

MAYOR DONATES NEW WHEELS TO THE DISABLED

MOKOPANE: Life will never be the same for the physically challenged Mokopane North and South cluster residents who were given the gift of mobility by Mogalakwena Municipality Mayor Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela.

Mayor Matsemela, EXCO members and councillors handed over new wheelchairs to 16 disabled residents of the above mentioned clusters in Leka Lekalakala council chambers.

Mayor Matsemela said, "We know people with disabilities face serious challenges to participate meaningfully in community activities with regard to access to public institutions and facilities as well as employment. This is something we want to address."

"Regardless of 16 wheelchairs that we are donating, I believe that there is still more to be done, this will be an annual programme and it will be bigger than it is today. We planning to donate over 100 wheelchairs in the near future and we encourage the private sectors and businesses to contribute in this programmes," said Mayor Matsemela.

"With biological ecology, people are born abled and some disabled. It is the responsibility of those born abled to assist the disabled. There is no way that the municipality will assists abled people and neglect the disabled." Said Mr Mthombeni, Acting Municipal Manager.

"We are here to change the lives of the people. We are all disabled, this is why this programmes are important in our community. Our disabled children are gifts from God and we have to accept them. It takes humanity to realise the kind of programme this is. This will motivate and bring change to their lives of the disabled for better," added Matsemela.

"Thank you Mayor, for the gift. It is essential and great asset to disabled people. We cannot move, we cannot socialise without having mobility. We are delighted, we are fortunate to have someone like you," said Bra Macks, wheelchair beneficiary.

Another wheelchair recipient, Mr Alfred Matlaila was grateful for the new wheels and happy that the honourable mayor consider them and their needs.

"We are all disabled regardless the differences in our disabilities. I appreciate all the efforts the mayor made to ensure that as disabled people we receive some kind of assistance. This truly re-assure the love and care that she has for all of us as human beings," said Matlaila.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

Pic no 7: Mogalakwena Mayor Andrina Matsemela, wheelchairs beneficiaries and councillors during wheelchairs donation

Pic no 8: Mogalakwena Mayor Cllr Andrina Matsemela after donating wheelchair to Alfred Matlaila