

# THE PARTNERSHIP

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## THE POWER OF GIVING

In 2003, when I first came to volunteer with YFC/KZN I entered the gates leading to the driveway of the Boys Shelter/YDC House. The YDC would be my home for the next four and a half months. The children welcomed me and offered to help with my bags. From the time I stepped out of the car, I was amazed at the kindness and helpfulness.

A few days later I met Derrick Mabaso and Thulani Nzimande who would give me guidance and supervision while I volunteered with the Residential and Community Team of Khayaletu. I met with the girls at the shelter where I would work. At that time there were 5 permanent children and 3 staff members and we grew together as if we were a family.

That family like atmosphere and the relationship with the group is what kept me wanting to continue my relationship with the children, staff and YFC. Although I also worked with the children in Northdale Community, I spent the bulk of my time at the girls shelter.

YFC enabled me to work with many children and families, staff and volunteers from all over the world and from different economic backgrounds. I was able to grow as a person, learn how powerful and uplifting children



are and how strong they can be in the many situations they faced.

The trip in 2003 was the start of a long relationship with not only staff but also children too. Through email, text messages and phone calls I was able to keep in touch and visa versa. Mum Thandi, Mum Khando, Derrick M, and Thulani were the staff members I kept in touch with over the years and 2 of the girls from the shelter but one passed away in 2009.

In 2008, I returned to PMB for a month to reunite with the family I had entered into 5 years prior. I was able to see 4 of the 5 girls I had worked with thanks to Derrick M. I was able to spend time with Mum Thandi, a woman I cared deeply about and looked up to as a mother, before she passed away [a few days after my departure]. I was very grateful God bought me back in time to spend time with her and in fact to spend time

with her and a child I had worked with who passed away that next year.

In 2010, I was able to return to YFC as an intern for four and a half months (May-Sept), thanks to Sally Mann. Although the process was long and stressful, I was able to complete the necessary hours I needed for my Graduate degree in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago. I picked YFC because I knew I was going to be able to reach out to children and their families in positive ways and also be able to learn from them. The support system I had was great! The family I entered was by my side and one of the children from 2003 was able to share her story with the current children and be of encouragement.

This internship was like none other because I was able to work in many areas of Khayaletu's projects. I worked in aftercare and

residential providing individual and group therapy sessions, mentoring, childcare, case management, home and school visits, delivery of food packages amongst other things. I have to say I was stretched spiritually and mentally. The situations and experiences I endured were life changing and eye opening.

Prayer and the support from those mentioned above helped me through the good and bad times during my internship. YFC is an organization that I will continue to keep in contact with. The mission is taken literally by the staff I worked with and have built relationships with.

Overall, my relationship with YFC over the past 7 years has been and continues to be a positive impact in my life because of the relationships that have come out of it and the learning experiences no one can take away from me.

*Tamika Rogers*



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# MARIEKE SHARES HER GIFTS AND TALENTS

Marieke came back to YFC after being home in the Netherlands for 4 months. She is again serving in the Khayaletu project. Marieke is a qualified school teacher using her God given gifts and abilities to serve children/youth in the Outreach, Shelter and Community Programs of Khayaletu with literacy and numeracy programs.

On Wednesdays, Marieke meets with boys from the Outreach Program. She gives each child individual attention and tailors her tutoring to the needs of each child. Each child does mathematics and literacy. She uses creative approaches in tutoring such as games with the alphabet, cross

words puzzles etc.

On a Monday and Thursday Marieke teaches English and Mathematics to grade 4's at Russell Primary School in Sabanto. The teacher identifies learners that need extra time and personal tutoring and support, and this creates an opportunity for Marieke to tutor these children at the school.

Marieke also tutors a young boy in the boys shelter with reading and spelling.

She is passionate and patient and her love and belief in each child is evident in the time, patience and creativity she uses to develop each child.



Marieke teaching boys from the Outreach Program

# GIVING IN LOVE

A heartfelt thanks to the three generation group of men from St. Martins Church who spent the entire day on 9 October 2010 fixing, painting and assembling all that they could do at our Durban premises. The love of Christ and joy in serving is evident in their lives. It is also contagious! Serving us with the love of Christ is a huge encouragement to staff/volunteers at Youth for Christ. We are thankful for the partnership we have with St. Martins Church and for the manner in which each man used his gifting/skill to serve us and support our vision.



# DO IT DAY 2010

On 15 October 2010 [DO IT DAY 2010], a group of enthusiastic employees from SGS Environmental Services arrived at Youth for Christ Durban office in their branded t-shirts and coloured bandanas offloading paint tins, brushes, ladders etc, very eager to get to work to beautify our premises! The group worked extremely hard with a positive energy and spirit. We have benefited GREATLY from DO IT DAY 2010 and are extremely thankful to SGS Environmental Services for choosing to DO IT for us at YFC/KZN.

# YFC GIVING TIME AND ENERGY

Saturday 23 October was a clean up day at the Durban premises. For those who were not part of our clean up day - you missed out on a wonderful day. We worked really hard, but we did it together and the results were great. Thank you YFC team - I am proud to be part of a team that works so well together.

*Sally Mann*



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