

## GOOD SCHOOL RESULTS BOOST THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM AND UBUNTU

Gone by is the year 2005 and yet The Amazing Grace Children Centre's commitment as ...a safe and educational environment for children lives on. Although the number of children does changes on regular basis through the process of the re-unification and new kids coming in presently we are accommodating 41 children of which 99% have been accepted at local public schools after their excellent performance during 2005 academic year with 98% passing their final exams. Of those who managed to pass their exams 2 were able to finish their matric, namely, Kabelo, Professor and Majaha. The last has been re-unified back to the family and the others decided to continue their studies at the University whereby Kabelo chose to do Engineering and Professor went for Nature Conservation.

However we are faced with the challenge of finding sponsors for their tertiary studies adding to the fact that they have reached the stage where they must be phased out from the centre's operational system and registration requirements by the Department of Health & Social Services to keep children from the age of 6 to 18 years.

Project Development Since 2003 and after a series of meetings with the Nkomazi Municipality and other stakeholders The Amazing Grace Children Centre is heading for a major project development after accepting the Nkomazi Municipality sale offer of the portion of Stand 976 Extension, Malelane. The stand is 5000m<sup>2</sup> valued at R350,000 with capacity to build dormitories for boys and girls training facilities, administration offices, recreation and swimming pool facilities for the children. Once again we would like to thank all the donors, local community, government and various sectors of the society, the staff and volunteers for their selfless hours of volunteerism who contributed for the success although obstacles did play their role but didn't detain our determination and willingness to serve the community of Nkomazi region, Mpumalanga as a Province and neighbouring states e.g. trafficked children, through our anti child trafficking project in partnership with NGOs from Mozambique and Swaziland, more especial the Maputo based office of Terre des Hommes from Germany.