

House Lesedi serves the whole of the North West Province and in many instances, babies are admitted from Gauteng as well.

The babies that are admitted come from the rural areas mostly from mothers who are living under circumstances in which it is not possible to raise a child.

There are not enough facilities for the Temporary Safe Care of babies in especially the North West Province. Our statistics for 2019/2020 showed that we had to decline admissions many times which meant that the well being of babies were compromised because they had to be kept in understaffed and overcrowded hospitals.

The Department of Social Development in the North West Province has approved House Lesedi again as the preferred facility for babies from the Department of Social Development's Social Workers and other Welfare Organisations in the North West Province.

House Lesedi only receives a small amount as Place of Safety Fee for each baby and has to source funds to pay salaries, municipal services, food and all the other needs of the babies which includes medical needs.

We believe that House Lesedi does address the Health of babies who are otherwise destined to be abandoned and or maltreated and we therefore plead for you to assist us in acting in the best interest of these babies during the year 2021.

House Lesedi is always full, meaning that there are always 6 babies in our care. We are pleased to report that five of our children were



placed with "forever families/homes" during 2020/2021. We have now, on request of the Department of Social Development, started refurbishing our House to accommodate more babies (18) as it is expected that there will soon be an overflow of babies in hospitals as a result of Covid. They have promised to look into registration in the future but as we know this could take very long.

Herewith the information as requested by yourselves:

- NPO Registration: Registration as NPO
- Beneficiaries: 18 Babies of both genders (as needed) Beneficiaries are Black children expanding to 18 in the future.
- Physical address: 7 Annaboom Street, Melodie, Hartbeespoort.

Your positive consideration is appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

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PROJECT MANAGER: HOUSE LESEDI

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