

THE ANNIE AND HENDRIK STORY

At the age of two and a half years old, Annie was removed from her parents care because of grievous circumstances. Because of her special educational needs it was difficult placing her with foster parents. After a few failed attempts to place her, she was placed in a school hostel for children with special needs. Being only 5 years old this presented a challenge because of her vulnerability. In 2018 a donation from CMR Mpumalanga's Children's fund made it possible for CMR Witbank to place Annie in a child and youth care centre for children with special needs. She received new clothes as well as school clothes and other necessities. Currently Annie is 9 years old and happy in her new home.

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We realize that children like Hendrik and Annie will need to be taken care of for the rest of their lives. Being placed in a safe environment they will be able to reach their full potential.

This CMR Children's fund made a huge difference in these two vulnerable children's lives.

