

The Association of the Harvesters of Jesus was established in order to provide the regular daily spiritual needs of the LITTLE EDEN Society. It is firmly believed that without such support, LITTLE EDEN would wither.

## Embracing the Spirit of Ubuntu: 67 Minutes for Nelson Mandela

In the heart of LITTLE EDEN Society, a profound spirit of giving and compassion came alive as donors, supporters and members of the community dedicated their 67 minutes to honour the legacy of the international icon utata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. This year's commemoration at our Society saw an outpouring of love and support for the 300 children and adults living with profound intellectual disability in our care, as they experienced a day filled with warmth, joy and meaningful connections.



On this special day, many gathered at LITTLE EDEN with hearts full of eagerness to make a difference. They recognised the significance of dedicating 67 minutes of their time in honour of Nelson Mandela. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and shared purpose, as people from diverse backgrounds came together for a noble cause.

The generosity of donors and supporters was reflected in the various donations of time, money and effort spent in improving conditions for those living here; from essential supplies, financial assistance to one-on-one time with our *angels*, which plays a crucial role in ensuring the continuous provision of care for the residents.

As one volunteer shared, "It's heart-warming to witness the impact of our actions in the lives of these special individuals. Every moment spent with them feels like we are contributing to a brighter and more inclusive future."

In the spirit of Ubuntu, the community came together to support those most in need and exemplified the essence of the Bible quote from Galatians 5:13 - "Serve one another humbly in love." Through their selfless service, they demonstrated love and compassion, reflecting the core values that South Africa's former president Nelson Mandela held dear.

As the Society continues its mission to provide care and support, the impact of this day will echo, and hopefully inspire more acts of kindness and compassion within the community. As Nelson Mandela once said, "*What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others.*" The 67 minutes spent at LITTLE EDEN has undoubtedly made a profound difference, touching lives and hearts in immeasurable ways.

How can you continue to make a difference in the lives of others?

Gaahele Mokgoro

### Daily prayer for the needs of LITTLE EDEN Society

*Jesus, Great Harvester, who desires the salvation of all mankind, accept the offering of my life and work in assisting You to help garner the fields for the harvest. Teach me compassion, understanding and love for those most in need. Bless our Association; strengthen the bonds of love and charity amongst us, so that with hearts united we may say "Thy kingdom come". Mary, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.*