

CHAPTER

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## Social Services —The homeless

*Johannes Muller of Cape Town ran away from home when he was just a young boy. He hasn't ever told anyone why he is living on the streets. He finds employment at times and then he rents a room. But now he has been out of work for so long that he is on the streets again. Sometimes he goes to the Haven night shelter in Wynberg, where he gets two meals and a bed to sleep in.*





## ■ Boland District

### *Night Shelter*

Tennant Street, **Stellenbosch**, 7600

PO Box 766, Stellenbosch, 7600

Tel: (021) 886 6173

Fax: (021) 886 6173

#### **Community-based organisation—shelter for adults:**

This shelter provides overnight facilities and basic care to homeless people in Stellenbosch.

(Area served: Stellenbosch area)

### *Nuwe Begin*

Brooke Street, Riverview, **Worcester**, 6850

PO Box 148, Worcester, 6850

Tel: (023) 342 7920

Contact: Mrs R Louw

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

This shelter accommodates people of any age and provides food and shelter. The social workers help to rehabilitate people. They help the adults to find work and send the children to government-subsidised schools.

### *The Haven*

Ambags Valley Street, **Huegenot**, 7642

PO Box 9119, Huegenot, 7642

Tel: (021) 872 8380

Fax: (021) 872 8958

E-mail: [hanspet@mweb.co.za](mailto:hanspet@mweb.co.za)

Contact: Mr W Kenned

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

The Haven offers shelter to homeless people, providing two meals a day and a place to sleep.

Some people come just for the night, others stay for months, depending on their needs.

## ■ Eden District

### *The Haven*

123 Memoriam Street, **George**, 6530

PO Box 540, George, 6530

Tel: (044) 873 2787

Fax: (044) 873 2787

Contact: Mr P Swanepoel

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

The Haven offers homeless adults a place to sleep, food and clothes. It also helps to rehabilitate people where necessary and provides medication.

People can stay here for a period of three to six months. The Haven offers several programmes that help people to obtain work. It accommodates between 50 and 70 people.

## ■ City of Cape Town District

### *Beth Rogelim*

22 Alfred Street, **Roggebaai**, 8012

PO Box 7363, Roggebaai, 8012

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Fax: (021) 421 7105

E-mail: [bethrog@lantic.net](mailto:bethrog@lantic.net)

Contact: Mr R Mair

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

The home offers accommodation and food to men over the age of 26. At the moment, there are 60 young men, 52 pensioners and 40 middle-aged men.

### *Happy Valley*

Off Palace Hill Street, **Simon's Town**, 7995

PO Box 530, Simon's Town, 7995

Tel: (021) 786 5087

Fax: (021) 786 2944

Contact: Mr A Duraan

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

Happy Valley is a shelter for families and their children. There are approximately 60 adults and 10 children there at present. They are involved in a number of activities such as artwork, making beads, making compost and recycling. Soon they will be able to do needlework as well.

### *Ikhaya Labantu*

Hostels No 33 and 34, Zone 17, **Langa**, 7455

PO Box 252, Langa, 7455

Tel: (021) 694 4062

Fax: (021) 461 6823

Contact: Ms E Kumkani

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

This night shelter is for men, women and children. The shelter provides food and clothes to about 70 people and has a nursery school for children. People receive training in needlework (women) and becoming a security officer (men), for instance. This training puts many people in a position to find work.

### *Loaves and Fishes*

1 Lower Rochester Street, **Observatory**, 7925

PO Box 13030, Mowbray, 7705

Tel: (021) 448 5900

Fax: (021) 448 0684

E-mail: [loavesandfishes@freemail.absa.co.za](mailto:loavesandfishes@freemail.absa.co.za)

Contact: Mr R Noble

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for adults:**

This shelter houses people between the ages of 0 and 80. At the moment, there are 60 adults and 10 children. Children up to and including the age of six attend the nursery school at the shelter and after that they go to the local schools. School funds are covered by state subsidies. The shelter helps adults to find work.



### **The Carpenter Shop**

14a Roeland Street, **Cape Town**, 8000

PO Box 3766, Cape Town, 8000

Tel: (021) 461 5508

Fax: (021) 461 8766

E-mail: [info@tcs.org.za](mailto:info@tcs.org.za)

Contact: Mr J Ball

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelter for**

**adults:** This shelter helps to rehabilitate people so they are ready to return to normal life again. They stay in the night shelter for approximately three months, after which the shelter helps them to find a place to stay or to be reunited with their families. They are involved in training schemes involving recycling, panel beating, spray painting, welding and woodwork. Residents are given one cooked meal a day and have access to showers and laundry facilities. They also have access to a medical doctor and a full-time social worker, who manages their savings accounts, pensions and grants. Residents have to pay a monthly rental to prepare them to be able to function in society again.

### **The Haven shelters**

1. 16 Piers Street, **Wynberg**, 7800  
PO Box 18746, Wynberg, 7824  
Tel: (021) 762 8243  
Fax: (021) 761 3300  
Contact: Ms A Marienus
2. 20 Selkirk Street, **Cape Town**, 8001  
Tel: (021) 465 1310  
Fax: (021) 465 7774  
E-mail: [distri6haven@telkomsa.co.za](mailto:distri6haven@telkomsa.co.za)  
Contact: Mr M Prinsloo
3. 2 Napier Street, **Cape Town**, 8000  
PO Box 530, Green Point, 8000  
Tel: (021) 421 6219  
Fax: (021) 421 6219  
E-mail: [napierhaven@mweb.co.za](mailto:napierhaven@mweb.co.za)  
Contact: Mrs L Petersen
4. 9 Polaris Street, Nerrisa Factory 9, **Lansdowne**, 7779  
PO Box 24529, Lansdowne, 7779  
Tel: (021) 761 0946  
Fax: (021) 761 0944  
Contact: Mr GM Groenewaldt
5. Main Road (Next to Cape to Cuba Restaurant), **Kalk Bay**, 7990  
PO Box 184, Kalk Bay, 7990  
Tel: (021) 788 5820  
Fax: (021) 788 5820  
Contact: Mrs L van der Westhuizen
6. 5 Fir Street, **Claremont**, 7708  
PO Box 23999, Claremont, 7735  
Tel: (021) 671 4209  
Fax: (021) 671 4209  
Contact: Mr M O'Connor

#### **Non-governmental organisation—shelters for adults:**

**Wynberg:** This is a night shelter that can accommodate up to 150 people. It has ablution facilities as well as sleeping accommodation. The residents receive two meals a day as well as clothing. There is also the opportunity for training in a number

of skills. This shelter also gives food to people who live out on the streets.

**Cape Town:** This night shelter accommodates approximately 80 people. It has a number of projects at present, for instance making blocks, making clothes on machines, panel beating and spray painting. The projects are undertaken on the premises.

**Napier Haven:** This is a shelter for adults, with facilities such as sleeping accommodation and ablution facilities. People usually stay in the shelter for approximately three months, or as necessary. There is sleeping accommodation for 80 people.

**Lansdowne:** This is a shelter for approximately 80 adults and has sleeping accommodation and ablution facilities. People usually stay in the shelter for approximately three months. They can also receive counselling at the shelter.

**Kalk Bay:** This shelter accommodates 25 adults, offering them food and a place to sleep. The centre also helps with skills training, and offers advice and rehabilitation where necessary. The people stay for approximately three months and are helped to find work.

**Claremont:** This night shelter has 36 beds, 10 for women and 26 for men. There is also a soup kitchen. On Tuesdays and Fridays the shelter is opened to people outside the shelter, who are given food.

