

MANDELA DAY 2017

With the children of Sunshine Educare

WOLWERIVIER, WESTERN CAPE



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We celebrated Mandela Day this year with the children of Sunshine Educare in Wolwerivier, a temporary relocation area in the Western Cape. With the support of POCO and Anchor Industries, much-needed resources, educational equipment and furniture was donated to the centre, to further promote the holistic development of the children in their care. Our Mandela Day event was both the official handover as well as a celebration for the 250 children.

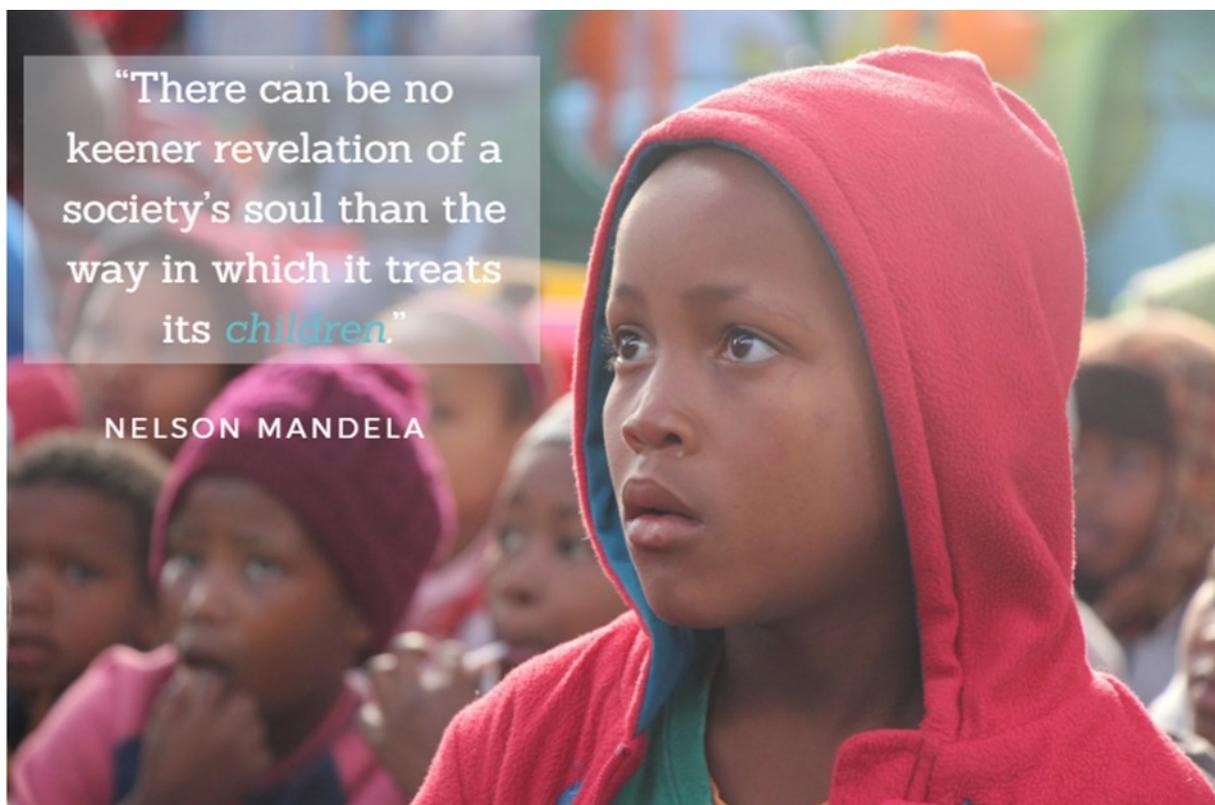
Sunshine Educare was originally started in Skandaalkamp, an informal settlement located on the Frankdale Waste Disposal Site outside Tableview. In June 2015, the community, along with six other settlements, were moved by the City of Cape Town to an even more remote location called Wolwerivier. It was here that Sunshine Educare re-opened its doors in August 2015.

According to the principal of Sunshine Educare, Ms Pretorius, "Since then, our numbers have doubled with all the new children. We are still the only facility in the area and the community are even more reliant on our assistance than before. Poverty has worsened due to a larger number of residents, reduced public transport and they [the residents] now also have tiny houses and no space for vegetable farming – something that used to be the major source of food in the old area."

Mandela day is celebrated annually on 18 July in honour of Nelson Mandela's legacy. The day is a call to action for people to honour Mandela's values through volunteering and community service, and to realise the power each

person has to make a difference. The Mandela Day campaign message is: "Nelson Mandela has fought for social justice for 67 years. We would be honoured if such a day can serve to bring together people around the world to fight poverty and promote peace, reconciliation and cultural diversity." With this event, CECD together with POCO and Anchor Industries, aimed to make a positive impact on the lives of young children in the Wolwerivier community.

Sunshine Educare faces many challenges in Wolwerivier but despite these, continues to provide quality early learning services to the young children in their care and the centre has become a symbol of hope in the community. This Mandela Day, CECD together with POCO and Anchor Industries, wanted to honour the work the team at Sunshine Educare does by providing these much needed resources and celebrating the occasion with the children.



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