



**Likhonⁱ
iThemba**

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We believe every child has a right to a family.

Our Vision

To provide a safe home and family environment for children waiting for adoption or re-unification.

Our Mission

To create lasting solutions to the orphan crisis in South Africa.

Our Values

Creating bonds, Sustainable commitment, Unique, Open-minded and Forward-thinking ideas and Passion.

Our Aim

We believe that children should be part of a family; that they should feel secure, loved, never go hungry and have access to medical care when needed.

This is our core philosophy.

LIKHON ITHEMBA was registered in June 2012. Our first project was and remains, the House of Love and Hope (HOLAH). Our second project, Bowl of Plenty (BOP), began in 2015 as a feeding scheme and support program for local communities and individuals in need. In 2016, we opened Charity Hop Shop, which was started as a way to help our NPO become self-sustainable. 2019 saw our first baby safe go up – Vikela Baby Saver, which we are hoping mothers will use as a last resort as well as a counseling support system where they can come to us for counselling and advice on what to do.

Leanne and Kim, the CO-FOUNDERS of Likhon iThemba, are very much pro-adoption and offer free advice and assistance to anyone interested in adoption or considering giving their child up for adoption. They have adopted three children of their own and their hands-on experience of adoption is extremely helpful when communicating and promoting it. Likhon iThemba will soon be starting the HOLAH Network; a project designed to recruit and educate people on fostering and providing support through the process. Likhon Ithemba's main beneficiaries are underprivileged children, aged birth to seven years. We have a keen interest in children with special needs and aim to support the biological families of the children in our care and their potential adoptive families. We are always interested in networking with people who may be involved with an NPO.



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HOUSE OF LOVE & HOPE

HOLAH is registered as a place of safety which can care for up to six babies at a time. This number often has to be increased as there are not enough crisis homes for children in Durban. Between June 2012 and October 2019 we have cared for and loved over 60 babies. We work alongside child protection organisations, the South African Police Service and hospitals and we have dedicated ourselves to nurturing these babies until permanent, loving families are found. We look after the babies until suitable adoptive families can be found or reunification can occur.

THE KIDS, in addition to the seven babies HOLAH is currently caring for, also include four children with special needs. We ensure they have all the specialized treatment and therapy they need to reach their full potential. Three of these children have severe Cerebral Palsy, so their needs are very specialized and require wheelchairs, special sitting chairs, walking frames, alternative communication systems and more. We are passionate about providing a loving, homely environment for the little ones in our care, giving them everything they need to grow, meet their milestones and thrive. We want to give them the best start possible by meeting their basic needs as well the love they deserve.

ADOPTION is important. If there is no chance of family reunification, our goal is for every child to be adopted. This process can be lengthy, which means the children are with us for any amount of time; from two months to two years or longer. We are committed to providing stability for babies and children and believe they must not be moved around from one home to the next. Once in our care, a child will stay with us until we are able to work out the best long-term outcome for that child.

CHARITY HOP SHOP

The HOP SHOP was established in October 2016, to help bring in much-needed funds to run all the projects under Likhon iThemba. We converted a beautiful, old Glenwood home into a unique, eclectic charity shop where we accept all donations - women, men and kids' clothes, appliances, sports equipment, household items, etc., if they are all in working order. It's important to us that we work hard to bring in funds and not rely completely on sponsorship. The shop has been a very positive step in helping Likhon iThemba continue to support babies and young children through HOLAH, as well as allowing Likhon iThemba to start new projects.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH, in addition to the Hop Shop bringing in much needed funds for Likhon iThemba, is a way for our customers to purchase good quality items, in bulk, that they can re-sell in town or on farms. This helps these individuals to generate an income, as well as provide goods that may not be easily accessible to people in rural areas. We have had very encouraging feedback about the shop, showing that it provides a positive contribution to Glenwood. People love donating pre-loved items, helping and giving back to their community. Everyone loves finding treasures at HOP; especially for a bargain.



BOWL OF PLENTY

BOP started as an outreach feeding scheme, when we found an incredibly desperate need in the rural communities in and around Durban. As Likhon iThemba has grown as a charity, we have seen the need to grow within our city. The basic need for food has grown exponentially since BOP started and we have followed the growth by providing weekly meals to parts of the city that don't receive support from their community. Through these visits, we can provide support to mothers and expecting mothers as well as connect them with the right people in times of need.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS has been something BOP has built; ones of trust and friendship, traits that are so rare on the streets of our communities, yet so desperately needed for each individual that we meet. The importance of love and connecting are evident throughout our conversations with people we meet, and the joy a meal brings is priceless. BOP has further developed to support additional needs by assisting with collections, such as our most recent eco-brick collection to build a home for a family in need living in Tongaat.

VIKELA BABY SAVER

ABANDONMENTS have become alarmingly prevalent in the Glenwood/Umbilo area, each time a new case arises, we are stirred to make a change, with a mission to create a platform that will give mothers or soon-to-be mothers the space to speak up and seek counseling. Our primary goal in each case is to assist the moms in keeping their child and not feeling that their only option is to abandon them. Should a mother feel that abandoning her child is the only option, we have installed a baby safe in Glenwood, in the boundary wall of Likhon iThemba's Charity Hop Shop. Once a baby is placed in the safe, an alarm is sent out to the safe management members, including an ambulance, a social worker, and a few individuals responsible for the safe. It is then our responsibility to get medical attention to the baby if needed, then report to SAPS and welfare. The baby will stay with us at HOLAH until a suitable placement is found for him or her. Although this seems like a simple process, education is the key factor – educating mothers that they are never alone, walking the journey with them and, should they feel that they still have no other option, educating them on safe abandonment.

LIKHON ITHEMBA'S CULTURE

The founders, management and staff at LikhoniThemba are energetic and passionate about making a difference by impacting lives in a positive way; always hands-on and always looking for more things to get involved in and ways we can help. We believe in working in partnership and collaboration, where possible with the local community, as well as corporates, individuals and other NPO's. We don't believe in begging for money, nor do we expect it. We hold fundraising events, but also with an aim to give our supporters and donors an enjoyable experience.



LIKHON ITHEMBA'S FUTURE

VIKELA BABY SAVER will be rolling out more baby safes across KZN in 2020. We would like to set up at least three more around KZN. This project will hopefully see lots of mothers coming in and talking to us and hearing what options and support is available to them. Kim and Leanne will be actively promoting long term Foster care and adoption. Finding families willing to take on this wonderful journey and support them through the process.

BOP will be moving into different areas in KZN. We currently spend a lot of time in the CBD but will soon be looking into supporting the homeless in Pinetown and surrounding areas.

CHARITY HOP SHOP underwent a massive upgrade this year. There are still some areas we are working on to get the shop looking amazing, which will hopefully be done within the next few months.

LIKHON ITHEMBA'S BENEFICIARIES & YOUR HELP

Our main beneficiaries are underprivileged children, aged from birth to seven years. We have a keen interest in supporting children with special needs. We aim to support the biological families of the children in our care as well as potential adoptive families. We are always interested in networking with people involved with NPO's or similar organisations to ours, and those wanting to give back. We would like you to think about the current situation in South Africa. With the continued rise in infant abandonment and HIV-related deaths resulting in many orphaned children, the need for facilities and projects such as ours is on the increase. With this kind of organisation, our biggest costs are operational, and we are forever grateful to our local community for choosing to support Likhon iThemba through material donations, but it is a monthly struggle to cover all the operational costs. If you would like to get involved, help us grow and help more vulnerable children, we would love to hear from you.

BENEFITS FOR DONORS

Full company branding on the vehicle.

Section 18a certificate to claim back tax on the donation.

100% BEE rating.

Promotion of company through Likhon iThemba's social media platforms to over 5,000 supporters, including articles in Berea and Quennsburgh Mail as well as a web page devoted to the sponsorship story.

A feeling of giving back to your community and making a difference to many lives.



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OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

- Likhon iThemba registration date: 26th of March 2012
- BEE Status: 100% black, South African beneficiaries.
- SED Certification: Broad-Based, Black, Socio-Economic Development.
- Provided on request: Certified Tax Clearance Certificate, AFS and Section 18a.
- Website: www.likhonithemba.co.za
- Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/houseofloveandhope/>
<https://www.facebook.com/charityhopshop/>

BANKING DETAILS

- Account Name: Likhon Ithemba
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- Branch: Durban North
- Branch Code: 220426
- Account #: 62396663918
- Reference: Your Name

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