

## ABOUT US

The Bienvenu Shelter adopts and reflects on the mission of the Scalabrinian Missionary Sisters: to serve in the perspective of 'being a migrant with migrants', with special priority and attention to those who go through situations of greater vulnerability, protecting and promoting their dignity, their human rights and promoting their protagonism.

## SERVICE

- ✓ **Safe and secure accommodation for women and their children.**
- ✓ **Baby Room & Lovely Bears Creche** – Day-care facility for babies up to the age of 3 years and a pre-school for children from the ages of 4 to 6 years .
- ✓ **Empowerment Programmes** – The Mother Assunta Training Centre offers women the opportunity to participate in livelihood courses and other activities of orientation, training and skills development that favour creating job opportunities to generate income for themselves and their families
- ✓ **Outreach Programme** providing sustenance to our ex-residents and needy families in our area.

  
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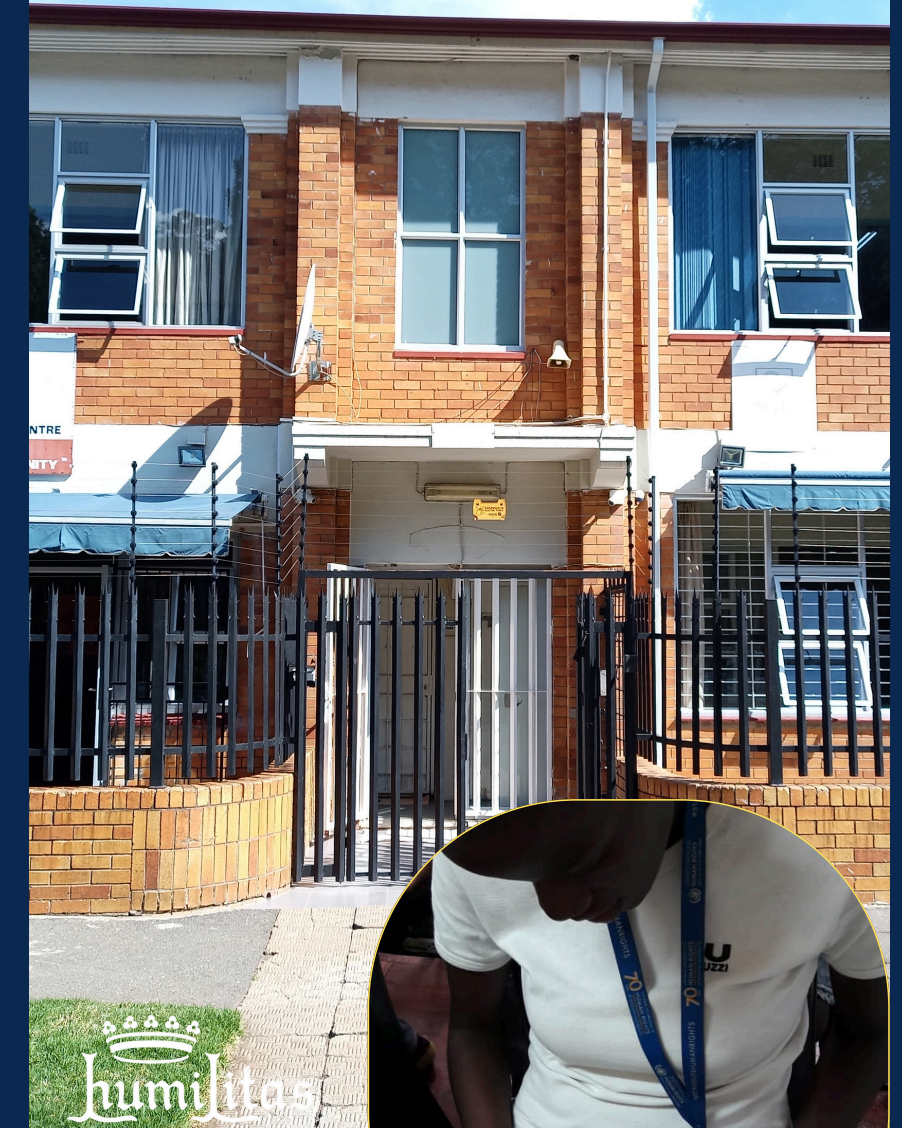
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WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR  
KIND AND GENEROUS SUPPORT TO THOSE  
LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES.  
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## BIENVENU SHELTER

### ANNUAL REPORT 2023



  
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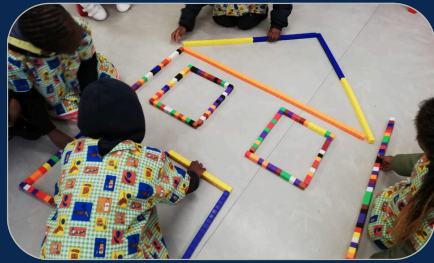


## BIENVENU SHELTER CARING FOR REFUGEE WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

“WELCOMING, PROTECTING,  
PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES” (POPE FRANCIS)

# BABY ROOM & CRECHE

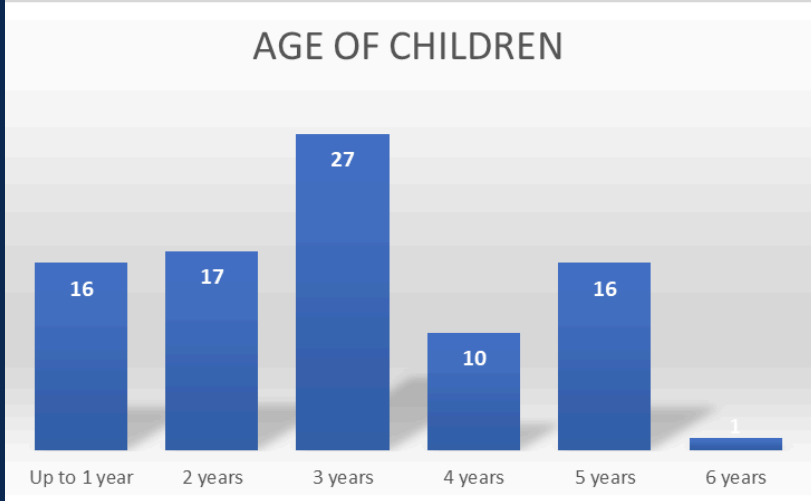
45 children (0-3 years) were cared for in the Baby Room during the year.



Lovely Bears Creche enrolled 42 children (3 to 6 years). 10 children graduated and are ready to begin primary school.

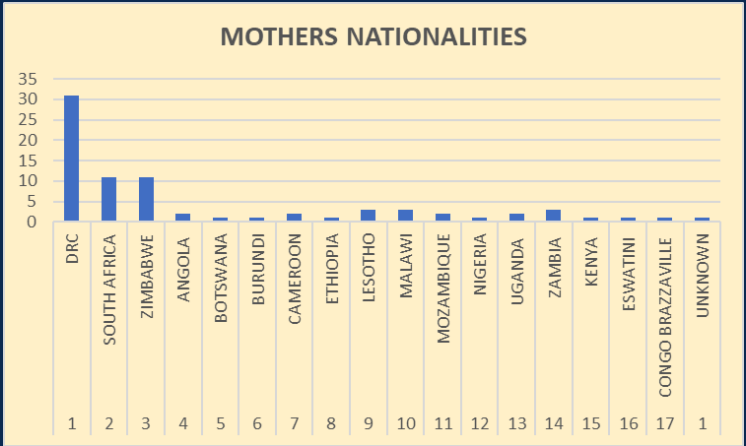


A total of **87 children**, from 12 nationalities, enrolled in the educational programme. The higher numbers were from DRC, Ethiopia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.



# SAFE & SECURE ACCOMMODATION

Bienvenu Shelter provided accommodation to 160 Women and Children from 17 African Countries.



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The majority of women seeking Shelter were between the ages of 30 and 40 years.

Residents duration of stay ranged from (highest to lowest periods) 0 - 3 months, followed by 6 - 13 months, then 3 - 6 months.



# EMPOWERMENT



**359** women participated in various training sessions offered during 2023.

**246** graduated in the Livelihood basic courses:

- Sewing : 57**
- Baking : 56**
- Beauty Nails : 55**
- Beauty Make-up : 75**
- Beading : 3**

# OUTREACH

**11,820**

People were assisted directly and **54,707** indirectly, in collaboration with Pastoral Care for Migrants & Refugees Department of the Archdiocese of Johannesburg.

Support and assistance was provided to ex-residents and families in the local community who are in need of food parcels, blankets, clothing, rent, transportation to hospital, accommodation, access to health care and legal support, school support, funeral assistance and bread or veggies on a daily basis.

