



# ANNUAL REPORT

169 children. 109 families. One community.



To our Kin Culture Community and Friends,

Reflecting on this past year, we are reminded of God's faithfulness through every challenge. His presence has sustained our work in remarkable ways.

My deepest thanks go to our incredible staff, whose compassion goes far beyond a job, and the many professionals who partner with us to care for children in care. Also, to all our foster families, your unwavering love and sacrifice provide the hope and belonging that vulnerable children need.

Then, looking ahead, in the coming months, we'll say farewell to three board members who have given almost 30 years of collective service. We are grateful for their foundation and look forward to welcoming new leadership. Furthermore, we are building sustainability through new income streams and are currently establishing a 501(c)(3) in the United States to expand our international support.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to our funders and partners. This work really does require a collaborative effort, and you are very much part of rewriting children's stories.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Together, we remain committed to seeing children heal and families thrive.

With gratitude and hope,

Agnes Barnard, CEO



AGNES BARNARD

Chief Executive Officer

"O Israel, stay away from idols! I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me."

Hosea 14:8

# Four pillars.

## *Built around the family*

At Kin Culture, we believe in family in its most beautiful, expansive, inclusive and redemptive sense. A family where guests become relatives. Where homes are opened and love and burdens are shared. This bigger, more beautiful picture of family is what the church can offer the world, a family of families to vulnerable children.

Our mission is to build and support a community of loving, generous families to provide homes for vulnerable children.

Every foster family in the Kin Culture network moves through our four programme areas. And no one walks through them alone.



### CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

We work through church networks to find families with space in their homes and hearts.



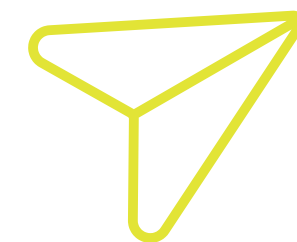
### INTEGRATE

Screening, home visits, placements, court support — we walk every administrative step.



### STRENGTHEN

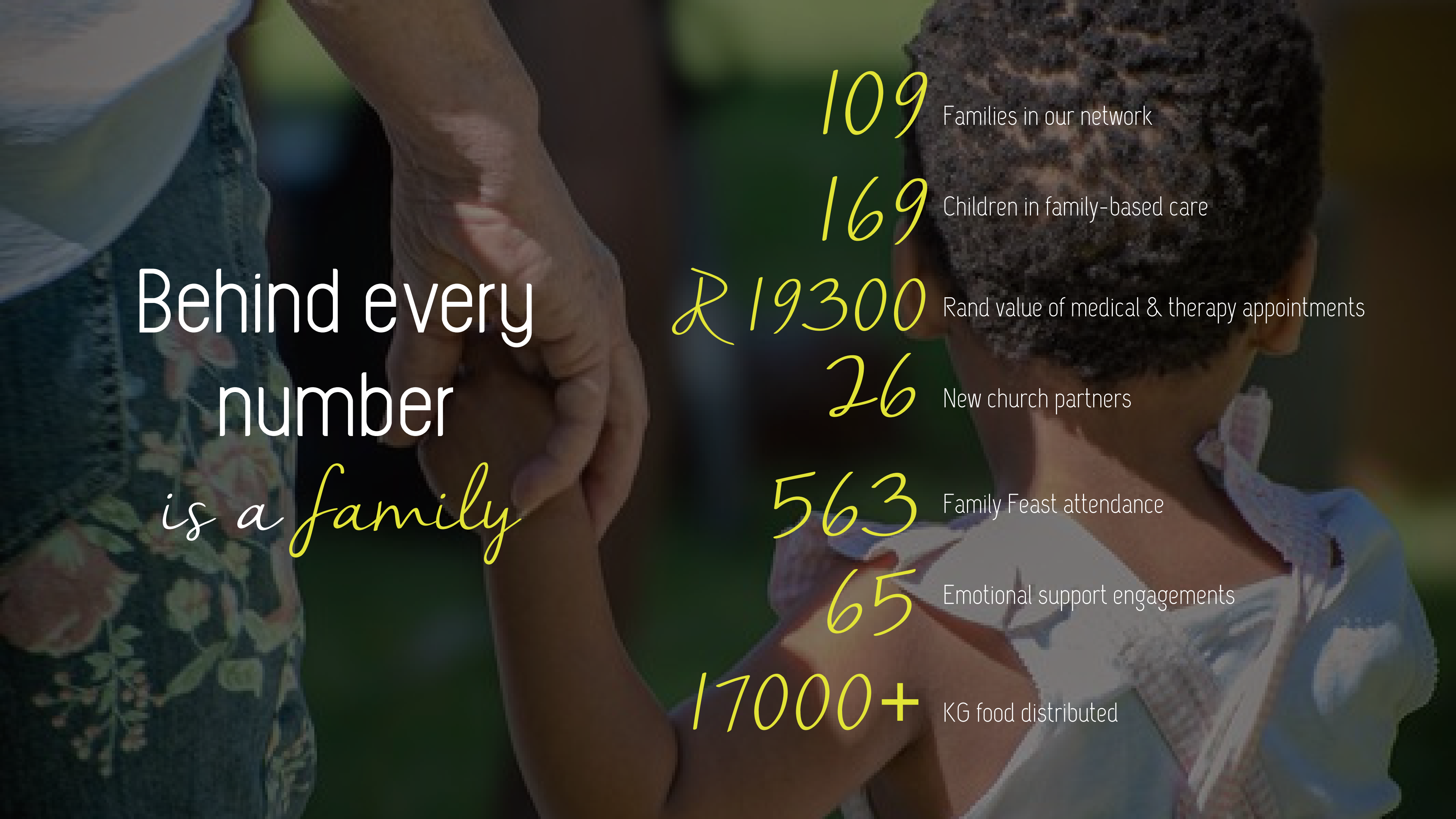
Food, clothing, medical, therapy, emotional support — and a community of families who get it.



### AWARENESS

We mobilise churches, corporates and communities to understand the foster care need.



A photograph of a woman with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a patterned top, holding the hand of a young child with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a blue patterned shirt. The background is a soft-focus green.

Behind every  
number  
*is a family*

109

Families in our network

169

Children in family-based care

R 19300

Rand value of medical & therapy appointments

26

New church partners

563

Family Feast attendance

65

Emotional support engagements

17000+

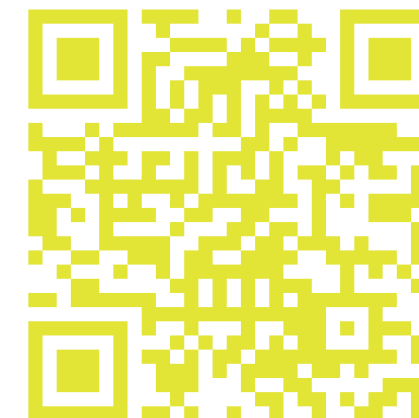
KG food distributed



When my husband and I entered foster care, we were unprepared for its complexities and the full magnitude of what lay ahead. While we felt a rush of excitement, there was also an undercurrent of fear and doubt that lingered as we began this journey. Meeting our Kin Culture support worker at a foster parent gathering was transformative for us. This chance encounter turned into a pivotal moment, as they provided genuine guidance and presence, creating a safe space for us to learn and grow. Their unwavering support made us feel understood and encouraged us to continue, even when the road seemed daunting. Foster care has been both beautiful and challenging, with its unique blend of joy and hardship, but Kin Culture has supported us through every emotional hurdle, reminding us that our efforts matter deeply. Their support has profoundly changed our family for the better, leaving a lasting, positive impact that we cherish every day.

*"You met us right where we were—and that really changed everything for us."*

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26

church  
partners

10

church  
presentations

105

unique church  
activations

Recruiting families for foster care remains one of the most vital and most relational parts of what Kin Culture does. The local church continues to be our primary partner in this work. Rooted in the Christian call to care for the orphan and the vulnerable, we believe that congregations are uniquely placed to identify, encourage, and support families who are ready to open their homes.

This year, our team continued to bring this message to churches across the Cape Peninsula and the Garden Route, presenting at services and connecting with church leaders throughout the Western Cape. We also participated in a range of inter-church gatherings: conferences, roundtables, breakfasts, and networking events, building the relationships that turn awareness into action.

Our goal is not simply to recruit. It is to come alongside churches and help them live out their mandate, equipping them with the language, the knowledge, and the community they need to champion foster care from within their own congregations.



church  
engagement

Social services play a crucial role in Kin Culture's work, guiding families from initial interest to placement. This includes information sessions, home visits, and managing complex paperwork with care to ensure families feel supported. Kin Culture also facilitates placements and maintains relationships with key stakeholders, ensuring that families are genuinely prepared and supported before welcoming a child into their home.

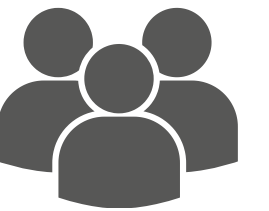
18

new families  
added

31

new children  
added

*integrated  
family services*



The third leg of Kin Culture's work is the ongoing support we provide to foster families once a placement is made. This spans the practical needs, emotional care and community events like Family Feasts, Mom O'Clock, and Fellowship that give families a place to belong and the strength to keep going.

This year, we have also taken deliberate steps to grow a network of professional support, connecting families with therapists, occupational therapists, educational psychologists, and trauma-informed specialists who understand the unique world of foster care. When a child is struggling, when behaviour is hard to navigate, or when a placement feels under strain, there is always someone to call. Someone who gets it.

This is what whole-family care looks like. Not just a placement. A village.



*family strengthening*

The mission of Kin Culture resonates due to its focus on stability, connection, and opportunity for children lacking foundational support. As an optometrist, I witness how a child's visual, emotional, and cognitive development is influenced by their environment. Kin Culture's dedication to supporting both children and foster families aligns with my belief in strengthening the whole support system for meaningful change.

Working with these children has been humbling and rewarding, highlighting the importance of patience and understanding in their development. I admire the commitment of foster families and find significance in witnessing how small improvements boost a child's confidence and engagement.

I am hopeful seeing children's resilience when given proper support. Vision therapy can enhance skills crucial for learning and engagement, leading to meaningful shifts in confidence. This partnership reinforces that early intervention and consistent support can help these children overcome challenges and realize their potential.

Donovan Savage - Senior Optometrist at Michele Hlava Optometrists and Associates

\* adapted from original text

*A Partner's Perspective*

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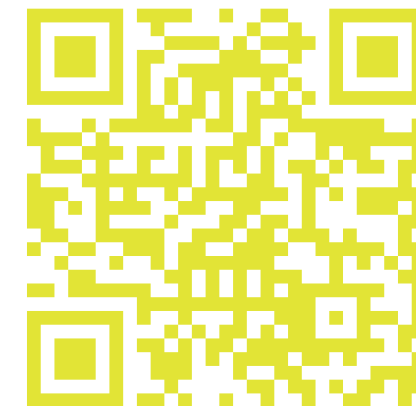


As a single mother, I welcomed a sibling pair into foster care nine years ago, and we've built a beautiful family. However, my daughter faced hidden visual processing difficulties that affected her learning. After an assessment, she was referred to a behavioural optometrist for intensive exercises. Kin Culture supported us by negotiating a discount and covering some costs. Thanks to their help, my daughter completed the program, improved her handwriting, and can now sit anywhere in class, growing into her best self. Watching her overcome these challenges has been inspiring and fills me with immense pride. Her newfound confidence is evident in all aspects of her life, and she is truly thriving. The journey was not easy, but seeing her happiness makes it all worthwhile.

*"Because of Kin Culture, I am able to take my children on a journey of truly becoming their best selves."*

*Abrie Family*

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*highlights from 2025 - 2026*



# Our Foster Network

Kin Culture supports an expanding network of families throughout the Western Cape.

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West Coast

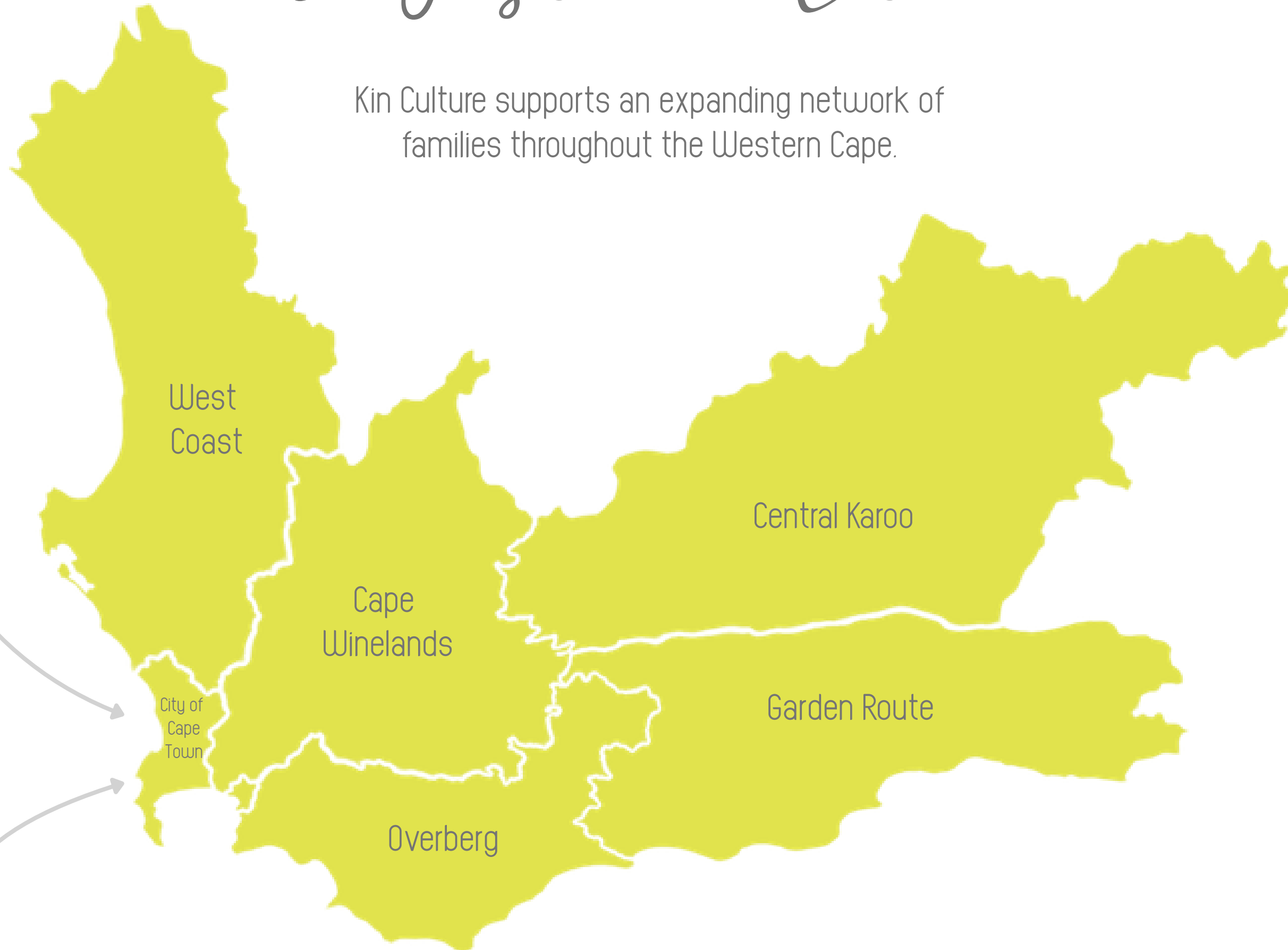
38  
Cape Winelands

31  
Metro North

8  
Overberg

9  
Metro South

21  
Garden Route



Kin Culture's Family Feast is a joyful day of food, fun, and genuine connection, where foster families come together to eat, play, and share their stories. For many, it is one of the highlights of the year: a rare moment to step back, breathe, and be surrounded by people who truly understand the road they are on.

These moments of togetherness matter more than they might appear. Foster care can be an isolating journey, and the simple act of being in a room full of people who get it can be quietly transformative. Community is not a bonus. It is part of the care.

# family feasts

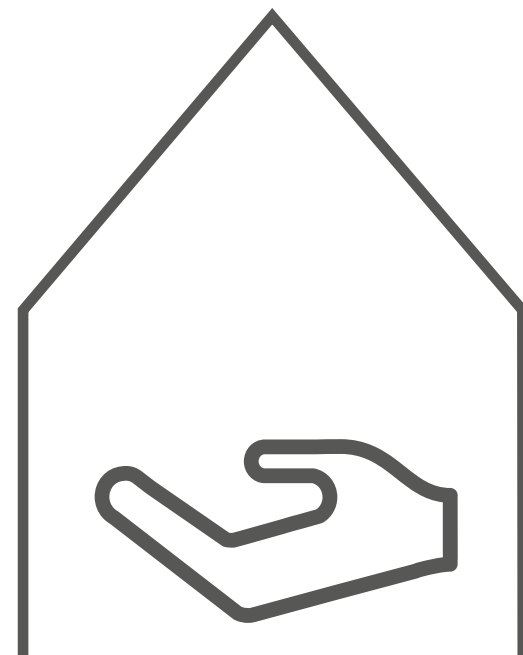


Support makes all the difference on the foster care journey. Through groups like Mom O'Clock and Fellowship, Kin Culture creates safe spaces where parents can gather, share honestly, and find real encouragement from people who understand what they are walking through.

These regular meetups do more than build connection. They offer practical tools, honest conversation, and a consistent reminder that no one has to figure this out alone. For many families, these groups become one of their most valued sources of support.



*support groups*



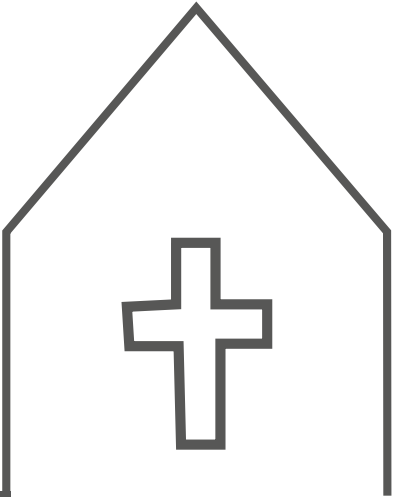
In 2025, Kin Culture's Mandela Day campaign involved a clothing drive with a local initiative and packed Wellness Kits for all our families. We gratefully received donations and support from local businesses and churches.

mandela day



In 2025, Kin Culture partnered with local churches for Stand Sunday; an annual day of prayer, awareness, and action held on the second Sunday of November.

Together, we raised our voices for vulnerable children, shared the message of family-based care, and invited communities to respond through prayer, preaching, and practical support for foster families. Thank you to every church that stood with us.

stand sunday 

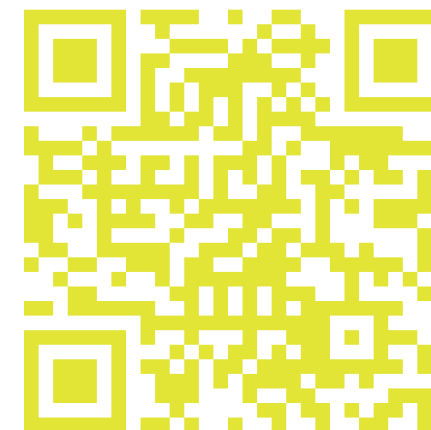


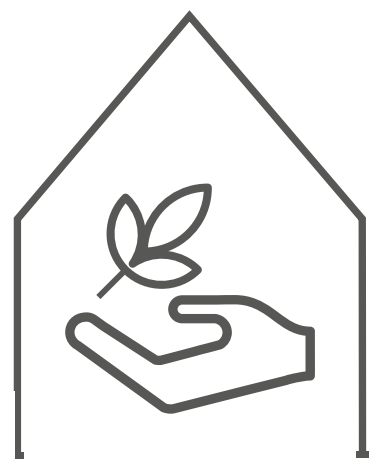
At twenty-two, I fell in love with a severely ill two-year-old girl while volunteering at a children's hospital. Despite doctors' grim predictions, I fostered her, and she is now thriving and studying Early Childhood Development. Over two decades, I fostered another daughter and faced numerous challenges, including pressure to let go of a newborn boy I held onto despite the losses. Kin Culture found me during a difficult time, providing invaluable support that proved healing. Recently, I discovered a book from my childhood, realizing my life's choices were a fulfillment of my calling. This journey has taught me resilience and the power of unwavering love. Each child I've fostered has enriched my life in immeasurable ways. My experiences have reinforced the belief that every life, no matter how fragile, holds immense value and potential.

*"There is no 'easier life' for me. I am already living it."*

*Atwell Family*

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# *garden route*

The Garden Route has grown significantly. What began with six families caring for thirteen children has expanded to nineteen families and thirty-three children now in our network.

Our team continues to do exceptional work with limited resources. We are currently in the process of recruiting another social worker for the area, which will strengthen our capacity to support families well as the network grows.

Our relationships with local churches have also deepened, and our relational approach is starting to bear good fruit in this region.



Every year, Kin Culture hosts a Stakeholders Event to support and empower our peers in social services. It's a space to share knowledge, build relationships, and collaborate with fellow organisations and professionals.

Together, we strengthen our collective impact as we respond to the growing needs of children and families in care. Thank you to all who joined us in making this event a success.



# the year in review

The 2025/26 financial year saw Kin Culture grow its support to families by 10%, delivering R3.8 million in programme value. Total income from donors and trading activities reached R5.4 million, with our trading arm contributing R382,846 directly to programme funding. The year reflected a net loss of R971,020, largely due to the delayed timing of a R 3.9 million National Lotteries Commission grant received after year-end. Cash reserves remain healthy at R1.6 million, and the board remains focused on building sustainable income for the long term.

| ABRIDGED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT<br>FOR-PROFIT + NON-FOR PROFIT COMBINED | 2026<br>R   | 2025<br>R   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue from public benefit activities                                     | 3,297,445   | 4,061,303   |
| Revenue from trading activities                                            | 1,824,581   | 1,510,037   |
| Other trading income                                                       | 189,484     | 141,575     |
| Investment income                                                          | 93,973      | 119,494     |
| Sundry income                                                              | 35,335      | 5,121       |
| Gross income                                                               | 5,440,818   | 5,837,530   |
| Programme expenses                                                         | (3,766,610) | (3,418,163) |
| Cost of sales from trading activities                                      | (823,074)   | (638,302)   |
| Trading activity expenses                                                  | (808,145)   | (566,947)   |
| Administrative expenses                                                    | (923,312)   | (678,683)   |
| (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR                                                 | (880,323)   | 535,435     |
| Tax                                                                        | (90,697)    | (100,195)   |
| (LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAX                                                    | (971,020)   | 435,240     |
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| ABRIDGED FINANCIAL POSITION                               | 2026<br>R | 2025<br>R |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                                        | 168,379   | 191,749   |
| Property, plant and equipment                             | 191,749   | 191,749   |
| CURRENT ASSETS                                            | 1,665,829 | 2,177,281 |
| Trade and other receivables                               | 68,568    | 276,628   |
| Deferred tax                                              |           | 0         |
| Cash and bank                                             | 1,597,261 | 1,900,653 |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                              | 1,834,208 | 2,369,030 |
| ACCUMULATED SURPLUS                                       | 351,089   | 1,322,109 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS                                          | 1,270,914 | 890,431   |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                                        | 212,205   | 156,490   |
| Deferred tax                                              | 4,487     | 2,658     |
| Trade and other payables                                  | 207,718   | 153,832   |
| TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES                              | 1,834,208 | 2,369,030 |
| 1: Include prepaid expenses, trade, VAT and other         | 168,379   | 191,749   |
| 2: Comprise of deferred income to be released to Profit & | 191,749   | 191,749   |
| 3: Include sundry creditors and provision for audit fees. |           |           |

The Impact of Your Gift

# What your money *actually* does

R300

A meal for a family  
of four

R500

helps to provide a welcome kit  
for new placements

R750

monthly ECD subsidy for a  
foster child

R1 000

help to provide a therapy session or  
medical appointment

A close-up photograph of several blueberries, showing their characteristic bumpy texture and deep blue color. The berries are clustered together, with some in sharp focus and others slightly blurred in the background.

# Kin Business

This year marked a significant season of growth and adaptation for Kin Culture's sustainability initiatives.

To navigate the increasingly competitive South African blueberry market, we have diversified our offering to include a broader range of fresh fruits and expanded our footprint from the Western Cape to a national scale.

Key highlights include substantial growth in our wholesale division, which helped sustain operations during a demanding financial period, and the launch of a new website to enhance future customer engagement. Our Year-End market presence also expanded, with particularly strong performance at one of our key anchor markets.

Despite uncertainty in the blueberry industry regarding export trends and local pricing, we remain committed to monitoring market shifts and adapting responsibly.

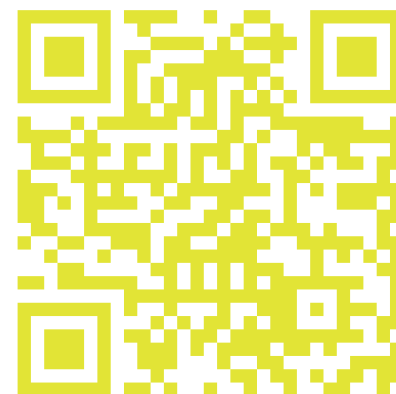
Looking forward, we are exploring new income streams, such as additional billboard advertising on our property, to strengthen long-term sustainability and maximise our existing resources.

# Bloemhof Family

In 2020, my husband Jacque and I became foster parents to two children, motivated by a spiritual conviction to provide stability. The children, now healthy and thriving, have been with us for several years. In 2023, we joined Kin Culture, a supportive community of foster families that offered friendship, guidance, and resources. This connection has been invaluable as we pursue permanency and adoption for the children, providing a level of support we hadn't experienced before. We are deeply grateful for this journey alongside others. Our involvement with Kin Culture has not only enriched our lives but has also allowed us to share experiences and learn from other families on similar paths. The bonds we've formed have been a source of strength and inspiration during our fostering journey.

*"There are not many people who truly walk the journey with foster families. But that is exactly what we have experienced with Kin Culture."*

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# *our team*



Agnes Barnard



Martus Greyvenstein



Phumeza Jack



Debbie Durward



Carryn Titus



Michelle Rielly



Michelle Hales



Belinda Amoedo



Marli Brunsdon



Gunter Titus



Grethe Hyslop

# thank you

We are grateful to see many children placed with families in our network.

Supporting children and families in care is a worthy cause with great potential.

We invite you to continue with Kin Culture on this journey



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