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Doctor's legacy to live on at Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre in Soweto.

On Wednesday 13 May 2015, the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Cllr. Mpho Parks Tau, officially opened the new Resource Centre at Othandweni Child and Youth Care Centre in Mofolo, Soweto. The renovations to the centre that is owned and managed by Jo'burg Child Welfare, were made possible through a generous donation from the Sowazi family in memory of their friend, Dr Clive Ntemi Mhlongo.

Dr Clive Ntemi Mhlongo who, as part of his commitment to giving back to the community, dedicated his time to provide voluntary medical professional services to the children living at Othandweni for many years. Dr Mhlongo passed away in 2003 and as a tribute to his invaluable contribution to the Othandweni Care Centre, the Sowazi family engaged the Tiso Foundation to manage the construction of building upgrades and a resource centre. The upgrades include a new catering kitchen that will allow the centre to more effectively cater for all 90 children who are resident at the centre, a spacious hall that can be used for activities, as well as a computer room and library.

The new Resource Centre and building upgrades will not only help the home's operations run smoother, it will also provide, children with access to new educational tools and books and computer equipment, that they would otherwise not have access to. The centre offers residential care for up to 90 children of all ages who have been abused, abandoned or neglected.

"Othandweni Children's Home is something that was very close to Dr Mhlongo's heart. We are honoured to be able to see his legacy of giving live on through this project," said Mpumelelo Sowazi on behalf of the Sowazi family.

"Othandweni has long been an integral part of the Soweto community and we are most grateful to the Mhlongo and Sowazi families for their ongoing commitment to supporting the vulnerable children of our community," said Ms Nomvuyo Shabangu, Assistant Director at Jo'burg Child Welfare. "The management of this special project and the expertise that we received from Tiso Foundation were also fundamental to the delivery of this wonderful building and we are grateful to them for their role in this project."

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Caring for our children

About Jo'burg Child Welfare

Jo'burg Child Welfare is a non-profit organisation which has cared for abused, abandoned, neglected, orphaned and vulnerable children in Johannesburg, South Africa since 1909. We directly and indirectly reach, some 47,000 orphaned, vulnerable and abused children and their families, annually. Our services and projects include

- Masibambisane - a day care centre that assists youth and granny-headed households caring for children who have been orphaned by HIV;
- Othandweni - a children's home for abused, abandoned and neglected children;
- Princess Alice - an adoption home;
- Thembalethu – a life-skills and economic empowerment centre helping young girls and women living on Jo'burg's inner city streets;
- child protection services, statutory services and foster-care supervision for children who have been neglected, orphaned, abused or made vulnerable by HIV or AIDS;
- as well as an active advocacy programme through which we lobby for children's rights within the government.

Aside from our own centres we run an Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Forum, where we assist 95 community based organisations in providing services to orphaned and vulnerable children within their own communities.

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About Tiso Foundation

The Tiso Foundation was one of the founding and principal shareholders of the Tiso Group an investment holding company established in 2001. In July 2011 Tiso Group merged with Kagiso Trust Investments to form Kagiso Tiso Holdings ("KTH"), one of South Africa's largest black owned and managed investment holding companies with assets in excess of R15 billion. This resulted in the Foundation becoming a principal shareholder in KTH alongside Kagiso Trust, Rembrandt Group (Remgro) and Tiso Investment Holdings. The Foundation's shareholding/endowment in KTH is valued at approximately R750 million.

The deliberate decision by the founders of Tiso Group to bequeath a substantial portion of their individual shares to a Foundation that would dedicate its mission and resources to youth education, skills development and create an institution that would be self-sustaining and a model of African philanthropy that exhibits congruence of commercial and social investment imperatives.

As part of the new structure of the Foundation, and as part of our strategy to capitalise on the strengths of the Foundation, such as strong governance and financial controls in place, this places the Foundation in the unique position to provide a fund management role for other donors. The aim of the Tiso Foundation Special Projects section is manage special projects on behalf of individuals and donor organizations who would like assistance with their charitable work.

For more about the Tiso Foundation please visit: <http://tisofoundation.co.za/>