

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

Impact Statement

GBTSA serves vulnerable youth in South Africa who face abuse. Through our work we provide a place of safety. Majority of our Alumni are economically active regardless of the high youth unemployment. This matters as it creates a domino effect across generations and communities.



*Stronger Children.
Brighter Communities.*



THE CHALLENGE

Vulnerable children and youth in South Africa face abuse, neglect and abandonment.



Exposure to violence and trauma



Family breakdown and instability



Interrupted education and limited opportunities



Harmful social influences



Social exclusion and risk of long-term poverty



OUR INPUTS



Skilled and caring people



Safe facilities and resources



Psychosocial and therapeutic resources



Education and skills partners



Government and statutory partners (DSD, SAPS, Education, Health, Justice)



Donors, funders and community partners



Case management, evidence and learning systems.



OUR PROGRAMME JOURNEY

A holistic, child-centred approach across three stages.

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ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT

Service System & Protection Ecosystem



- Referral, screening and assessment
- Safe and legal placement ≤
- Multi-agency collaboration
- Family involvement in care planning

Goal:
Children are safely placed in appropriate care within 7 days.

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IN CARE

Safe Care, Healing, Education & Development



- Safe care and basic needs
- Psychosocial support and emotional healing
- Education and skills development access
- Youth development and transition to independent living

3

REINTEGRATION

Family, Community & Socioeconomic Reintegration



- Family and community reintegration
- Further education, employment and independence
- Ongoing aftercare and alumni support
- Systems strengthening and advocacy

OUR OUTPUT AND OUTCOMES



PROTECT

Safety and legal care

Children are safe and protected from harm.



HEAL

Emotional wellbeing and resilience

Children and youth experience improved mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.



DEVELOP

Education, skills and confidence

Children and youth access quality education and develop the skills and confidence for their future.



EMPOWER

Life skills and economic readiness

Young people build life skills, gain work readiness and pursue further opportunities.



REINTEGRATE

Family, community and social inclusion

Children, youth and alumni are successfully reintegrated, included and supported to thrive.



THRIVE

A brighter future for generations

Alumni are economically active and contribute to stronger families and communities



AGE-SENSITIVE TRANSITION PATHWAYS

Under 16

Family/community reintegration with psychosocial wellbeing and school engagement.

16 – 18 years

Independent-living pathway focused on employability and economic readiness during the 18 – 36 month programme cycle.

18+ (Alumni)

Sustained independence through livelihoods, higher education or entrepreneurship.



OUR LONG-TERM IMPACT

Children and young people reintegrate safely into supportive family and community life, move toward independent and socially responsible adulthood, and contribute to breaking intergenerational cycles of trauma, violence, neglect and poverty.

Within three years of programme completion:

≥ 88%
of alumni are economically active.

60%
report sustained financial independence.