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## A chance to flower

■ Helderberg Baby Saver is a beacon of hope in our community, says Debbie Wybrow, founder of Wandisa, a specialist adoption and child protection organistion in the Helderberg Basin. The three babies it has assisted over the past two years are thriving on the love and nurturing of their "forever families". In recent days, another tiny person has also received a second chance, because someone was brave enough to reach out for help.

"We cannot begin to understand the overwhelming desperation that clouds such moments. What we do know, is that two in three abandoned babies die. Baby Mbali\*, however, is benefitting from the positive choice made to choose life. She is warm and secure and receiving outstanding medical attention from doctors and nurses, who will stand by her until she is strong," says Debbie.

Wandisa will ensure that her early days are spent being hugged and held, and that she transitions to a small family environment, while all proper statutory processes are followed and long-term solutions are found for her.

"We are privileged to be part of this community working together to ensure Mbali is given the best opportunities to reach her full potential." Helderberg Baby Saver was able to help each of the first three babies within days of media coverage about this option for those in crisis. Our prayer is that as she blossoms, little Mbali's story will continue to remind each one of us of the hope that exists right here," says Debbie. Contact Wandisa on 021 852 8025 or 082 387 2434.\*Mbali means flower in Zulu.

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