single donation that keeps a children's home running. It is the combined support of individuals, families, churches,



businesses and community partners that makes continued care possible.

A children's home is a community responsibility. When we choose to support vulnerable children, we are helping to ensure that their circumstances do not determine their future.

Every contribution matters. Every partnership matters. Every child matters.

WINDHOEK CHILD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

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BE PART OF THE JOY!

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS FOR CHILDREN 2026

This Christmas, don't just celebrate — make a difference!

WHEN: Friday, 30 October 2026 from 7am to 8am
WHERE: Choose any street corner and join the fun!

DRESS UP • COLLECT • HAVE FUN • MAKE AN IMPACT!

Gather your colleagues, dress up in your best Christmas spirit and help us raise funds for the children at Huis Maerua.

READY TO JOIN US? 083 332 5030 • admin@huismaerua.org

Yes We
Can! **Build it**

Build our
communities through
talent & hardwork

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WAT BETEKEN DIT OM 'N HUISOUER TE WEES?

MEER AS 'N WERK – DIT IS OM 'N KIND SE VEILIGE PLEK TE WEES

Om 'n huisouer by 'n kindershuis te wees, is 'n besondere roeping. Dit is nie bloot 'n werk waar jy na kinders omsien nie, dit is om elke dag deel te wees van 'n kind se lewe en om hulle te help om weer veilig, geliefd en waardevol te voel.

Baie van die kinders wat by Huis Maerua aankom, het reeds deur moeilike en traumatiese omstandighede gegaan. 'n Huisouer se rol is daarom baie belangrik. Deur 'n stabiele roetine, liefde, geduld en konsekwente grense help huisouers om 'n omgewing te skep waar kinders kan begin herstel en groei. Die werk gebeur dikwels in die klein, alledaagse oomblikke: om 'n kind soggens reg te kry vir skool, ontbyt te maak, met huiswerk te help, 'n traan af te vee of net stil te sit en luister.

- Dit vra geduld, emosionele volwassenheid, verantwoordelikheid en 'n hart vir kinders. Huisouers moet bereid wees om grense te stel, reëls konsekwent toe te pas en kinders te leer wat respek, verantwoordelikheid en goeie keuses beteken. By Huis Maerua glo ons dat kinders 'n huis nodig het, 'n plek waar hulle behoort, waar hulle versorg word en waar daar mense is wat in hulle glo.
- 'n Huisouer kry die voorreg om 'n kind te sien groei van onsekerheid na selfvertroue, van seerkry na hoop, en van 'n moeilike verlede na 'n toekoms vol moontlikhede. Jy hoef nie 'n kind se hele wêreld te verander nie. Soms is dit genoeg om die een persoon te wees wat elke dag daar is. 'n Huisouer gee nie net 'n huis nie – hulle help 'n kind om weer 'n tuiste in hul hart te vind.



WINDHOEK CHILD PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (WO 8/4)

VACANCY

HOUSE PARENTS WANTED

Huis Maerua Children's Home provides a safe, nurturing and supportive home for vulnerable children. We are seeking compassionate and responsible House Parents who uphold Biblical values and principles.

This is a live-in position requiring commitment, patience and a genuine passion for working with children.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a safe, structured and nurturing home environment.
- Support the children's emotional, physical and social development.
- Manage daily household routines, including meals, laundry and upkeep.
- Work closely with staff, social workers and other professionals.
- Participate in team meetings and training.

REQUIREMENTS

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Patience, empathy and resilience.
- Ability to handle challenging situations calmly.
- Team player with a willingness to learn.
- Valid driver's licence.
- Ability and willingness to live on site.

BENEFITS

- On-site accommodation.
- Competitive salary package including meals.
- Training and development opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY

Send your CV and cover letter to bestuur@huismaerua.org by 1 November 2026.

