MAYOR HAND EARLY WINTER GIFTS

MAPELA: Despite the newly elected Mayor of Mogalakwena Cllr Andrina Matsemela has invited over 100 senior citizens from Mapela Cluster to celebrate her birthday with them, hundreds of community members from the aforementioned cluster and surrounding areas did not want to be left out as they wanted to wish the Mayor a birthday at the Mapela Traditional Council Stadium.

On her arrival, the senior citizens, children and elders who were gathered there showered the Mayor with a happy birthday song and dance by senior citizens and community members.

On the day, the Mayor exercised the spirit of giving by handing over 100 blankets to the senior citizens and of course the cutting of the cake was the order of the day.

Mayor Matsemela said, "It would be fantastic to celebrate my birthday alongside senior citizens than spending it with friends and family in a fancy restaurant. It's always wonderful to meet and interact with senior citizens hence I invited them to join me for an afternoon of tea, cake and bit of music. U know it is Summer now, these blankets we handed to the elders will used in Winter next year."

Matsemela advised and encouraged youth to prioritize education since politics without education are discouraged because they want the growth of future leaders that can make sound decisions, and those decisions are influenced by education.

"There are no short cuts in life, we all need to be hands on in ensuring that our people live a better life to pave a way for generations to come. Next year on my birthday I am hoping to celebrate with orphans from various orphanage centres in the municipality," added Matsemela.

Matsemela further pleaded with the community to unite, continue supporting the current leadership and promised that they can't disappoint them.

One of the senior citizens said, "We would also like to thank the Mayor for her stern and positive attitude towards changing the lives of the community." he said.

The ANC bigwigs, ANC Waterberg Regional Secretary Cde Tally Mashamaite, ANC Waterberg Regional Deputy Chairperson Cde Jack Maeko, ANC Waterberg REC Member Tlhalefi Mashamaite and others were amongst those who graced the occasion.

Prior the Mayor's birthday celebration the Waterberg District Department of Health in collaboration with the Mogalakwena Municipality under the leadership of Cllr Andrina Matsemela will celebrated the Oral Health day at the **Mapela Traditional Council Stadium.**