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Mandela Day: A Day of Service and Joy



Days like these remind us of the power of community. They ensure our residents feel seen, loved, and connected to the world around them. While Mandela Day offers a focused moment of solidarity, its spirit reminds us of the ongoing realities in our society. We are deeply thankful to our partners who walk this journey with us, holding our hands and strengthening our efforts every single day.



When Music Came Home: Bridges Academy Concert



Langa is renowned for its rich artistic heritage—jazz, poetry, and music echo through its streets and shape its identity. We were honoured to share in this cultural legacy during a visit from the Bridges Academy, a local centre dedicated to nurturing young artistic talent. Our residents were treated to a heartwarming performance by the Academy's new students, who were joined by our very own Sipho Martin. Sipho, a resident at Ikhaya Labantu and a former guitarist in a jazz band, rolled back the years as he performed beautiful renditions alongside the young musicians. It was a poignant moment of passing the baton, inspiring the next generation to continue shaping Langa's vibrant arts scene.

Women's Day: A Tribute to Faith, Service, and Sisterhood

In recognition of Women's Day (09 Aug), we were blessed to spend a meaningful afternoon with the Roman Catholic Church. The women from the parish shared songs and prayers with our residents, creating a therapeutic and uplifting experience for all. This day allowed us to extend our gratitude not only to the women of the church but also to the incredible women within our community—many of whom are the dedicated staff at Ikhaya Labantu. Their selflessness, kindness, and unwavering love are the foundation of our work. Day in and day out, they show up to build a centre of hope and care for those who need it most. The everyday miracles we witness at Ikhaya Labantu are a testament to the presence of God in our community, reflected through the hands and hearts of these remarkable women.

This year, Mandela Day (18 July) was truly magical at Ikhaya Labantu. We were honoured to host the VIVOEnergy staff, who dedicated their time to filling 30 "Buckets of Hope" for our residents. We are equally grateful to the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), who rolled up their sleeves for some garden work and generously donated nappies to support our daily operations.



In Memory of Mambona



The 19th of August marked one year since we lost our anchor, Nomalungelo Nkanyuza—our beloved Mambona. It remains a privilege and an honour for all of us at Ikhaya Labantu to carry her torch forward. Her belief system—that faith in action creates spaces of support for those in need—guides our every step. It is because of the unwavering support from our partners that we continue to provide this vital service in our community. Seeing local institutions embrace her vision strengthens our resolve and demonstrates the growing resilience of our community in responding to its needs. Together, let us continue working hand in hand to ensure that every resident feels at home and receives care with dignity. Mambona's legacy lives on through each act of kindness and every moment of compassion we share.

Service Corner

In honour of Women's Month, we shine a spotlight on Vuyokazi Mgwedli. Vuyokazi's journey with us began as a student volunteer, and her dedication and passion have led her to become a full-time careworker at Ikhaya Labantu. She, along with her female colleagues, embodies inspiring stories of courage, selflessness, and service that heal communities. We celebrate Vuyokazi and all the women who, through their daily efforts, are shaping new stories of hope for a community in need of rebuilding. #Imbokodo



2026 marks **40 years** since Mambona started Ikhaya Labantu. Initially as a creche, later a homeless shelter, which evolved over time to become Ikhaya Labantu as we know it today. We do 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. We have kept serving the Langa community. We have kept saying yes to those who need us most. Our residents are central to this story. Your support enables us to continue. **Help us write the story of the next forty years:** -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 welcome you. Together, we will keep this service ongoing. Not as a burden. But as a joy.



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And because forty years is only the beginning.*

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