



Several trays of beautiful pansies and Mondo grass were donated by Plants on Primula for the Mandela Day initiative. From left are Esther Pietersen, Jenny Rowswell (garden volunteer), Angie Roux (Plants on Primula), Pam Moolman (garden volunteer) and Taylor Roux.

# Memorial garden for health workers

Helderberg Hospice honoured all frontline workers, including their colleagues, for its Mandela Day project this year.

The hospice staff planted a memorial garden in the shape of a cathedral window last Friday (16 July).

A call was put out to the community for donations of plants, which drew a heart warming response of donations of trays of pansies and Mondo grass, as well as funds towards purchasing plants. The organisation thanked all donors for their generosity.



Nkosana Nxedlana rolled up his sleeves and got digging to prepare the ground and help plant the memorial garden.

Hospice staff and volunteers planted the flowers in the garden as one of their Mandela Day initiatives. The staff also bought and distributed care packages to Nontuphu, Tiny Bubbles and House of Grace creches on the same day.

“We were so touched by the level of need of the children in these communities,” a Helderberg Hospice spokesperson said. “The care packages included hand sanitiser, small tubs of petroleum jelly, some treats and toys, toiletries and warm knitted blankets, beanies and ponchos to help these tiny bodies stay warm and safe.”



## Jars of Hope for those in need

On Mandela Day (Sunday 18 July), founder of Together Against Covid, Dr Byrony May, wanted to spread hope in the form of Jars of Hope. Future Kids, Helderberg Ocean Awareness Movement (Hoam) and Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club decided to join the drive too. One jar consists of a meal for a family of four and everyone can make them up with ease. This was done with a hint of environmental awareness by Hoam, while the Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club added 20 warm blankets into the mix. “We are also grateful to Rowan Ferreira of Helderberg Spar for giving us a friendly discount and his support. Our efforts have been distributed to those in need within the basin. If we all do a little, we can do a lot to give a little bit of hope back,” a statement read. Pictured packing some jars are Amy Adams, Rocco da Silva (founder of Future Kids), James and Cameron Baker and Skye Adams.



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## Eighth year of lovingly creating knitted items

Despite the turmoil and stress surrounding everyone, the Helderberg community has once again stepped up to the plate and donated wonderful items for Masikhule's Cast on 4 Kids initiative, which celebrates its eighth year! Donations were collected last weekend. Pictured are little ones of Helderberg Golden Sunbeams crèche donning the lovingly knitted items collected for distribution. The Masikhule team expressed their gratitude to all who contributed as well as Sage & Thyme hosting the collection point. They sent out a sincere “thank you” for making Mandela Day special and further expressed looking forward to distributing the lovely, heart warming gifts to a number of early childhood development (ECD) centres in the basin as soon as possible. For more information, visit [www.masikhule.org](http://www.masikhule.org). Photo: Coreen Vlok



## Youngsters spring-clean Macassar Police Station

The Macassar Police Youth Desk members focused their 67 minutes on a much-needed spring clean at Macassar Police Station on Mandela Day (Sunday 18 July). “Thank you to the parents for entrusting their children to me and ensuring their attendance and involvement. I urge more of our community’s youngsters, between the ages of 14 and 35 to join our ranks,” said Sergeant Desire Adendolf, Macassar’s Youth Desk co-ordinator.