



# The House of Hope

It takes a village to raise a child

## Principles of the Organisation

### Children's Rights

We align ourselves to and use as a point of departure, the South African Constitution, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African charter on the Rights and welfare of the Child.

### Sustainability

Supporting local industries  
Environmental awareness  
Financial sustainability  
Food security

### Community Participation and Community Ownership

Participation of the community from the planning and building to the running of the centre  
Building community support systems for the children and their caregivers  
Developing criteria at the community level for the identification of children  
Coordination of services that reach children in need

### Support

Developing the child's capacity to support themselves in short and long term needs  
Encouraging the community in supporting the child to feel they belong

### Transparency/Accountability

To be an effective and trusted organisation/centre our goal is to be open, transparent and accountable. As we are a non-for-profit organisation, 100% of our funds will go towards the building development, projects and the running of the centre. The organisation remains independent but in line with the South African laws governing NGO's

### Partnerships and Coordinating Structures

Setting up coordinating structures with government services, AIDS councils, NGO's and community organisations to effectively meet the needs of the affected children.