

Honouring Madiba

The overarching objective of Mandela Day is to inspire individuals to take action, to help change the world for the better, and in doing so building a global movement for good.

The department of Social Development officials did their part in ensuring that they honour Madiba's name. We saw the ladies from Socdev Provincial Office, lead by Me Makgotso Moseithe from the **Children's component** visiting Talita Kumi Children's Home in Bloemfontein to deliver gifts to the children. They also took time to feed the children, play with them and clean their centre. It was truly a heartwarming experience.



Me Makgotso Moseithe at Talita Kumi Children's Home

In line with the spirit of doing good to the disadvantaged people during Mandela week Matete Matches officials also visited Maokeng Disability School in Kroonstad where they were cleaning and painting as well as playing with the little ones. They also held an Educational Concert at the centre on the 19th where various Departments took time to educate the children staying at the centre about Mr Mandela and encouraged them never to

give up in life and fight selflessly like Madiba.

The **National Development Agency** and Department of Social Development also went to Thaba Patchoa to plant the lawn at the playing area for the children at the ECD Centre. The activities were in line with the building of the new crèche that the MEC of Social Development committed to build for the people and children of Thaba Patchoa during her budget vote 2012.

The activities at the centre included storytelling to the children, song and dance with the children. Pupils from the local school also joined assisted with the lawn.



NDA planting grass at an ECD in Thaba Patchoa

Different if not all government departments of Free State were visited Memel, the small town in Phumelele Municipality. It is where 44 door knockers who will be working in Vreede, Warden and Memel were appointed by MEC Ntombela during Mandela Day.

During her address MEC Ntombela said it is quite obvious that the youth play a central role in building stability of the communities, although their work in communities is very critical, it will also assist in building their capacity. "Interacting with others will strengthen their identity, build their self-esteem, develop a sense of belonging that will propel them to reach their

personal goals and develop their full capacity. In essence, social cohesion helps young people to become aware of themselves, their rights and responsibilities".

In Xhariep, Jagerfontein, Social Workers conducted motivational talks at Boaramelo High School; the focus was mainly on teenage pregnancy and substance abuse.

Officials in Petrusburg together with the NG Church members held an Imbizo to establish ways of improving conditions at local clinics and spent their 67 minutes by cleaning the streets, parks as well planting trees with the community.

Nelson Mandela events were celebrated under the theme - **"Take Action; Inspire Change; Make Every Day a Mandela Day.**