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MALACHI PLACE OF SAFETY





"Every child deserves love, safety, and a chance to thrive. At Malachi Place of Safety, we provide more than just shelter —we offer a family, a future, and unconditional love. With the support of our community, we turn love into action and give these little hearts the fresh start they deserve."

- AUDREY BRUMMER



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WELCOME

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we look back on the past year, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. It has been a year of growth, resilience, and unwavering love. While the journey has not been without its challenges, the joy of seeing children feel safe, loved, and hopeful makes every step worthwhile.

Malachi Place of Safety is more than just a shelter—it is a home, a family, and a place where children can begin to heal and dream again. Over the past year, we have had the privilege of providing love and care to 13 children in our safety home, while also offering a permanent home to 5 incredible children in our foster care. Each child who walks through our doors is embraced with open arms. With the support of our donors and volunteers, we ensure they not only have a roof over their heads, but stability and a foundation of love.

This year, we also took important steps toward sustainability. With Ruan's retirement, we recognised the need to grow our support network, strengthen our fundraising efforts, and refine our operations to ensure Malachi remains a safe haven for children in need. From business and fundraising courses to enhancing our online presence, and streamlining our administration, we have worked hard to build a future where Malachi can continue its mission for years to come.

None of this would be possible without you—our incredible donors, volunteers, and supporters. Your generosity fuels our work, your kindness uplifts our children, and your belief in our mission gives us the strength to keep going. Thank you for being part of this journey.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Audrey Brummer
Founder, Malachi Place of Safety

INTRODUCTION

MALACHI PLACE OF SAFETY

Established in 2005 in Cape Town, South Africa, Malachi Place of Safety has been a safe haven for vulnerable children in need of care and protection.

Founded by Audrey and Ruan Brummer, Malachi was born out of a deep understanding of the trauma many children endure. Ruan, now a retired Unit Commander of the Serial and Electronic Crimes Investigation Unit, (Part of Family Violence, Child Protection, and Sexual Offences Unit) and Audrey continue to work together in transforming lives of countless vulnerable children

Over the years, 173 children have found refuge within our home. Most of these children arrive having experienced unimaginable trauma, leaving them fearful, broken, and unsure of who to trust. Our greatest purpose is to restore their faith in humanity, rebuild their trust in adults, and give them hope for a brighter future.

At Malachi, we are deeply committed to providing a nurturing, loving, and structured environment where each child is valued and supported. Through care, counselling, and stability, we aim to empower children to heal, grow, and dream again. Malachi has been instrumental in transforming lives, and with the continued support of our community, we strive to reach even more children in need. Together, we can build a future where every child has a chance to thrive.



MEET THE TEAM

BOARD

Blake Dyason | Chairperson
Audrey Brummer | Vice Chairperson
Selena Docking | Secretary
Mallisa Mallen | Treasurer
Machelle Smitsdorff | Fund Raising

PARENTS OF MALACHI PLACE OF SAFETY

Audrey Brummer
Ruan Brummer
Avela Gqokonqona

VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND

Lauren Ratcliff – Fundraising and social media
Kate Maclaurin – Website, social media and all design work
Dr Palmer – Consultations and medication
Mariette Carstens – Counselling sessions
Karin Noonan – Office work and support
Access41 – Course on Sustainability and support



2024 IN REVIEW

HIGHLIGHT FROM THE 5 FOSTER CHILDREN

While we legally can't share their names and personal info, we would love to share some of their amazing achievements.

OUR RUGBY STAR



He just turned 17, with a love for sport, mostly Mountain Biking and Rugby. He has really excelled in his school rugby and he was also selected for the Western Province Touch Rugby team, his team played against teams from all over the country and won their division. Thanks to our dedicated fundraising team, he was able to go on his first tour and we could buy him the team kits and boots. Funds were raised for his kit and first tour. We are beyond proud that he achieved Western Province colours.

OUR LITTLE BALLERINA



Our little ballerina (8 years) was committed to her ballet all year, performed in her ballet school show, was graded and moved up a level. We are so proud of her progress and grateful to Dance Domain for donating towards her ballet costume.

OUR SICKLY MAN



Our sick little man (10 years) faced a tough year with many ups and downs. His ongoing battle with Nephrotic Syndrome and his severe skin issues meant countless hospital visits, new creams, and diet changes. While we haven't won this fight yet, we feel hopeful that we are on the right path. He has grown up so much in the past 12 months, really becoming the older brother to some of the youngsters in the house, he is constantly improving and is such a great reminder to be happy even when things are tough.

OUR LITTLE MIRACLE



Another beautiful moment was watching our little miracle (born at 25 weeks, now 4 years old) overcome challenges. She was diagnosed with autism, and adjusting to a regular playgroup school was incredibly difficult. After months of searching and visiting schools, we finally found the perfect place for her. She is settling in, and the progress is already visible. A huge thank you to Kids at Edu Play, in Edgemead for their kindness in allowing her to attend the school. We are also deeply grateful to our donors, who made it possible for her to take part in extra developmental activities.

OUR QUIET TEENAGER



We are incredibly proud of our quiet yet determined teenager (15 years), whose gentle spirit and kind heart make her a beloved part of our home. She excelled in her final exams, proving her dedication and hard work in school. Beyond academics, she discovered a passion for playing the guitar, showing a newfound confidence in her musical abilities. With her soft-hearted nature, she embraces her role as a big sister with grace and care, offering guidance and support to those around her. Her quiet strength and loving presence are truly cherished at Malachi Place of Safety.

THE SAFE HOME

We have had the privilege of welcoming 13 beautiful children into our home, offering a place of safety while the Social Workers do their investigation. They stay with us anything from a weekend to a few months. Many of these children come from devastating situations and we do our best to build trust, give them love and the support they need.

THE FENCE



The safety of our children is always our top priority. When Cape Town's fierce winds damaged our front fence, which was previously reinforced with netting, we knew we needed a more secure and lasting solution. After careful planning, we installed a stronger fence that not only withstands the elements but also provides greater security for our children. Thanks to the generosity of multiple donors, we were able to complete the project just in time for the December school holidays.

NEW VEHICLE



For the children at Malachi Place of Safety, our Kombi has always been more than just a vehicle –it represents freedom, opportunity, and the simple joys of childhood. It's how they get to school, sports, extra-mural activities, and family outings. However, as our old Kombi became unreliable and costly to maintain, the worry of a breakdown loomed over every journey. What once felt like an impossible challenge became a reality thanks to the generosity of our incredible friends at Leppard. With their support, along with the sale of our old Kombi, we were able to secure safe and reliable transport—ensuring that our children continue to explore, learn, and thrive without limitations.

THE UNDERDOG PROJECT



This year, our children had the opportunity to experience something truly special, thanks to the kindness of Lauren Ratcliff. She arranged a magical morning with The Underdog Project, where our kids engaged with dogs and cats, learning how to give treats, follow instructions, and play with the animals. The joy on their faces as they threw balls for the dogs and bonded with their furry friends was absolutely heart-warming. Even our caregivers couldn't resist joining in on the fun! Thank you, Lauren, for creating such a memorable and enriching experience for our children.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



One of the most heart-warming moments of the year was our Annual Christmas Party, held for the first time at Monte Vista Scout Hall. Thanks to our dedicated Malachi Elves—Belinda, Selena, and Audrey—we transformed the space into a magical Christmas Carnival filled with laughter, games, and festive cheer. From face painting and fun activities to receiving a special gift and photo with Santa, every child experienced the joy and wonder of the season.

This year, 83 children received gifts, including 48 little ones from Lifting Others and Sonwabile Safety home in Khayelitsha. We made sure each child not only had a present but also sweet treats to brighten their festive season. Beyond the celebration, the Christmas party is an important time for Audrey and the team to check in on the children and their families, ensuring they are truly happy and supported. Thanks again for the kindness of our generous donors and selfless volunteers.

SECURING A SAFE HAVEN

This year, we achieved a significant milestone that will help us grow and continue our mission. Securing rent for the house next door, which serves as our safe house, was a crucial need—and once again, Leppard stepped in with incredible generosity, so we can continue providing a safe and loving space for more children in need.

FAMILY CAMPING TRIP



One of the most special highlights of the year was our family camping trip to Berg River Resort in Paarl, where we spent five unforgettable days together. The children ran freely, soaked in the fresh air, and experienced the simple joy of just being kids. It was a much-needed escape—filled with laughter, adventure, and moments of pure happiness. These memories will stay with them for a lifetime, reminding us all of the importance of love, connection, and the magic of childhood.

THE LITTLE MERMAID – CANAL WALK



On Saturday, 6 July, the children of Malachi Place of Safety had the incredible opportunity to attend The Little Mermaid show at Canal Walk, and their excitement was contagious! From the moment they arrived, they were full of chatter and anticipation, but as soon as the show began, they sat completely still, mesmerized by the magic unfolding before them. The performance captivated their hearts, and they could barely contain their excitement when they returned home, eagerly sharing every detail of the enchanting experience. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Kirsti Cumming & Amanda McCarthy (Events & Campaigns Manager) for organizing this special treat, creating unforgettable memories for our little ones.



PADEL FUNDRAISER

One of our most successful fundraising events this year was the Padel Fundraiser. Audrey and Ruan had the opportunity to attend and share Malachi's story with the enthusiastic players, who arrived dressed in vibrant lumo outfits, ready for a day of fun and purpose. The event not only brought the community together but also raised vital funds to support our mission. A heartfelt thank you to Lauren for her dedication and hard work in making this fundraiser such a fantastic success!

XMAZING RACE FUNDRAISER



Just days before Christmas, a group of friends turned their annual festive get-together into something truly special—a thrilling Xmazing Race across Cape Town, filled with adventure, teamwork, and a whole lot of fun! What made this event even more meaningful was their decision to use it as an opportunity to give back, choosing Malachi Place of Safety as the beneficiary. This support made a huge difference as we prepared for the unexpected back to school costs.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

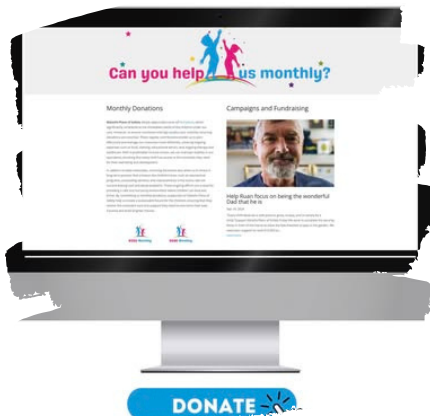
PROMOTION VIDEOS



This year we had the opportunity to showcase Malachi Place of Safety like never before. A talented videographer visited our home to make a short video. While stepping in front of the camera for interviews was far outside our comfort zone, the result is a beautiful, heartfelt video that truly reflects the spirit of Malachi and the selfless work our team does every day.

<https://www.youtube.com/@MalachiSafeHouse>

SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEW WEBSITE



As part of our strategy to secure more funding, we focused on improving our online presence—and thanks to the incredible efforts of Kate and Lauren, we made significant progress. They built a beautiful, user-friendly website, seamlessly integrated SnapScan and other donation options, and enhanced our social media presence with regular posts.

PALMER WELLNESS CLINIC



We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Palmer at Palmer Wellness Clinic, along with other doctors, for their kindness and generosity in seeing the kiddies free of charge. Their support ensures that the children receive the medical attention they need without the added stress of financial strain. Their generosity and dedication to the well-being of our little ones have been a tremendous blessing.

MAINTENANCE

At Malachi Place of Safety, maintaining a safe and comfortable environment for our children is a top priority. Both of our homes required much-needed maintenance, as running a home comes with ongoing wear and tear. Thanks to Ruan and all his hard work, the outside of both houses received a fresh coat of paint, giving them a much-needed uplift. The damage caused by the mould problem was sorted out, and the affected room was repainted. We are incredibly grateful to the owner of the second house for replacing the carpets in the passage and two rooms with tiling, making the space more durable and hygienic. Ahead of the winter rains, the gutters on both houses were cleaned, and the washing machine pumps were replaced to ensure everything runs smoothly. In preparation for summer, a port-a-pool was set up for the children to enjoy. One of the rooms was also repainted and transformed into an office for Audrey, creating a dedicated workspace. A huge thank you goes to our house father, Ruan for his dedication in handling daily maintenance tasks, ensuring our homes remain a warm and welcoming place for all.



BEFORE



AFTER

MAINTENANCE



PERSONAL GROWTH

At Malachi Place of Safety, we embraced 2024 as a year of change and personal growth, with a focus on becoming more self-reliant. Access41 stepped in at the perfect time, providing Audrey with the opportunity to attend a course that equipped her with the necessary tools to strengthen Malachi's foundation. With this newfound knowledge, Audrey worked diligently to implement effective systems, improving the structure and efficiency of the home. From her newly established office space, she introduced new administrative strategies, resolved existing challenges, and grew in confidence in building Malachi's future. We are deeply grateful to Access41 for their love and support throughout Audrey's learning journey. Additionally, Audrey attended two courses with CBD Consortium, which provided essential guidance on the new tax forms required for NPOs, making financial year-end processes much smoother. A huge thank you also goes to Blake Dyason for always being there to help Audrey when she didn't know what to do. The knowledge and experience she has gained from Blake over the past year have not only contributed to her own personal growth but have also ensured a stronger, more positive future for Malachi.



We are also incredibly grateful to Mariette Carstens, who stepped in with much-needed help and guidance for our two house moms, Bella and Audrey. She worked closely with them to develop plans that addressed the everyday challenges they faced, bringing more structure to the home and the children's daily routines. Mariette provided valuable strategies and ideas to help manage the different needs of the children, ensuring a more supportive and nurturing environment for all. Her loving and kind nature has brought so much positive change, improving the lives of the children entrusted to us, and we cannot thank her enough for her dedication and care.



PAYING IT FORWARD

At Malachi Place of Safety, we rely on the kindness of communities and businesses to support our mission—but we also believe in giving back. Uplifting others is at the heart of what we do. Here are some of the ways we've paid it forward:

Bosmandam Junior School

We were proud to support Bosmandam Junior School by helping to cover the new readers for their students. Additionally, Audrey and Bella love participating in the school's cake sales. We are incredibly grateful to the school's Headmaster, teachers, and office staff for always ensuring that our children feel welcome and part of the Bossie Family.

Helping a Family in Bothasig

Hard times can fall on anyone, and when we learned of a struggling family in Bothasig, we stepped in to provide food and clothing. Beyond our initial support, we continue to assist them whenever we have extra food or clothing.

Edu Care Centres in Khayelitsha

Through the generosity of our supporters, we often receive items that may not be needed directly at Malachi. Rather than letting them go to waste, we ensure they find a new home. This year, we donated clothing, and toys to Nzame Zethu Edu Care and Phakama Edu Care in Khayelitsha.

Lifting Others

As a safe house ourselves, we know how crucial it is to have the necessary resources to care for vulnerable children. That's why we were honored to support Lifting Others, an organization that helps kids off the street and out of gangs in Khayelitha, with donations of clothing, toys, and essential equipment. By sharing what we have, we hope to make a small but meaningful difference in the lives of the children they support.

SUMMARY

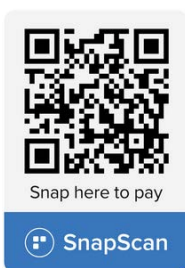
Total income	R 1 093 823.22
Total expenses	R 1 080 753.28
Money in bank on 24 February 2025	R 13 069.94

Biggest Expenses

Car	R 497 814.00
Groceries	R 171 867.35
Rent	R 112 387.00
Salaries	R 105 535.00
Maintenance	R 35 920.86

These figures are from 1 March 2024 – 24 February 2025.
Our financial year runs from 1 April – 31 March.

DONATE



Banking details:
FNB Cheque Account
Name: Malachi Place of Safety
Acc. 622 115 468 35
Branch Code: 200410
Branch: NI City

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LOOKING AHEAD

2025

As we step into 2025, our hearts remain steadfast in our mission—to provide vulnerable children with a safe and loving environment where they can heal, grow, and thrive. Every child deserves the chance to feel secure, valued, and cherished, and at Malachi Place of Safety, we are committed to making this a reality.

Our focus is on strengthening the foundation we have built. We will continue to provide stability, care, and opportunities for the children who call Malachi home. From education and healthcare to emotional support and life skills, we are dedicated to equipping them with the tools they need for a brighter future. However, we cannot do this alone. The support of individuals and businesses makes all the difference. We invite you to become a regular donor—whether through monthly contributions, sponsorships, or corporate partnerships. Your generosity fuels our work and ensures we can continue offering love and protection to children in need.

"Thank you for taking the time to read our story, for caring, and for believing in the work we do. Your support—whether big or small—helps change lives and create brighter futures for our children. Together, we are making a difference."

- AUDREY BRUMMER