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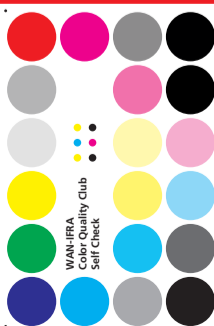
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'We cannot locate his mother'

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The family of three-year-old Lequithen Adams is searching for his mother, Connie Ronè Harvey (23) in Eldorado Park. The family spokesperson who is also the uncle of the little boy, Joy Richards explained that they have been looking for Harvey for the last three years so that they can register the little boy at the Department of Home Affairs to get his birth certificate.

"We cannot locate his mother. We need her to assist us with getting him registered. She left him with his granny (fathers' mother) when he was a month old and since then we haven't heard from her or seen her," explained Richards.

According to Richards, the Department of Home Affairs stated that they cannot assist the family unless the mother comes to register her son. The family is now following children's court procedures in

order to try and get the little boy registered.

"We are really hoping that if she sees this article or if anyone knows her, they will inform us about her whereabouts so that we can get in contact with her. We don't need her to assist us with the child but we just need her to go with us to register the child. We want him to go to school and crèche in the next few years but we cannot do that because we need him to have a birth certificate," said Richards.

During the court procedures, the father; Leroy Adams had to take a DNA test to prove that he is the father. The family will then have to take all of the documents to court once again in order to continue the procedures. If you know the whereabouts of Connie Ronè Harvey, you can contact Joy Richards on: 066 216 6682.

Joy Richards and Leroy Adams.



Baby Yum Yum team (in black) with Amanda Mokoena and Maxine Solomon.

Glow Movement, assisting mothers since 2019

Janice Beckett-Msiza

Glow Movement hosted their first Nutrition Drive for mothers in Eldorado Park on March 24. Amanda Mokoena founder of Glow Movement explained that the organisation which is based in Eldorado Park supports mothers through nutrition, maternal health issues and also just creating a relationship between mothers.

"I do believe that when the mothers come together it is one way of defeating mental health issues. We run antenatal care and post-natal classes and we also do have support groups for the mothers. We focus on child nutrition because most mothers are clueless when it comes to choosing what foods to introduce to their children."

Mokoena believes that it is very important to get mothers clued-up on nutrition for their babies as well themselves, especially mothers who are breastfeeding. She also encourages mothers to breastfeed. 60 mothers attended the nutrition drive with their babies at the Don Mateman Hall. Baby Yum Yum was the sponsor of the event. They offer an online portal that guides mothers from conception up until the child is six years old.

Maxine Solomon, speech therapist and lactation student from Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital was also present at the event to educate and assist mothers. Glow Movement also works with the Union of Jewish Women, they help pack bags for new mothers.

"We do have a spreadsheet of moms who register to get hospital bags for they are about to give birth. We are advocating for mothers through our services and information," explained Mokoena.

The organisation has also been part of a campaign called Grow Great which works on defeating stunting in children. "Mothers need to look out for the booklet called The road to health at clinics so that they can be informed and able to raise healthy children.

"Children who are stunted are not doing well in school so we really want our mothers to raise better and healthier children," added Mokoena. Since its founding in 2019, Glow Movement has 90 mothers signed up for their programme. If you are a mother or toon to become one, you can still register with the NPO via Facebook: Glow Movement NPO or send a Whatsapp message to 071 608 8142.



Karabo Mokoena from Baby Yum Yum and Donique Rhoda with baby Dillan Rhoda.