MAY 2021 UPDATE: CASES AT AL-FIDAA FOUNDATION WHITE DOOR CENTRE

27 victims recorded for the month of May 2021 at the Al-Fidaa Foundation White Door Centre, 239 Durban Road, Korsten. Referrals included: Department of Social Development, Department of Education, Al-Fidaa Foundation Skills Development Centre, SAPS and Nelson Mandela University Psychology Clinic.

The following are brief summaries of some cases seen:

- Stressed female reported being physically and financially abused by her life partner. Client disclosed that she become homeless as her employed life partner refuses to provide shelter for her and their dependants. The client was referred to SAPS and the Department of Social Development.
- 2. Male who was robbed and assaulted disclosed that he has not been mobile because of the assault. The frustrated and differently able client reported that he wants to regain his independence but is unable to do so because of lack of support from his family and lack of finance. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 3. Heartbroken female reported that her livelihood was disrupted when her small business was robbed. Client was referred to SAPS and ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
- 4. Worried female sought assistance for a minor family member who is suicidal. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
- 5. Female is struggling to deal with the death of her biological parent who was allegedly murdered. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
- 6. Female reported that her ex-life partner refuses to pay maintenance for their children. Client disclosed that she has been struggling to find employment and she is stressed because she is unable to provide for her children's needs. Client was referred to the Department of Justice.
- 7. Frustrated male reported that he is a victim of crime. The client complained that he sought assistance from numerous organizations to assist him with obtaining his personal documents, but he was unsuccessful. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 8. Distressed female is worried about the safety of her minor child who is displaying challenging behaviour. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 9. Worried female sought assistance for her minor family member who is abusing substances. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 10. Desperate minor female does not know how to cope with the broken relationship between herself and her biological parent. Client disclosed that her unfavourable behaviour resulted from a longing for her parent's affection. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.

- 11. Client disclosed that she has been struggling with the financial strain of caring for her siblings since their biological parents passed away. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 12. Angry female complained that she has been caring for her grandchildren and the biological mother of the children is abusing the children's social grant. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 13. Furious male alleges that his child is being neglected by the biological mother. Client disclosed that he approached a child protection organization but he has not received assistance. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 14. Differently abled male struggling to get admission to a school which will be able to cater for his needs. Client was referred to the Department of Education.
- 15. Stressed mother is worried about her child who needs to consult with a psychologist for an assessment and further intervention. Client was referred to the Nelson Mandela University Psychology Clinic.
- 16. Tired female reported that she was tasked with rearing her siblings and therefore had to put her aspirations on hold. Client disclosed she is tired and feels resentful towards her parent for burdening her with this task. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
- 17. Elderly male disclosed that he is heartbroken and regrets not having a wide family circle whom could care for him at his old age. Client complained of feeling isolated, and fears dying alone. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 18. Despondent male reported that he has been trying to get custody of his child, but failed thus far. Client was referred to the Department of Social Development.
- 19. Adult male disclosed that he feels ashamed because he is unable to sustain his family since his father passed away. Client disclosed that the inability to find employment is impacting on his self-confidence because his family expects him to provide for the needs of the family since he is the head of the household. Ongoing counselling was offered to the client.
- 20. Male alleges that relatives are trying to rob him and that he had reported the matter to SAPS, but did not get assistance.

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