Welcome to the World of Touch!
**Touch Community Network** is a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Organisation that was founded in 1995 with the vision to help women and children in crises.

Since our inception as a Pregnancy Crisis Centre, Touch has evolved into 3 interdependent subsidiaries, each offering a spectrum of services complementary to the other. From our initial vision to counsel, equip and care for women and children made vulnerable due to violence, inequality and disease, we now receive support and volunteers from as far afield as the USA and the Netherlands. Recognised as a vital stakeholder in the community, Touch have been active since 1998 in facilitating School Awareness dialogues through our Chat Club Programme, which is based on biblical principles, offering our numerous resources freely to the community and we launched our Early Learning Practitioners training programme in May 2013.

Although we mainly operate within the Bojanala community (Rustenburg area), we have rendered services throughout South Africa even as far as Botswana, Zambia and Mozambique.

The strength of our organisation lies in our multi-sectoral approach in facilitating the transfer of resources and skills to communities and individuals in need.
Products & Services

**Neo Birth Care Centre**
- Counselling on site and at schools
- Play therapy / Child assessments
- Blessing boutique for clothes, food, nappies, hygiene packs & blankets
- Free pregnancy, HIV & drug testing
- Substance abuse
- Trauma, rape, robbery, violence
- Forgiveness
- Adoption: pre and post
- Pregnancy crisis counselling
- HIV/AIDS
- Bereavement
- Pre & Post Abortion
- Parental skills

**Neo Life Training Academy**
- Resource centre: 143 Bethlehem Drive
- Mentoring 26 Child care workers & 200 Guardians
- Mentoring 68 Early childhood practitioners
- Partnerships: University of Pretoria
  - Judea Hope
  - Tapologo HIV/Aids Programme
- Life skills for youth: Chat Club Programme
- Awareness campaigns in schools:
  - Abortion awareness
  - Bullying
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Abuse: Drugs & Alcohol
- Training topics:
  - Parental skills
  - Sexual purity for youth
  - Early Childhood Development
  - HIV/AIDS: Pastoral care
  - Play therapy for children: Gestalt
  - Basic counselling skills – Equipped to Serve

**Neo Care Support Services**
- Care for 677 Orphans & Vulnerable Children
- Teenage pregnancies: Counselling and support
- Toy library – structured play sessions:
  - @ School or @ Touch
  - Toys for loan
  - Active learning centre
- Supporting disadvantaged day-care centres: with toys, training workshops, food & mentoring
- Medical care for vulnerable clients:
  - (by Dr Neil Van Schalkwyk)
    - Children
    - Biological Mothers
    - Abandoned babies
- Support Groups: Orphans and Vulnerable Children
  - Caregivers
  - Counsellors
- Regular debriefing sessions: Counsellors
  - Caregivers
  - ECD Practitioners
Neo Birth Care Centre is ideally situated and equipped to offer a wide range of confidential services free of charge to men, women and children in a safe and relaxed environment. These include but are not limited to:

- Substance Abuse, rape, domestic violence, suicide, pre & post abortion, adoption, bereavement & depression are a few of the types of counselling offered.
- From coping skills to trauma counselling for those confronted with an unwanted pregnancy, post abortion syndrome and miscarriage.
- Pregnancy & HIV counselling & testing.
- Physical care to men, women, children and babies in need of food and clothing.
- An ultra-sound for confirmation of pregnancy.
- Play therapy
- Child Assessments

The H.O.P.E Memorial Garden is a safe, peaceful place where mom's who have lost babies come to say their final goodbyes.

Teddy bears are vital to help children working through abuse & trauma.
School Awareness Programme

- Abortion Awareness Campaign
  This programme started off this year in schools in and around Rustenburg. The focus was primarily on the effects of abortion.

To Date the following schools have been part of the presentation:

- Rustenburg High School   1 360 learners
- Bergsig Academy         1 060 learners
- Oom Paul                472 learners
- Selly Park Secondary    380 learners
- St Augustine’s          300 learners
- Fields College          600 learners

A total of 4172 learners have taken part in the campaign.

Topics planned for 2016/7 are:

- Drugs
- Sexual purity
- Pornography
- Suicide/depression
- Satanism
- Bullying

We have also facilitated sessions at Laerskool Rustenburg Noord Primary & Selly Park on Bullying & Sexuality
The **Neo Life Academy** is the result of formalising years of training and community development to address the need for a wider audience of child care workers, community developers, early learning practitioners, auxiliary social workers and experienced volunteers.

Signature programmes run by the organisation include:

- **Child & Youth Care Workers** mentoring & training
- Symposium on **Child Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation**
- **Equipped to Serve** Lay Counsellor’s Course
- **Child Care that Inspires** – Early Learning Practitioners Training
- Short training courses for volunteers (Equipped to Serve / Play Therapy / HIV)
- Resource Centre for the community

The Academy utilises an established partner network in the health and education sector to ensure quality and relevance of its materials and educators.
Early Learning Practitioners Training

Touch Community Network, together with the University of Pretoria, have developed a ECD programme aimed at Early Learning Practitioners from disadvantaged communities. The pilot programme was launched in 2014 in the Bojanala District.

To date the following groups have been trained:

- Tswaraganang (Rustenburg) 20 Educators - 1647 Children
- Refilwe (Gauteng) 37 Educators - 817 Children
- Pop – Up (group 1) 11 Educators - 250 Children
- RBA/IBT 26 Educators - 1146 Children
- Pop – Up (group 2) 19 Educators - 1100 Children

This means that to date 113 practitioners have been trained and Mentored and 4960 children have been impacted through the programme (an average of 44 children per practitioner)

**Comments from trained Early Childhood Practitioners**

**Moloto, Kefilwe (Given DCC) 073 5355 153**
The programme was on top, we learnt a lot, we are implementing them. Children are learning as we are using the material we were given, and the parents are very happy to see improvement in the children’s education.

**Ramoroa, Maki Elizabeth (Early Bird DCC) 073 9018 080**
I wish we could do it again, so that other teachers that missed the opportunity, could have the training. We had good sessions that was always interesting and kept us bound. I am using the material at my school and I had a very good pass-rate last year. This year could only go better. Thank You to all our sponsors and trainees for investing in us so that we can invest in our children.

**Khoza, Baby (Omphile DCC) 073 6634 672**
I learnt something, to do my work better. I was always interested in the different topics, and how it was implemented into the training. And I was also amazed how the bible themes fitted with the topic of the day.
The primary objective of **Neo Care Support Services** is to establish supportive and stable family structures for orphaned and vulnerable children in our community. Secondly to educate and support the primary care giver of the child who plays a vital role in shielding children against potential dangers, enabling them to meet the psychosocial and development needs of the child so that they can grow into well-functioning individuals. Touch currently works with 23 Child & Youth Care Workers, in Freedom Park, Boitekong & Ledig. This is done through training, mentoring, monitoring & evaluating.

The above is accomplished through the following:

- Weekly **Mentoring & Coaching**
- **Monitoring, Evaluation & Review** program
- **Child Services Directory** curriculum
- State of the art **OVC Database**
- **Facilitation** against key performance indicators
- **Pre & Post Program Surveys**
- **Network Referral Systems**
- **Goods in Kind**
The Touch Toy Library is an active learning centre which enable carers and parents to have access to a range of educational toys.

It functions like a normal library where individuals and Early Learning Centres can come and borrow toys for a period of time.

A qualified Toy Librarian is also available to offer supervised and structured “Come & Play”

The Librarian visits Early Learning Centres daily to presented structured play sessions with the children who do not have access to Educational Toys

The library is a community resource for play that includes toys for loan, dedicated space, equipment and passionate, skilled staff
CSI Donations

Touch facilitates companies who want to make donations to less privileged communities as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility.

Hands on Technologies donated LEGO worth R 90 000.00.

Air Products South Africa donated a Toy Library to the Value of R 80 000.00.

Hendler & Hart donated 10 bicycles to children who walk to school in rural areas.

Air products also donated a Vehicle to the Toy Library.

Donations in Kind

- Touch receives all kinds of donations towards their programs, some from companies but many from individuals.
- These are sorted, weighed & documented before being distributed to the OVC program, Early Learning Centres or people who are in need.

Methodist Woman’s WA donated baby goods

• Toyota Knights donated food & blankets

• Jan Taljaard from Signtopia donated grass for the office & memorial garden

Vantage Point Church provides Baby Packs for moms in crisis, as well as Sanitary pads so we can keep our girls in school

Consensus Computing CC, donated baby clothes & toiletries

Molotlegi Khethwayo JV Construction donated toys
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Conclusion

The sustainability and success of our programs has been made possible through passionate people – the caregivers, volunteers, staff members, SME’s, network partnerships and people like you. We believe that if we want to make a significant difference, we have to do it together. Thank you for the interest shown in our organisation.