

# YFC

KWA-ZULU NATAL



## YOUTH FOR CHRIST KWAZULU-NATAL

Youth for Christ KwaZulu Natal (YFC/KZN) was founded in May 1985 and is affiliated to its national body, YFC South Africa. The primary objective is to develop children and youth holistically – i.e. develop them mentally, socially, physically and spiritually. The communities served by YFC/KZN are mostly townships, informal settlements and peri-rural areas where there is high unemployment and HIV infection, sexual abuse and rape, domestic violence, poverty and a lack of basic amenities.

**Khayaletu (Pietermaritzburg) and Tennyson House** (Durban) work with children, youth and their families struggling with poverty and unhealthy lifestyles, such as life on the streets. Outreach (Street work) connects with young people currently living & struggling with street life. Residential Care (Khayaletu has a boys & girls shelter and Tennyson House has a girls shelter) provides temporary housing as young people take part in rehabilitation programs and are prepared to be reunited with their families or placed into alternative permanent care. In communities the projects serve children and youth through the drop in centres, empower out of school youth, and support families in self sustaining projects. Family Care Unit provide monitoring and support to children and their families once they have returned home. The aim is to reunite children with their families and hold families together within communities.

**Internship** provides opportunities for young people to actively participate in their own holistic development, through a combination of work experience, training and personal development programs. This includes developing skills to equip them for future employment and/or study while also learning to serve others, set and work towards achievable goals, learning about themselves and developing greater understandings through learning to think in different and creative ways. **Youth Development Centre** is an international volunteer program which provides opportunities for young adults from abroad to travel to South Africa to serve in the projects of YFC/KZN, working with at-risk and disadvantaged children and youth.

**May'Khethele** is an uMgungundlovu District based schools project serving orphans, children and youth made vulnerable due to HIV and AIDS. The project aims to support and care for orphans and vulnerable children and youth through the school as well as family and community intervention. May'khethele works in schools, community household economic strengthening program and runs a youth development centre. The project is geared towards a holistic community development approach.

**Change Agents** is a Durban Metropolitan based schools project working in HIV/AIDS prevention. The project works through peer education programmes, create awareness through performing arts and promote positive behavioural change in the areas of personal development, gender, sexual and reproductive health and HIV and AIDS. In the interest of an inclusive strategy, out of school youth are developed in prevention of HIV/AIDS through community involvement and income generation activities.

**The Bridge Project** is a vibrant project funded by FHI360 to community enhancing services in the Durban and surrounding area. The project offers Youth Economic Strengthening to In and Out of school youth and not forgetting the caregivers. Our team is dedicated to delivering quality assured programs that include; Financial Capability, Employability, Entrepreneurship and Support to Access Tertiary Education. All this is done to promote economic sanctuary to our fellow beneficiaries.