

RED SAFE HOUSES



Bernard and Aiden recently visited the SA Cares Life/Safe Houses" in Hammanskraal. They were accompanied by Sanet Fagan (Manager of SA Cares) and her new assistant.

The group visited three Life/Safe houses in the Hammanskraa area on Friday June 3 and found that each House operates quite uniquely, one focuses on school children's transport and after school care, another on care to infants and toddlers only, another provides day and after school care as well as various support and training in various skills, including sewing and traditional dance, amongst others

The support provided to the local community differs depending on the service that the host is best able to provide based on his or her skills. The support from SA Cares is also structured around each safe houses individual needs, in some cases this includes building alteration amongst the other needs. SA Cares also provides monthly food parcels to 275 dependents every month!



Outside a red painted Life/Safe House that provides day care to infants and toddlers under 18 months



The group interacted with staff outside a Life House

On the ground they found it very different to what they had envisaged from the earlier discussions with the SA Cares staff but, all in all, the support the houses provide is clearly of great value to this community and the operation seems to be very well run. They were particularly impressed by the SA Cares Care Giver who is responsible for all three house in this section of Hammanskraal.

Both Bernard and Aiden were very surprised to find that these long established suburbs are still not supplied with running water and hence no sanitation.



The lady who runs one of the Life Houses displaying some of the examples of the sewing lessons,



SA Cares staff handing over the monthly food parcel to the staff at a Red Safe House,