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Newsletter for friends of Mfesane

Thanks to you . . .

If you've ever wondered how your donations make a difference, we'd like to give you just a few examples of the 'good news'.

You supported our 'Give Yourself a Job' project. This has helped a great number of unemployed people see small business potential in their communities, grasp the opportunity by acquiring business skills and going forward to earn a living – replacing need and hope with reality and progress in life. Thank you.

When we approached you to help us give medical kits to our home based care workers, you responded with an open heart. Here are some words of appreciation from some of our carers:

Veronica: *'My kit helps a lot. I use it every day and it's small enough to fit into our bags. They also don't attract too much attention from people in the community, so privacy is maintained.'*

Mavis: *'The contents of the medical kit is a wonderful help. We're very grateful to Mfesane friends who made them possible.'*

By donating to our *High Five* youth project, you keep making a difference in our West Coast schools.

Jamie Lee and her sister, Florentha, also had their lives transformed by attending *High Five* life skill sessions including personal development. Identified with 'high risk' behaviour these girls simply needed some personal attention and a role model in their lives. Now they're expressing their dreams for the future, their school attendance has improved, and they're living by good values.

Thank you for caring in so many ways, and making your special differences.



You've helped people to become self employed through our 'Give Yourself a Job' project.



With your help our community carers take basic health care to where it's most needed.



Young girls like Jamie Lee and her sister, Florentha can look forward to a brighter future thanks to your support of our *High Five* project.



In Celebration of our 40th birthday

If you'd like to celebrate our birthday with us, by arranging a visit to our Crossroads, Khayelitsha, West Coast or Port Elizabeth sites for a cup of tea or coffee, or take a tour of some of our community projects, please contact our Resource Mobilisation Manager Xena Scullard on 021 945 3992/5 who will arrange a convenient date and time with you.



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Message from Nomvuyo



Any birthday or anniversary is a time for reflection and profound gratitude. Gratitude for what has gone before, and for what is now.

In the lifetime of Mfesane, I'm grateful for those people who first saw the need that gave birth to our organisation, and took action to meet that need by founding Mfesane.

Those people who have followed in their footsteps over the last 40 years, continuing to make social, material and spiritual differences, also have my gratitude.

I'm grateful to those early donors who gave their money in compassionate good faith to better the lives of people living in poverty, hunger and disadvantage.

And in the 'now', the 'today' of Mfesane, I can't find enough words to fully express my thankfulness for your generous support . . . by means of your donations and your good wishes which sustain our work. You're behind every positive difference that Mfesane makes. Thank you.

With your continued partnership, I'm confident that we can now step forward into the next 40 years of changing lives for the better.

EasyPay is so Easy! We Really Encourage you to use it.



Our greatest priority is that your donations reach us safely and directly, so that we can put them to work immediately as is your intention.

One of the safest and easiest methods of sending your gift is by using EasyPay at the till whilst shopping at your favourite supermarket.

Other reliable methods of sending your donation include direct deposit, electronic funds transfer on the internet, credit card, debit order, and cheque payments. We'd rather you didn't send cash in the mail.

Please be safety aware - for your sake, and for the sakes of those who depend on receiving your kindness in action.

If You've not Received a Thank you for Your Donation

It has come to our attention that certain donations from Mfesane friends haven't reached us.

If you're one of these friends, please would you supply us with the approximate date, amount, and method of your donation.

You can contact our Resource Mobilisation Manager – Xena Scullard – on 021 945 3992/5.

In the meantime, please accept a heartfelt 'Thank You' for your gift, and forgive us if we have appeared to be unappreciative.

Important Notice – a Change in our Postal Address

Please be advised that it's become necessary for us to change our P.O. Box address. The address for all future donations and communications is: P O Box 746, Howard Place, 7450.

If You've Ever Considered . . .

Including Mfesane in your Will, or have already done so, please would you also consider telling us.

We truly understand that information like this is of a very personal and confidential nature, and we would certainly treat it as such.

In doing so you have the opportunity to discuss how you would like your bequest to be used. We can also then thank you in an appropriate and appreciative manner for your gift to the future.

We are the first to advocate that family and dear ones must always come first in a Will. But there is also often potential



for a charitable bequest – a gift which costs you nothing now, but will become a living and working memorial to your lifetime of generosity.

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