

## Knysna is expecting!

Something new is beginning in our community: a brand-new children's home, **Eden House**.

At Eden House, the child will truly be at the centre of all we do. It will be a transformational residential care centre where vulnerable children receive the nurturing, stability, and psychological support they need to heal, grow, and transition into confident, capable adults.



# Eden House

## Why Eden House?

South Africa faces a profound child-care crisis.

**2.8 million children**  
have lost one or both parents.

**Nearly 1 in 5 children**  
live without either biological parent.

**Only about 18,000 children**  
live in registered Child and Youth Care Centres.

Many children remain in unsafe, unstable environments with few alternatives. The need for safe, well-governed residential care far exceeds the spaces available — including here in Knysna.



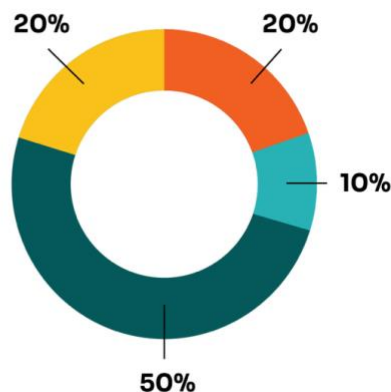
## Building something that lasts

Eden House was created deliberately from the ground up to ensure strong governance before any children are admitted. Transparency and accountability are foundational to the organisation.

This new home will be guided by a capable, independent board with the skills required to run a sustainable organisation. We will be obsessive about child protection, best practice, DSD governance requirements, sound financial management, and qualified staff.

A shared income model strengthens resilience and protects the independence of care decisions:

- ±20% In-kind community contributions and services
- ±50% Donors, foundations, and private giving
- ±10% Fundraising and income-generating projects
- ±20% Government subsidy



# Our model of care

Eden House is not simply a place to house children. It is designed from the ground up as a model of transformation and care — a structured, trauma-informed environment that provides psychological support, extramural development, and a pathway for each child to transition into a capable, integrated adult.



## Care

- Professional team: trained, trauma-informed caregivers, dedicated social worker, programme manager
- Safe, stable residential environment with clear routines
- Partnerships with schools, therapists, and social services
- Governance, safeguarding, and DSD-aligned systems



## Support

Every child at Eden House receives dedicated psychological and trauma support — because healing promotes growth. Extramural activities are woven into daily life to build confidence, social skills, and a sense of belonging.

Our goal: children who are **grounded, growing, and happy.**



## Engagement

Eden House is not a destination — it is a launchpad. Close to schools and community facilities in Concordia, children are supported to re-engage with education, community life, and opportunity at every stage of their journey.

# An ideal location

Eden House has identified a highly suitable property in Concordia, Knysna — a green, spacious environment where children can play, develop, and live. The property is close to schools and community facilities, offering the setting needed for a stable and nurturing home.



## 3576 m<sup>2</sup> Space

A large, beautiful green plot offering excellent room to play, develop, and live.

Credit: Pam Golding



## Large Outdoor Areas

Generous outdoor space for play, healing, and connection - with views of the ocean and mountains.



Credit: Rawson Property Group



## Two Houses + Flatlet

Two easily convertible homes - one for boys, one for girls - plus a flatlet for staff.



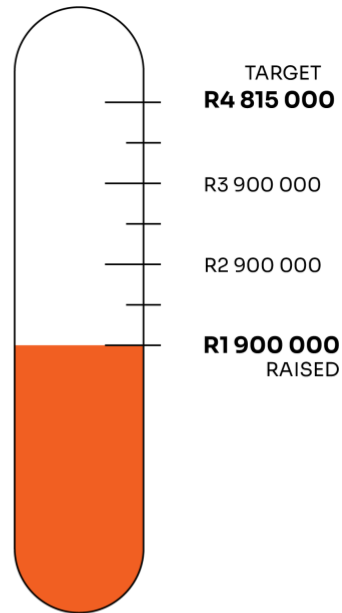
## Garages for Skills Programmes

Future extramural and skills development programmes built right into the property.



## Here is what it will take to secure and prepare the home:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Full purchase price  | R2 900 000          |
| Transfer, fencing & security, renovations / reconfigurations & maintenance | ± R1 915 000        |
| <hr/>  |                     |
| <b>Total Capital Cost</b>  | <b>± R4 815 000</b> |



We have raised **R1.9 million** so far and are deeply grateful to the individual donors for their pledges, as well as to architect **Eben Marais** ([www.marais4.co.za](http://www.marais4.co.za)), who is currently drawing up architectural plans for renovation and reconfiguration pro bono.

## Timeline

**Secure Property**  
Acquire site and legal title.

**Renovate & Upgrade**  
Complete reconfigurations, upgrades and safety.

**Develop Programmes**  
Create trauma-informed care plans.

**Recruit Staff**  
Hire trained caregivers and admin.

**Open Late 2027**  
Register and commence operations.

## How to get involved

### Offering professional services.

- Our most immediate needs include construction, fundraising, PR, and social media support.
- As the project progresses, other services will become important — therapy, education, skills development, gardening, and more.

**Donating materials, equipment, or workmanship** for the renovation and upgrading of the home.

**Connecting us** with potential partners, funders, or community supporters.

**Making a financial contribution** to our Capital Campaign or operating fund.



**Banking**

### Details:

Bank name: Capitec Business

Account holder: Eden House Knysna Npc

Account type: Current

Account number: 1055118462

Branch code: 450105



## Talk to us!

We would love to hear from you and promise to keep you informed. We look forward to raising our children as a village.

Check out our brand new website!

[www.edenhouse.org.za](http://www.edenhouse.org.za)

Eden House Knysna NPC 2026/190142/08 has been registered. We are in the process of applying for PBO status with SARS so that Section 18A certificates can be issued.