Planting vegetables at Galilee Training Centre

Our Mandela-day story started at 07:30 on Thursday morning at the Fontana Church.

There was much chatter and noise, as TWK and TTN employees had coffee and something to eat before departing to the mission fields for their 67 minutes of community service. The excitement was palpable!

TWK and TTN/Fontana partnered together for Mandela-day 2019, TWK expressing their vision as a Company to get involved in the work that we are doing in the rural communities in and around Piet Retief, TTN (Thol’ulwazi Thol’impilo Network) is a local NPO that operates Mobile Clinics, the Asidiale Boxes, Galilee Training Centre (Heyshoep Dam) and the Active Youth Programme (rural high schools).

It was quite a challenge preparing and coordinating the day - lists were made, department volunteers identified, donations requested and the activities for the day, finely planned and organised. And the planning paid off, with a good turnout! Over 60 TWK employees joined us on the day, undertaking to visit and assist communities at a total of 7 TTN Sites.

At the two Mobile Clinic Sites seedlings, fruit, bottles of water and sweets (for the kids) were distributed to community members waiting for the clinics. Those that visited Mobile 2 and the Cotlands Toy Library donated books to the kids and were also able to play with them and learn a little about the toy library’s operation.

At the Galilee Training Centre a vegetable garden was planted - TWK donated cabbage and spinach seedlings as well as some trees that were planted.

They also helped to make some wooden benches that will be donated to schools where the Active Youth Programme is running. And they kindly organised a braai for everyone at the centre as well!

The Asidiale Box Project took some of the TWK ladies out to Thoko’s creche at Vezinyawo (outside of Amsterdam) where they painted the little creche which is made of plain timber planks. The ‘before’ and ‘after’ pics tell it all - the creche is now a brilliant blue colour with bright yellow accents and a lovely striped door!

The kids all received cupcakes and a packet of sweets, and the workers enjoyed the cupcakes while they painted.

The Active Youth Programme had a truly memorable day! With three teams from TWK visiting the Kemp Siding Combined, Siphekuhle Secondary Schools - there was much work to do! Trees were planted, a garden perimeter fence laid out, vegetable gardens planted, and the kids were given hula hoops, skipping ropes, balls and other games to play with.

Happy teenagers we can only say thank you TWK.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the senior management, department heads and everyone who participated in the day. A big thank you to Esnari and Fontana Church for the coffee and snacks provided at the start of the morning – it set the mood for the day and what was to come!

We hope that everyone returned a little changed by what they saw and accomplished, truly blessed with a sense of achievement for the lives affected on Mandela-day 2019.