



## 2024 - Continuing the Journey: Strengthening Bonds

The coming year isn't just a marker of time passing: it's an opportunity — to forge new partnerships, to broaden our support network, and to strengthen the foundation upon which our community stands. It's an invitation to our friends, old and new, to walk alongside us as we navigate the path ahead, united in our mission to provide unwavering care to the residents of Ikhaya Labantu. As we enter the new year, we continue aspiring for improvement to our service. Improvement not just as a goal, but as a commitment we hold dearly - to create an environment that not only meets but exceeds the needs of our residents!

*Caring for frail & disabled people*

### *Embracing Resilience: A Christmas worth celebrating*



Our Christmas party this year stood not just as a festivity but as a testament to the unwavering tenacity that defined our journey throughout the year. In the midst of multiple challenges, our community stood tall. The Christmas party was a celebration of the victories, big and small, that punctuated our year. It was a moment to acknowledge the perseverance of our staff, and at the same time marveling at our residents, whose unwavering spirits embodied resilience in its truest form. Our hearts swell with **gratitude** for the support of the **Jubilee Church Langa Life Group** and the broader Church community for the continuous support!



### *Uniting Voices, Fostering Change: Stakeholders against Gender-Based Violence*



At the end of November, coinciding with the 16 Days Against Gender-Based Violence, a powerful convergence took place, uniting stakeholders in this cause that demands our collective strength. Ikhaya Labantu hosted a space where we raised our voices against this prevalent issue. Our workshop became more than just an event; it became a catalyst for change, drawing on the partnerships which are part of the essential fabric of our community: the SAPS, social workers from Just Grace, Emthonjeni Arts Centre, Langa for Men and other first responders—all of whom play a pivotal role in ensuring safety within our neighborhoods. Through dialogue and collaboration, stakeholders pooled their expertise, perspectives, and determination to forge a path towards a safer, more equitable community.



# **Empowering Lives through Knowledge: Diabetes Awareness**



Marking **World Diabetes Day** on 14 November, Ikhaya Labantu partnered with the Community Day Hospital and the South African Medical Research Council to bring light and knowledge to this pressing health concern affecting numerous members of our community. Our staff, from dedicated care workers to skilled cooks, absorbed the insights and skills shared during this gathering. The emphasis wasn't solely on theoretical knowledge but on practical applications that directly influence the lives of those we care for.

## **Service Corner**



Dakile Ntshangaza has been a carer at Ikhaya Labantu since May 2023. Through attentive listening and deep empathy, he forges connections that transcend the ordinary. Dakile's nurturing nature gracefully navigates complexities, inspiring resilience and fostering hope in those he cares for. At our year-end function, he received the award for excellence in care-giving – well-deserved indeed!

## **Residents Corner**



Nomarussia Mpohlo has been a resident for the past 5 months. She embodies resilience. She empowers fellow residents through her daily commitment to engaging with others. She shares amazing stories about her children who are very dear to her heart.

*We express our deepest gratitude to all who have journeyed with us, and extend an open invitation to those who wish to join us on this path of compassion, care, and unwavering dedication.*

*Partner with us! It costs R180 per resident per day to provide full-time live-in care. We need your partnership through:*

*\* Prayer \* Relationship and volunteering \* Donation of skills and donation of resources \* Help with fundraising \**



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### **Ikhaya Labantu Homeless Shelter**

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### **Banking details:**

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First National Bank (FNB)  
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### **Donations can also be made to:**

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