

**We at Blessed Gérard's Care Centre in Mandeni care for people living with HIV/AIDS at the hotspot of the AIDS pandemic in the world, the North Coast of Zululand in South Africa.**



We give information to the public relating to HIV and AIDS, namely how to avoid HIV infection and how to live positively with AIDS. This includes information about antiretroviral treatment.

We send out mobile home-nursing teams, who supplement and support the family's home based care through hands-on-training and additional aids in the home situation of the respective patient. This includes the assessment of patients at home and proper medical home care.



We render a health care service to poor and needy persons by providing

- hospice palliative care, counselling and Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Treatment (HAART) of persons afflicted with HIV/AIDS and terminally ill persons, including the care or counselling of their families and dependants in this regard
- primary health care education

through training, home care, day care, outpatient and inpatient care.



## Our HAART Programme comprises

### Voluntary Counselling and HIV-Testing (VCT)

We offer free and confidential HIV Tests to the general public.

### HAART Readiness Courses



Before starting a patient on the medication we ensure that the patient gets sufficient information to give his informed consent and to understand the vital importance of the antiretroviral treatment for him/her.

### Antiretroviral Treatment

We provide free Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Treatment as comprehensive medical care including regular medical examinations, blood monitoring, ongoing prevention or treatment of opportunistic infections, medical and psychosocial counselling and dispensing of the drugs.



### Adherence Monitoring



Our Therapeutic Counsellors make monthly home visits of our patients on ARV-treatment to ensure that they adhere to the treatment and so to prevent treatment failure. This enables us to discover adverse

drug reactions early and to prevent problems. Support Groups and Peer-Counselling

We have several Support Groups where our HAART Patients meet voluntarily to encourage and support one another and prevent isolation.



Some of the members were prepared to become peer counsellors for the adherence monitoring and we are about to give them the necessary training.

### Motivation and Income Generation

Our Therapeutic Counsellors motivate and encourage our HAART patients to engage in income generating activities instead of expecting that their families or society would have to provide for them because they are sick.

### Blessed Gérard's Children's Home:

We look after, counsel and give a home to sick, neglected, abused, malnourished, abandoned, homeless and orphaned children.



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## Pledge of Sponsorship / Donation

Kindly indicate  how you would like to support the patients of the **Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard**:

I want to **sponsor an AIDS patient** of Blessed Gérard's Hospice **HAART Programme** through a regular monthly donation of  
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I want to support the **Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard** as a **Donor member** through an  annual  quarterly  monthly donation  
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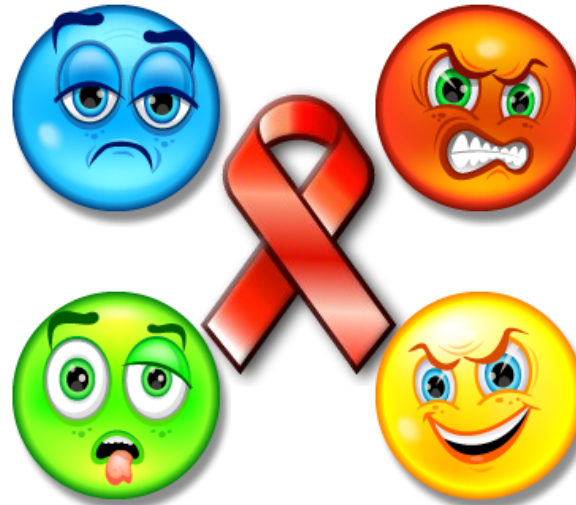
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# AIDS

## has many faces



## but only one response:

# CARE!

CARE to go for voluntary testing and counselling!

If you are HIV negative

If you are HIV positive

CARE not to get infected!

CARE

not to get re-infected!

CARE not to discriminate against HIV positive people!

CARE to live positively with HIV/AIDS!

CARE

to live a healthy lifestyle!

CARE to get information and updates about HIV/AIDS!

CARE

not to infect others!

CARE to get treatment!

in any case:

CARE for people living with HIV/AIDS with friendship, compassion and respect!



## Blessed Gérard's Care Centre

Mandeni / South Africa



## A „heaven of care“ in the „hell of AIDS“



Blessed Gérard's Care Centre was established and is financed - solely through donations - by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, which is the South African Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta.

