

Kwanda Youth Organisation



Executive Summary

Kwanda Youth organisation is a registered NPO agency providing coaching and mentoring program for primary school middle and high school children in Kwetyana Location Newlands East London.

The name Kwanda in Xhosa means to Accelerate.

Kwanda youth's program is in direct response to the growing number of young people that are either falling through cracks at school or are already dropped out due to unwanted pregnancy, substance abuse or joining gangs.

Our Goal is to foster a commitment to young people that will promote pro-social friendship, strong interpersonal skills and reassert a sense of hope in the future.

In the past year since its founding Kwanda Youth Organisation has played a major role in the transformation of young people from a community with too many unproductive, unsupervised kids with too much time to get into trouble to one providing these youth with a valuable structured program. Kwanda Youth program uses the First Serve Life Skills Curriculum to "empower young people by providing coaching and mentoring, counselling, a life skills program that promotes positive values, healthy habits, education and sport resulting in real life power.

ORGANIZATION AND MISSION

Kwanda Youth Organisation was established as a not-for-profit organization with the purpose of providing a Youth Centre where Coaching and Mentoring of high-risk young children and the youth will take place. Kwanda Youth centre will also have a comprehensive program of academic tutoring that will promote the physical, educational, sport and life skills necessary to prepare and empower young people for leadership in their communities and success in their personal lives.

At present, we have relied on volunteer or minimally compensated staff. This has resulted in high turnover, continued difficulty attracting qualified personnel, and limited continuity of the participants whose success depends on positive role models and the relationships they build with their instructor.

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We believe that Kwanda Youth program is consistent with the mission and interest to empower young people in the community of Kwetyana Location and its surroundings.

In this area where there is too much crime incidents, alcohol and substance abuse, teen pregnancy, school dropout and academic failure. But all this is soon to change, and Kwanda Youth Organisation is playing a big part in the transformation.

The five major components of the program are:

1. **Nutrition program** to promote healthy lifestyles and start our own food garden and spread to community food gardens around all the areas.
2. **Counselling and Life skills** which are integrated throughout all phases of the program
3. **Homework assistance** through tutoring, coaching and mentoring
4. **Sports activity** where participants engage in fun physical education and fitness, enjoy games playing in a team with friends and peers, and learn to become responsible adolescents and young adults.
5. **Book Club** where participants will engage in reading English books and books written in their mother tongue(IsiXhosa) so as to promote reading skills and confidence in expressing themselves in the language of instruction.

Kwanda Youth Organisation is offering this service free at the moment for the children that walk in the centre and those who are referred by local school districts in the area. We hope to form a very strong partnership with local school districts, health centre, Government Stakeholders and Corporate. Kwanda is operating on day to day bases and we are donor dependent.

We plan to expand in the next three years having a centre with proper facilities needed to continue the program as numbers of children adopted by the program are growing on day to day basis.

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