

Harvest Time!



Mother Teresa Children's Centre (MTCC) Day Care have been learning about our community and how we grow our food. This has inspired activities like growing maize, role-play community jobs like market trading and outings to look around our environment which are learning rich opportunities! We've really enjoyed ourselves!



MTCC is very lucky to be a part of the Beehive Social Enterprise, which has great construction and tailoring teams offering jobs to local people.

They have made us a beautiful frame and canopy to ensure that we get to play outside all day regardless of the hot African sun or rainfall! And when we see great results we can be inspired to develop our own projects!!



News in numbers

MTCC currently has

- 115 children in our Day Care setting and is getting ready to take in more!
- 20 local nurseries we support with practice advice and book loans.
- Over 200 young carers registered with us and attending play sessions

Extended Schools Workers– Support for Children aged 6-14

Our Extended Schools Team graduated on 9th May 2014.

14 of these Diploma graduates will continue to build on this great project aiming to improve outcomes for our over-stretched local primary schools.

They are currently working with over 6000 children in 3 local schools in all curriculum areas.



Wongani supporting primary Literacy

Learning in small groups improves outcomes for primary school children. It's often impossible for teachers to give individual attention in classes of up to 120 children. The MTCC Extended Schools Team have a unique opportunity to make learning personal, creative and fun!



"Before he started going to Mother Teresa we had problems with communication. He used to fight. But when the chance came to start Mother Teresa there was an improvement!"
Parent of sponsored child in MTCC Day Care.

Trainee Care Givers

20 trainee Care Givers are completing their Diploma in Early Childhood Education.

A further 12 people have been recruited to support our growing numbers of children in Day Care!

Here Thoko and Shaibu learn about using local natural resources in 'treasure baskets' to encourage young children to explore materials.



Outreach Team

The Outreach Team have been working incredibly hard this term.

Some projects include:

- Cholera and Typhoid awareness assemblies for children and families
- The Book Project for families
- Activities for Young Carers
- Stay and Play sessions
- Parenting Classes
- Sessions to support parents to set up small businesses
- Practice and resource support for local nurseries
- Tisewere ndi Mabuku— a book sharing and literacy project for local families.



"I'm able to communicate with my children and they are able to understand what I'm trying to tell them. At first there was a communication breakdown." Parenting course participant



Special Educational Needs and Disability Provision

Our new SEN Coordinator Mcloud is not only supporting our Day Care children, but children who require additional support in local schools and nurseries and doing home visits and running groups for children who do not attend an educational setting.

20 families regularly attend our weekly group, including Grace and her mum (pictured), where we share tips on physio, general support and ideas.



"If it wasn't for Mother Teresa I would have been home alone with my child and I wouldn't have found any medical help. Mother Teresa has really helped me."

Ruth, Parent of child with cerebral palsy

The number of children that we reach in our community is growing fast. Between January and April 2014 we had contact with over **7000 children and parents/carers** in our community.

From assemblies and primary school support to health clinic drop ins and home visits, the team at Mother Teresa Children's Centre work hard to identify needs within the community and how best to address these.

We couldn't do this without our partners in Child Protection, local and regional health services, local and International sponsors for vulnerable children, Beehive Social Enterprise and our supporters around the world.



THANK YOU!



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