

**Isaiah 58:10**

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your darkest hour will be like the noonday.

**SUPPORTING A CHILD**

Hunger is a growing problem, faced by 100's of children in the Germiston area and the weekly 'soup outreach' in the Germiston Anglican Parish to the informal settlements of Dukatole & Good Hope, has expanded from leaving soup for the orphans after school, to feeding many children . Dukathole is a severely impoverished area, with up to 25,000 people living in a 1.5 kilometre area. Surrounded by factories, whose effluents impact negatively on the environment, the majority of people lives in shacks without proper water, electricity and sanitation facilities and yet are situated in close proximity to the city centre.

We have found a company that specializes in producing the most cost effective food, rich in all the nutrients required to feed those facing starvation. For R100.00 per month you can support a hungry child who attends the Ekurhuleni School. This R100.00 will provide two meals and a nutritional milkshake every day. Together with the teachers from the Ekurhuleni (Dukatole) Primary School, the School Based Support Team and the Diocesan Child Advocates, we have identified over 200 orphans and vulnerable children and it is these children in need we are supporting. *Weekly food parcels* are sent home with these children being cared for by other family members and care givers. The distribution of the food parcels takes place at the school and is being controlled by members of the Parish team, the teachers and the Parish Child Advocates. To enable you to pray for and remember the child you support, the name, grade at school and birth date of your child will be given to you. The Diocesan child Advocates work with the families and children to help obtain birth certificates, child grants and to assist other ways.

This initiative is no longer a purely Anglican Church project, but many people attending Churches forming the Germiston 'Ministers Fraternal', as well as people & companies in the community, contribute and support the children at the school and in the Dukathole community. However the administration of the project continues to be held within the Anglican parish of Germiston. Our vision is to be able to feed all the pre-school siblings of our supported orphans and vulnerable children. The parish supports 2 creches in Dukathole & Good Hope in which many of these siblings are cared for & taught. For sustainability in feeding the children, those who wish to commit to 'support a child', must please undertake to do so for a calendar year, either a once off payment of R1200.00 or monthly installments of R100.00. This project has been successfully been in place for 14 years now.

**Debit order information:**

Standard Bank - Germiston

Account Holder: St Boniface Church- Soc Projects

Account no: 024398357

Branch code: 011642

Reference: "Support a Child"; please reference your name against your payment.

If you would like to **pay by cheque**, please make cheques payable to St Boniface Church- Soc Proj. Reference on the back of cheques: "Supporting a child." For more information contact Revd. Marlene Rodda on 082 644 4112; Sue Beadon 084 5171034