

JULY 2016 UPDATE: CASES AT AL-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

A total number of 34 victims for the month of July seen at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre, 239 Durban Road, Korsten and the satellite office container based in Schauderville. Crime, substance abuse and unemployment continue to wreak havoc damaging the lives of families. Below is a brief summary of cases:

1. A 28 year old divorced mother of three whose life has been in turmoil after her oldest child's recent surgery following his diagnosis with a brain tumour. This added to travelling back and forth from Groote Schuur Hospital for checkups has taken its toll on her emotionally financially and physically.
2. A 29 year old single female and mother of three struggling to be independent. Her former partner is unsupportive of their children and his alleged drug and alcohol addiction has been the cause of the continuous conflict between them.
3. A 34 year old female residing with a grandparent unable to procure employment after being prosecuted for shoplifting. Victim feels trapped in her current situation.
4. A 45 year old HIV positive grandmother initially approached the centre seeking a referral about available shelters for herself and a five year old grandchild as they were homeless and resorting to sleeping at a nearby hospital for shelter. The victim has since given the child to a previously estranged father as she was unable to provide for the child and could not handle the responsibility any longer. Police are still seeking the whereabouts of the child's mother, a known drug addict.
5. A 40 year old female distressed and heartbroken at the condition of an HIV positive family member who undergoing tests for cancer as well. The victim's concern extends to the welfare of the family member's children.
6. A 38 year old female receiving counselling after having given up a baby for adoption. While still heart sore at giving up the child, she feels it was the right thing to do as she is unable to provide a stable home and safety is a priority.
7. A 48 year old widowed mother of an adult son who is a TIK addict. Having recently undergone several surgeries, the victim feels she is at breakpoint and unable to deal with his constant theft of household items as she is already dealing with health, financial and emotional pressures. Victim has been referred to the appropriate service providers.
8. A 25 year old mother married to a foreigner who does not want to reside with her and their mutual children. The victim is currently living with a grandparent but could not manage the tension in the household as the grandparent was not happy with accommodating two religions in the household. The victim has been asked to find other accommodation. Her spouse resides with friends and is not willing to be of any support.
9. A 57 year old female residing with a sibling; both unemployed. The victim was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease. As a result of the disease she is unable to walk unaccompanied due to fear of collapsing in public.
10. A 34 year old father and husband struggling financially to keep a roof on the heads of his family.
11. A 43 year old divorced mother of four providing for her family by doing odd jobs whenever possible. The victim has not had an easy life and the rape of a child in the family devastated

the family. Trying to keep the family together emotionally and financially has exhausted the victim prompting her to seek help.

12. A 41 year old female convicted of murder and robbery several years ago approached the centre for counselling. Having been incarcerated for 10 years, she had lost touch with a daughter after leaving the child in the care of other family members. Victim feels cheated and bitter that she was the only one of the trio of perpetrators who paid the price for the crime.
13. 41 year old unemployed mother of one residing with family friends, all of whom rely on the victim's son's child support grant for income. The victim is angry and feels trapped as she feels the family friends prefer the status quo as they benefit from it. The victim is seeking alternate accommodation for herself and her son.
14. A 61 year old father and husband undergoing treatment for cancer. The couple do receive support from their adult children.
15. A 41 year old male unemployed and battling to find employment due to a severe, chronic back injury. He feels helpless as he is unable to provide for his family.
16. A 43 year old single mother of three currently unemployed with the only income being the child support grant for three children.
17. A 50 year old chronically ill mother of four surviving by doing casual jobs. Victim has several chronic illnesses including diabetes, hypertension and psoriasis. Victim receives no financial support from the father of the children and relies on the disability grant of one child.
18. A 38 year old mother of three struggling financially. The victim and her spouse are unemployed; only income is the child support grant of one child. The couple are rapidly losing hope in their ability to survive and are currently waiting on the status of their application for an RDP (Reconstruction and Development Programme) house.
19. A 38 year old female battling with her son who is a TIK addict. She feels she has run out of options after his recent actions including the theft of and damage to a family member's car. She has been referred to the relevant service provider.
20. A 45 year old male from a neighbouring province approached the centre for assistance after being assaulted. The Victim feels that the situation in Port Elizabeth is not working out and would prefer to return to his home town.
21. A 46 year old single mother of 3 seeking assistance and guidance. She has applied for a social grant for the children and is currently battling to make ends meet.
22. A 41 year old single female residing with ageing parents. The victim's mother is chronically ill and hospital bills are adding up. The victim is unemployed and currently the household relies on the social grant of the pensioner parents.
23. 60 year old male seeking assistance in the situation of a neighbouring family. He is battling financially himself but feels that the family he assists needs assistance and he is unable to abandon them in their time of need.