

Knitters united

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■ Mandela Day saw Masikhule hosting their fifth Cast On 4 Kids event, and this year the theme was Squares, Scarves and Storybooks. People were encouraged to knit or crochet items and to join in for 67 minutes at Erinvale Estate Hotel and Spa. For those who were perhaps not so handy with knitting needles, there was also the option of donating storybooks in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa, and assisting with covering them on the day. All of the items donated are being distributed among the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres that Masikhule mentors in the marginalised communities of the Helderberg. Masikhule trains women in ECD and follows up the training with mentorship to facilitate implementation. Cast On 4 Kids is an opportunity for the community to come together and donate time and/or goods for the nearly 2 000 children between 0 and 6 years in these ECD Centres. "Such a wonderful day. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution and who spent time with us," said Leanne Keet, founder of Masikhule. For more information on Masikhule, contact Sandy Immelman at 021 851 0246, 082 494 0983, sandy@masikhule.org or www.masikhule.org Pictured above, from left to right, are the principals of three of the Masikhule-mentored ECD Centres – Emmerentia Visage of Happy Kids, Louise Arnolds of Nuwe Begin and Julenda Morat of Sonstraaltjies.