

ELM & Mittal Bring Mandela Day Smiles

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Mandela's legacy will forever live on and as long as we as the country follow his shining example so that the world could be a better place. Mandela gave 67 years of his life to fight against oppression, human rights and equality.

Yesterday Emfuleni Municipality officials and staff went all out to honour Tata Madiba and pledge their 67 minutes of selfless works. The tour started at Rustervaal Old Age Club whereby elderly people received groceries and the ANC local branch in the area closed all the potholes on the roads especially their main roads. Greta's entourage then headed to Little Eagles Day Care Centre in Palm Springs where loads of groceries and blankets were donated and the CWP in the area went on to renovated a house of an old man. The next stop was at Tshimolong Day Care and what a wonderful bunch of kids they are; they sang the most beautiful birthday song for Madiba .

The Mayor then took some time to thank the little ones and reminded them that they are the next Madibas.

"I am very moved by what I see and I know that Tata Madiba can feel this positive spirit. Remember that Madiba love kids and I believe that if he can see this show, he can make a speedy recovery."

Apparently a truck from Mandela Children's Funds just came at the crèche and delivered t-shirts and caps to the whole staff at Tshimolong Day Care Centre.

Vaal Commanders, a group of bikers also exceeded expectations as they made sure that one elderly parent at Evaton sleeps in a brand new house, all thanks to their hard work and personal donations.

The last point was at Bophelong and this must have been the ice of the cake, Gogo Evelyn Mashinini (78) and Gogo Alinah Radebe received brand new houses designed and engineered by Arcelor Mittal.

These kinds of houses are new design exclusively designed by Arcelor Mittal and they are cost effective because it is less to build and has a built in insulation that controls the temperature in the house. These houses are warm when it's cold and cool when it's hot and take four days to erect and they are built by steel.

Felicidad Cristobal CEO of Arcelor Mittal Foundation said, "We need to learn from Nelson Mandela and aspire to his principles and values that have touched the world."

"We as Arcelor Mittal are more than willing to build more houses but we will have to join hands with the municipality in order to make that possible."



Pic1.ELM Mayor Greta flanked by over 350 kids of Tshimolong Day Care Centre in Evaton singing a birthday song for Mandela. Pic2. Alinah Radebe's husband excited after they were presented with keys to their new house. Pic3. Children of Little Eagles Creche in Palm Springs with Great Hlongwane. Pic4. A Mandela Day branded car that was used in the mission. Pic5. Members of the Comandos Bikers Club also did their bid for Mandela Day. **All Pictures By: Thato Seaga**