

Sokhanya



Our writer shares this story:

“**Sokhanya** came to the Shelter with six children between the ages of two to twelve. She was referred to Hagar Shelter because of extreme domestic violence she experienced at the hand of her husband. When she was admitted, she had bruises all over her body. She could not walk because of a swollen and infected leg and she was also weak from having little food and poor nutrition. Compounding her problems, Sokhanya’s oldest daughter had also been raped back in the village.

“While at Hagar Shelter, arrangements were made for Sokhanya to have medical treatment that required both surgery and a blood transfusion. However, there was not enough supply of her blood type in the blood bank. Joining together the women from the Hagar staff donated their own blood for her. Additionally, the Shelter also cared for her six children while Sokhanya recuperated in the hospital.

“The writer shares, ‘I was so encouraged by the Shelter community’s overwhelming support and willingness to help Sokhanya. Recently, I was surprised when I was approached and greeted by a beautiful, smiling, healthy-looking woman whom I did not recognize. With beaming joy she said to me, “I have never been cared for, made healthy and beautiful like this in my entire life!” I will always remember the excitement I saw on her face and the true life-changing alternation I saw in her condition.’ ”



All names have been changed to protect the privacy and security of the beneficiary concerned.