



HEARTS • HANDS • MINDS  
for Vulnerable Children  
in South Africa



**“At Home from Home,  
it really is all about our  
children and giving them  
the time and space to  
just be kids.”**

**– Jane Payne, Co-founder**

# Hearts Hands Minds

## Service Partner – Home From Home

South Africa’s HIV/AIDS epidemic is breaking apart families and leaving millions of children orphaned and vulnerable. While the government’s response has been slow and ineffective, there are South African citizens who have made it their mission to care for these children.

**Home from Home**, founded in 2005, is a South African foster care agency that creates safe environments where children without families can still share the love and warmth of a family—a home away from home. Today, Home from Home:

- Operates 17 homes in 8 urban communities in the Western Cape Province
- Encourages support from the local community in the care of the children
- Ensures that children continue in their education and receive proper healthcare
- Seeks long-term care for the children by identifying family members and, where possible, integrating children back into their own families

## Tremendous Hearts’ Work

In the next year, Home from Home will open 6 more homes in Cape Town and expand its service area to the Eastern Cape Province. To help the organization develop its staff and create a robust infrastructure to support this growth, Tremendous Hearts sent volunteer Marilyn Votaw.

Marilyn has gained more than 25 years of experience developing people, programs and infrastructure, working for organizations like Arthur Andersen, Keane, Inc., Nortel Networks and City Year. She is also an effective community relationship builder and fundraiser. Marilyn is now applying that experience at Home from Home. She has given more than 1,000 hours consulting on staff and volunteer needs, and creating and documenting new systems and processes to support growth.

Tremendous Hearts aims to provide more volunteers like Marilyn to South African agencies and organizations, like Home from Home. We are seeking volunteers experienced in counseling, medicine, fundraising, accounting, early childhood education and physical therapy to dedicate a year or more to serving South African orphans and vulnerable children.

**“Marilyn’s volunteer work with us is critical to realizing  
Home From Home’s mission to care for as many  
vulnerable children as possible.”**

**– Pippa Shaper, Co-founder**