### Newsletter 11 - April 2024



Caring for frail & disabled people



## **Easter Blessings**

March was indeed a blessed month at Ikhaya Labantu. More than 10 church ministries from within Langa-The Universal Church, Langa Baptist Church, Seventh Day Adventist Youth Ministries, Langa Methodist Church amongst other denominations, all spent time in companion with our residents. This has been an extremely heartwarming time. We continue to witness the validation and recognition from the community we serve, which is a vote of confidence in our capacity to respond to the massive need all around us. As we foster and develop these relationships, it enhances our sense of ownership and resolve to continue doing what we're doing.

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## Community resilience in the face of adversity

In February, our facility faced a significant challenge as a fire incident affected us, damaging one of our Educare classes. Amidst the adversity, we were humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support from our community and friends. This moment of difficulty has again testified the amazing potential that our community has to come together. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jubilee Community Church, UCT Health Science students, community, Build One South Africa political Party, and all the local hands that rallied around us during this difficult time. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in helping us rebuild and continue our mission of serving the community.







We were honored to welcome Mmusi Maimane, leader of Build One South Africa, to our facility. Mmusi's visit was a special moment for our employees and residents, reminding us of the power of community and collaboration in overcoming challenges.

## Towards a sustainable future...

As we look ahead, Ikhaya Labantu is focusing on a significant milestone: **acquiring registration with DSD** (Dept. of Social Development) in the second half of 2024. This registration will allow us to access vital government funding, thereby ensuring the long-term sustainability of our facility and our ability to serve the community effectively.

### ...be on board!

We invite all those who share our commitment to join us on this journey. We are actively seeking individuals willing to **serve as board members**, offering their expertise and support as we work towards our shared goals.

See the full "Call for Nominations to the Board of Ikhaya Labantu Care Home" on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ikhayalabantucarehome

## ...we need your



The ramp up needed to meet the DSD standards that will enable us to get DSD funding, requires significant **capacity**, **expertise and funding**. In other words, it takes money (+ capacity and expertise) to get money. And we need more of all three – your time, your skills, and your financial support – now, over the coming months. Whether on the Board (see alongside), or as a **friend/volunteer** giving a few hours a week or month. Most of all we need your heart – that seeks to help fulfill the vision of **our shared humanity**.

## Uniting for community health and well-being

The Langa Community is presented with a remarkable opportunity through the SHAWCO mobile clinics. In collaboration with UCT and community care workers, we've witnessed a significant demand for accessible public healthcare within our community. Recognizing this pressing need, we've partnered with the Langa Health Committee and other stakeholders to pioneer the establishment of a mobile clinic in Langa. This initiative aims to bridge the healthcare gap for the frail, vulnerable, and marginalized members of our community. Our involvement in this endeavor showcases our commitment to serving those in need and highlights the transformative potential of collective action. It underscores the unique role our facility plays within the community.



https://shawco.org/shawco -health/#clinic



### Residents Corner



Mrs Notembile Janda brings a renewed sense of vitality to our residents. Her embodiment of communal values from yesteryears and her dedication to serving fellow residents have endeared her to our family. She shares captivating stories of her farming achievements and her cherished family, enriching our lives with her experiences.

## Service Corner



Lindiwe Khenke has been an integral member of our Laundry and Housekeeping team for the past four years. Resilient and nurturing, she resides within Zone 19, deeply rooted in our community. Lindiwe's steadfast dedication to her role, spending significant time with residents, reflects the ethos and culture ingrained within our team. Her cheerful demeanor and diligent work ethic embody the spirit of service. It's through the contributions of individuals like Lindiwe that we reap the rewards of our collective aspirations for our home.

If you are passionate about making a difference and want to be part of our mission to provide care, compassion, and support to our community, we invite you to join us. Whether through financial contributions, in-kind donations, or volunteering your time and expertise, every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

Together, we can continue to uphold our intricate social contract with the community and demonstrate the power of resilience, care, and compassion.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

All financial donations are tax deductible.



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### Ikhaya Labantu Homeless Shelter

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Ikhaya Labantu Homeless Shelter First National Bank (FNB) Acc.No. 62833869045

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Branch code: 051001 Reference: Name + Ikhaya

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Thank you for your prayers, care and support.