



Children's **AIDS**  
Health Program



Mission Accomplished  
**SOUTH AFRICA 2006**  
July 3rd - 16th

# About *CAIDSHP*

Children's AIDS Health Program (CAIDSHP) is a national non-profit organization which was officially founded in October 2004. The program started with a small group of high school students who decided to take on a challenge. Together they formed a specific goal: to help children under the age of 16 who live in poverty and are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Since then the organization's popularity has grown. The media has even begun to show an increasing level of interest in it.



CAIDSHP's primary objective is to be an organization that helps children under the of 16 who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Children's AIDS Health Program's plan is to be an organization that encourages youth to be involved with the cause.

CAIDSHP's goal is not only to educate children who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, but also to educate others to prevent HIV/AIDS. The long-term goal os to build a health care centre in a third world country specializing in the care for AIDS patients. Aside from treatment and education of AIDS, CAIDSHP's plan is to help children with HIV/AIDS to live their life as a kid and not miss out on their childhood.

## *South Africa 2006*

The main objective of this mission is to develop awareness among youth about the situation of the HIV/AIDS crisis. This mission focused on children and youth between the ages of 3 to 21.

This mission has allowed us to bring our story back to local schools and continue to create awareness among youth of all ages. We have conducted workshops to educate children, implicated the value of children living their childhood, having the freedom to express creativity and demonstrated their knowledge and ideas.



We delivered a herbal nutritional supplements to children in various orphanages and children's homes in South Africa, as well as the distribution of condoms, AIDS awareness materials, social service support, toys, sports and education.

## *day One*

~ July 3rd 2006

After arriving the night before, Betty Chiu and Shamin Mohamed Jr. made their way to the Cotland Orphanage, from the Abraham Kriel Maria Kloppers Children's Home.

At Cotlands, they were able to interact with around 70 children and tour the facilities. In the afternoon they were guided into the suburb of Tshiawelo, Soweto where they hosted a workshop for 50 youth from different schools that were from 9-21 years old.



## *day Two*

~ July 4th 2006

In the early morning, Children's AIDS Health Program travelled to the Emdeni Children's Home in Sweto. They conducted an interactive workshop with 40 children between the ages 6-18 years old. In the afternoon they returned to their accommodations at the Abraham Kriel Maria Kloppers Children's Home to conduct a shorter version of the same workshop with a group of 25 children.

## *day Three*

~ July 5th 2006

The pursuit continues while the CAIDSHP headed to a local organization called Nkosi's Haven in Johannesburg. They were guided up to the suburb of Tembisa to meet with the organizers of the Zimbanathi Community Project. In the afternoon, 25 youths between the ages of 7 to 21 were introduced to the CAIDSHP interactive workshop, where bead making, among other activities, had taken place.

DAREarts greeting card making and Foster Parent's Plan's Hands of Hope creation.



## day *Four*

~ July 6th 2006

Day four had a twist. CAIDSHP was accompanied by one of the residents of Abraham Kriel Maria Kloppers Children's Home, Hein Kapp, 17. During this time, they were able to interact and get to know him on a personal level.

They visited the African Trade Centre, local stores on 7 de laan in Melville and also the Brightwater Commons, a place where locals sell their crafts as their sole source of income.



## day *Five*

~ July 7th 2006

The second part of the mission begins. Children's AIDS Health Program departed from Johannesburg early in the morning and headed to Durban, Kwazulu-Natal. Upon their arrival, they headed to the Tropicana Hotel, who sponsored this leg of the mission. At the hotel, they met with a group called the Gender AIDS Forum and spoke with the initiator of the forum, Vickie. They told the Gender AIDS Forum about the mission and their goals and objectives in South Africa.

## day *Six*

~ July 8th 2006

Betty and Shamin arrived at Gateway Theater Shopping Centre; the largest mall in the Southern Hemisphere. They headed to SPAR, a local supermarket, in order to set up a booth and educate the public about HIV/AIDS. It was both informative and shocking that there was such a broad range of understanding about HIV/AIDS of the general public.



## day *Seven*

~ July 9th 2006

One of the more emotionally challenging days for Children's AIDS Health Program. A lady from Um-lazi who had 3 children, 2 who died because of HIV/AIDS, had gathered the orphans of her community to participate in the workshop. She has been helping them for the last couple of years by giving them food and asking people for clothes to donate to them. These orphans are either HIV positive or had family members who were infected with HIV.



## day *Eight*

~ July 10th 2006



Early in the morning, Betty and Shamin headed to the Durban International Airport and following a two hour flight, they arrived in Cape Town. They then headed to Holiday Inn Cape Town Water-front, who had sponsored this portion of the trip.

In the afternoon, the two went to the Chris Barnard Memorial Hospital in order to take the HIV Elizar I & II Test.

This was done to promote and encourage everyone, especially youth to take the HIV test.

## day *Nine*

~ July 11th 2006

The Children's AIDS Health Program adventured to Cot-lands in Somerset West, Western Cape. The drive to the centre was around 1.5 hours from Cape Town. At Cot-lands, our representatives met a 5 year old boy. He was considered the "boss" at the orphanage since he was the oldest and had been living at the centre for the longest out of all the children who where there. CAIDSHP felt that he deserved a hat to build his confidence and encourage him to continue his leadership role.



## *day Ten*

~ July 12th 2006

In the morning, CAIDSHP held a press conference at Holiday Inn Cape Town Waterfront where the local South African media gathered to listen and learn about CAIDSHP's first international mission. The media were astounded by the professionalism of the organization in their work outside Canada. CAIDSHP believes that the media acted as a catalyst in motivating South African youth.



## *day Eleven*

~ July 13th 2006



At the University of Cape Town (UCT), Children's AIDS Health Program was able to build strong ties with the Student's Representative Council. They spoke about potential partnerships that could possibly lead to a permanent division of CAIDSHP in South Africa. The university has their own program that encourages students to better understand the HIV/AIDS crisis. This program "Haicu", provided new and enriching ideas to promote HIV/AIDS awareness amongst youth.

## *day Twelve*

~ July 14th 2006

Cape Town, a city that is known to be South Africa's top tourist attraction has troubles hidden around the corner. Minutes away from the V&A Waterfront, lies a township that hosts the poorest of the poor.

Langa, is full of informal housing, 3X3 meters land plots of plastic, zinc and wood; bound together with the bare hands of its owners.

This rural area, holds the prospect of hope and inspiration. CAIDSHP had the chance to uncover the way of life within the community.



## day *Thirteen*

~ July 15th 2006

Entering the final phase of the mission, Children's AIDS Health Program visited the country's capital, Pretoria. While visiting the Bethesda Children's Home in Hamman-skraal, a 45 minute drive from Pretoria, they had an opportunity to inquire about the funding that is necessary to build and establish a foundation for an organization in South Africa. Also, they learned about the dedication that is required in order for a successful and efficient transition from one country to another.



## day *Fourteen*

~ July 16th 2006

Returning to the township of Tembisa demonstrated a sense of development that established concurrently with the two week mission. The group was inspired and motivated by the workshop and discussion. They had a lot of talent and ability to accomplish their goals by doing what they value most. During the workshop, there were many youths that lead various activities within their groups, proving they are willing to make a difference...

“All it takes is *one action*  
to make *one dream* a reality.”

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# *One final Glance*

Impacted the lives of over 350 youth under the age of 21.

Educated others about HIV/AIDS myths and facts and clarified local rumors.

Provided over 200 children with necessary art supplies like pencil crayons, sharpeners, pens, and note books.

Distributed 500 condoms around the country with instructions explaining the proper procedures.

Supplied more than 19 000 tablets of nutritional herbal supplements from Cape Town to Johannesburg.

Donated sports equipment which was left behind after each sports component of the workshop.

Encouraged youth involvement and sustainability of "task force work" in rural regions like Tembisa.

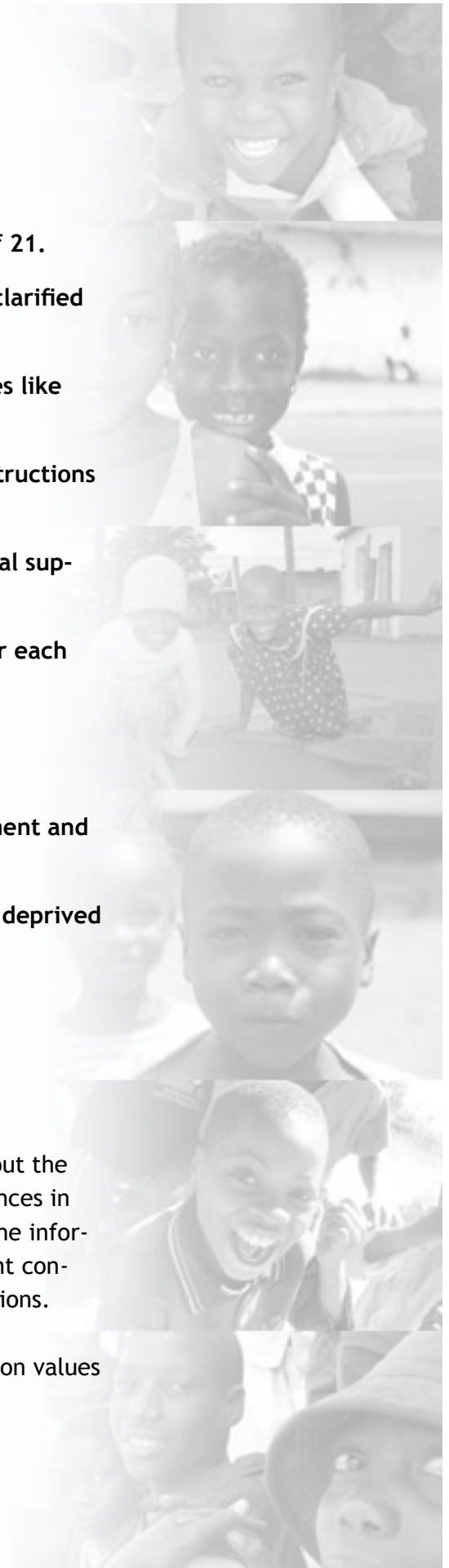
Befriended children and youth, providing encouragement and moral support.

Targeted specific rural areas and pinpointed the most deprived groups..

## *What happens now?*

Children's AIDS Health Program will speak to Canadians about the mission. We will tell personal stories, speak about the differences in lifestyle, and explain the culture shock. We will ensure that the information gathered is used efficiently and that there is a frequent contact via relationships established with South African organizations.

Children's AIDS Health Program hopes that you share common values and can support our missions!



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