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### **SCHOOL SHOES DONATED IN HONOUR OF MANDELA**

True to Nelson Mandela's quote that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world", Dipaleseng Local Municipality in partnership with MaxProf donated a total of two hundred school shoes to needy children in Siyathemba in honour of Nelson Mandela on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Even though, government has clear and concise policy imperatives on basic education, sadly, social dynamics such as unemployment and poverty remain factors of significance that continue to negatively affect education in our country. Though it might seem as a temporary relief in the holistic scope of things, it is against this background that the municipality decided to implement a program of this nature.

In line with the 'Thuma Mina' narrative, the day started off with a symbolic walk from Siyathemba Community Hall whereby the Executive Mayor, Clr. Mafunda Makhubu, Member of Parliament deployed in Dipaleseng, Mrs Nokhaya Mnisi, Members of the Mayoral Committee, Clr Molato Khanye and Clr Zanele Ngwenya, Acting Municipal Manager, Conny Mametja and other dignitaries carried the school shoes to Qalabochoa Primary School and from there to Vusumuzi Primary School.

Out of jubilation, the learners sang at the top of their voices in response to the kind gesture bestowed upon them. Some even took to putting pen on paper to express their gratitude at how the lack of school uniform affects their peers in the school. They explained how not having proper school attire could make other learners fall victims to teasing and bullying, lack of self-esteem and confidence which collectively could lead to diminished concentration levels in class, thus hindering the learning process.

The principals of both schools, who also joined the walk, took pride in the fact that their schools as well as the wellbeing of their learners are getting recognition from the local leadership.

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