



Volunteer Policy / Non-financial Donations / Community service

Thank you for your interest in assisting Yenzani!

We are thrilled that you would like to help us. Please note, however, that we have to have certain boundaries in place regarding volunteering for the protection of our children.

Our policy is simple - we need volunteers who are prepared to commit to certain activities at regular times. Random volunteering is not beneficial to our children. Volunteers are expected to be prepared to make their visits about the children's needs, show no favouritism and take instruction from our staff.

There are also legal aspects to volunteering (in line with The Children's Act and including the National Child Protection Register). We therefore require a certified copy of volunteers' identity documents, a signed Contract of Intention and confirmation that you are not listed on any sex offenders registers before you will be accepted into Yenzani's volunteer programmes.

Volunteers are needed for help with:

- **Homework**
- **Fundraising**
- **Marketing**
- **Cooking**
- **Cleaning**
- **Administration**
- **Transportation**
- **Hospital and / or medical visits**
- **Outreach programmes**
- **Training for children and staff**

Please note:

- No alcohol or smoking is allowed on the Yenzani premises or when with our children
- No photos are to be taken or published without management's permission (for the protection of our children's safety and dignity)

GROUP volunteering and visits: Please note that we do not have space for more than eight visitors at a time at the Yenzani house, and group visits are accommodated by appointment only.

OUTINGS:

For the safety of our children, we adhere to the following rules regarding outings:

1. Our staff will accompany the children on any outings



2. No outings/visits/parties or sleep-overs are allowed at volunteers' homes
3. We do not host parties for volunteers' children at Yenzani

VISITING HOURS:

- **Weekdays for homework:** 2.30 pm to 6pm
- **Weekends:** After 10 am and before 4 pm – by appointment only

What we need:

- Good condition secondhand shoes and casual clothes for ages 5+
- Linen and bedding
- Good condition furniture
- Good condition computers
- Books
- Groceries, cleaning materials and toiletries
- Vouchers for Dischem for medicines
- School clothes and shoes
- School books, bags and stationery

Please visit our Wishlist at www.yenzani.org for updates.

What is not needed:

- Please note that we do not accept any pre-cooked food (other than fresh take-away meals by prior arrangement).
- We also are not currently in need of items for children younger than 5 years old (including clothes and toys) and cannot accept broken items that need repairs.
- Money may not be given directly to the children.

GIFTS: BIRTHDAYS / CHRISTMAS

Please consult with Vimala or our staff when deciding on gifts, as what the child may "want" may not be the same as what they need. Cash for pocket money or as a gift must be made through the organisation and not directly to the children

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROJECTS:

As we are a small home we are not geared for school community service and work projects unless by special arrangement with management.

If you accept the above conditions and would like to volunteer with us, please contact our staff or Vimala "Cookie" Ally on Yenzani.org@gmail.com or 082 6949832.