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### **ALL MEDIA HOUSES**

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT: SERVING OTHERS IS BEFITTING TO COMMEMORATE MANDELA DAY**

Nelson Mandela Day commemorative activities commenced at Bonukukhanya Primary School in Siyathemba. The Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng, Cllr. Khethiwe Moeketsi together with the General Manager of Grootvlei Power Station, Ms. Tshepiso Temo arrived to handover over one hundred (100) school shoes to the learners.

The Executive Mayor took to the podium to educate the learners about the past apartheid regime and the significant role that Nelson Mandela and his fellow comrades played in fighting and overcoming the oppressive state of the past.

Cllr. Moeketsi pleaded with the learners to be serious about their education and remain respectful and focused on building a bright future for themselves.

DEMSA, a local company owned by Mr. Zuko Ziswana also pledged support to the school by committing their 67 minutes to the school. The company committed to attend to all maintenance needs of the school.

This will go a long way in ensuring that quality learning and teaching takes place in a warm, safe and conducive environment.

The next stop for the delegation was Bephelong Stimulation Center also in Siyathemba. The delegation included the Executive Mayor, Members of Mayoral Committee, Speaker of Council, Municipal Manager as well as Eskom wherein Eskom committed to install a borehole for the center.

Eskom further committed to fix the center's roof and ceiling as the center unfortunately suffered damages to its roof during the December 2022 rain storms.

The journey to good health includes eating well, thus it became of significance to help in feeding patients as part of Mandela Day celebrations. The Executive Mayor and her entourage then went on to visit Siyathemba

Clinic where she interacted with staff and community members before dishing up warm, tasty soup to patients at the clinic who were thankful for the gesture.

As part of the continuing Nelson Mandela Day activities, Dipaleseng Local Municipality also held an indigent registration drive at Siyathemba Community Hall.

Through this program, residents were firstly educated about the advantages of being a registered indigent in the municipality, then they were afforded an opportunity to apply for the indigent registration at the same time.

Residents packed the venue eager to be assisted with queries relating to their account status. Dipaleseng officials from the Budget & Treasury and Public Participation units, ward committee members were present to assist community members with the filling of forms. Balfour Police Station also sent members to assist with affidavits and document certification while councilors were responsible for approving applications on-site.

It was an information packed session with the objective of empowering community members to enjoy their due rights through the municipality.

In line with Nelson Mandela's values, tying in with this year's theme, everyone is encouraged to take up random acts of kindness, it is in your hands!

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