



Caring for frail & disabled people

Dear friends, partners, and beloved community. This year we are not just marking an anniversary. We are celebrating an *ongoing story*. Forty years ago, Ikhaya Labantu began as a seed of faith, resilience, and service. Today, that seed has grown into a living, breathing community—nourished by you. By partners who stayed. By friends who gave. By staff who rise daily to difficult circumstances with extraordinary grace. By residents who remind us why dignity is never negotiable. We do not take a single moment of these forty years for granted. So we dedicate this year to *you*—the people who make it possible through your sacrifice, your support, and your belief in a world where the most vulnerable among us are not forgotten. Here is to forty more years. Together.



Honoring Our Iron Lady: A Memorial for Mambona



On the 14th of March, something quiet and profound happened. Our staff, Board, residents, partners and friends gathered around a cake—simple, ordinary, but somehow sacred—as we unveiled a memorial portrait of our founder, Mambona, at Ikhaya Labantu. She was our iron lady. The one who dreamed before we had walls.



We were humbled by those who came: Jubilee Community Church, Ikamva Labantu, Helen (Mambona's lifelong friend), the UCT Health Sciences team, the Langa Health Committee, and Safety Patrol, as well as a number of volunteers and friends. And something remarkable occurred. In that shared space of presence and care, we felt meaning settle over us like evening light. It reaffirmed what we already knew: this work is not about buildings or budgets. It is about bringing people together, and recommitting, again and again, to faith and service.



Resident Corner



Mrs. Kwatsha has been with us for just over a year. She is a quiet soul—calm, almost invisible if you aren't paying attention. But she is resoundingly present. She moves through Ikhaya Labantu with a rare gift: incisive wisdom, shared sparingly, always at the right moment. She has made strong acquaintances with nearly every resident. She brings cheer throughout the day. She loves our song and worship sessions most of all. Her son visits often, and on those days, her face becomes a small sunrise. Mrs. Kwatsha, like so many of our residents, is deeply grateful for the community that surrounds us. And here is the truth we want you to carry home: Her well-being is what you are caring for. Every gift, every prayer, every hour volunteered—it lands here, in the quiet dignity of a woman who calls Ikhaya Labantu home.

When Music Came Home: Bridges Academy Concert



On this afternoon, the walls of Ikhaya Labantu softened. A gifted group of young artists from the Bridges Academy in Langa arrived, instruments in hand, to offer their time as a gift to the community. What followed was a concert of music, culture, poetry, and renewal. Our residents rolled back the years. They swayed to powerful renditions of songs from yesteryear—songs that lived in their bones. But the true highlight? One of our residents, Siphon Martin, a longtime member of a celebrated Langa jazz group, stepped forward. After such a long time, he performed again. In front of artistic and generational peers. For a few minutes, time disappeared. We are deeply grateful for contributions like these. They do more than entertain. They revive. They enrich our psychosocial programs and remind us that healing is also harmony.

Service Corner

Nomvuzo Mbangiswano joined Ikhaya Labantu as a care worker in January 2025. She is a resident of Langa, and she has already become a quiet pillar among us. Day after day, she showcases skill and compassion in equal measure. She moves between residents and staff with ease, building positive relationships wherever she goes. We are indebted to Nomvuzo—and to every staff member who serves tirelessly, often beyond the call of duty. You are not just employees. You are the pillars of our positive story, the steady hands that make dignity a daily reality for our residents, beneficiaries, and the entire community.



Ikhaya Labantu does not receive any government funding. We operate on a shoestring budget, funded mainly by the goodwill and love of our growing circle of friends. And still, against the odds, we have kept our doors open, food on the table and the lights on. We have kept serving the Langa community. We have kept saying yes to those who need us most. Your support enables us to continue.



Here is how you can help us write the ongoing story: -Financial support (tax-deductible) – every rand goes directly to care, meals, and keeping our doors open. Volunteer your time – sit with residents, share a skill, or simply listen. Offer your skills and ideas – if you have expertise or creativity to share, we need you. Together, we will keep this service ongoing. Not as a burden. But as a joy.

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