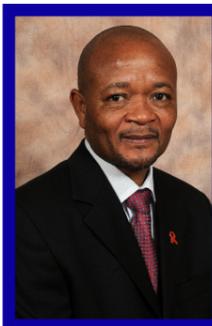




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KZN Soul Buddyz Club on the Move

Handing-over a Home to learners from the Enqoleni Primary School

Ms Laura Goba, Provincial Life Skills, HIV and Aids Coordinator in the KZN Department of Education, shares a moving vision of developing learners into leaders a vision shared by Soul City Movement in partnership with KZNDoe.

The Soul Buddyz Club in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal are the trail blazers for the country. The KZN MEC for Education, Mr ES Mchunu visited the community.

The challenge started in 2010 when Soul buddyz discovered that at Enqoleni Primary School there were three Biyela learners who are orphans. They live with their brother who is unemployed. They didn't have school uniform, as Soul buddyz we fundraised and we were able to buy them school uniform. In 2011 we collected different kinds of food that was donated by parents and supported by the Enqoleni Primary School staff. We supported 5 families including the Biyela family. The huge challenge was that these learners were living in a shack that was very dangerous to live in. It could fall at

anytime. We tried to invite the local municipality for assistance. They only gave them a food parcel and the blankets just once and they never came back. Early this year Soul Buddyz had a meeting, we were discussing about the way forward in building a house for these learners. Soul Buddyz decided to ask for

assistance from different businesses. Soul Buddyz agreed to start with the hard ware shops to ask for the building materials. On the 2nd of February 2012 Soul Buddyz started with their Move.

- The first shop was Build It the Manager promised us something.
- Second move was to Builders Market the manager also promised us.
- 3rd move was to Corobricks we got another promise.
- The 4th move was to Nissan garage promised again.

• The 5th move was to BBS (Mica) something different happened here because the manager asked us whether we had transport with us. He was willing to give us the material same time. Soul Buddyz promised to fetch the material the next day. The Buddyz talked to the chairperson for transport. Buddyz returned to BBS (Mica). The manager donated 4 window frames, 2 door frames, 64 blocks, 15 bags of cement, 1 interior door and 1 exterior door, total costs was R3 120. 00.

Builders Market donated 10 bags of cement, total costs R659.81. Soul Buddyz continued and visited Doctors in the area. Doctor BG Mhlongo donated 14 Corrugated iron costing R1 245.30 and Doctor VJ Sibeko donated roof timbers worth R3 101.81. Mr Raymond Mnguni the Ntambanana Municipality Manager donated 500 blocks costing R3 250.00.

Mr Zungu the community member donated 5 bags of cement costing R659,81. An amount of R510.00 was contributed by the educators, staff and some members of the community.

The school governing body donated material totalling R3310.00. The Sand and Block Tech Company donated 250 blocks costing R1 875, 00, crusher line costing R2 800.00 and river sand costing R1 500. 00 Ms Lungile Hadebe donated materials costing



The Biyele brothers excited in receiving the keys to their new home. They lived in dangerous conditions in their old house. This is an excellent example of community participation with the KZNDoe

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R9 000. The huge challenge Soul Buddyz had after collecting all the material was to find a person to build the house. Soul Buddyz had an idea of asking assistance from the prisoners.

On the 14 of May 2012 Soul buddyz went to Qalakabusha Prison to ask for prisoners to build the house. Unfortunately, the prisoners with the building skills were recently released through and early parole being pardon by the State President, Mr Jacob Zuma.

The school Chairperson got Mr Mazibuko who agreed to help us in building a house free of charge. That was his contribution. Mr Xulu also volunteered to work with Mr Mazibuko in building the house. That was how the house was built.

Above and Below: The Old Dangerous House to a New beautiful Home for the Biyele children who heads the household.

Words of Gratitude

Soul Buddyz wish to thank the Principal, Mr DM Mkhwanazi for everything he has done towards this project including all the educators, staff for their contributions and Mr Ngema the School Governing Body Chairperson for the efforts he put into this project. We are running short of words, but we say thank you very much to Mr Mazibuko and Mr Xulu for the job well done. Without you this project would not be successful. ❀

MAY GOD ALMIGHTY BLESS U ALL!!

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