

MANDELA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019

It has become a tradition in South Africa to honour Madiba's birthday with 67 minutes or more of volunteer work, as we give back to local communities and reflect on his legacy. This is symbolic of the 67 years he spent fighting for social justice.

Opportunity description

Volunteers can do any of the following activities and more on Mandela Day and every day:

- inoculate farm animals and pets in less privileged areas that lack veterinary facilities;
- cleaning (grounds, rooms, windows, etc.);
- painting (classrooms, a home);
- spending time with elderly people (old-age homes);
- spending time with children (orphanage, disabled children);
- preparing a meal and feeding (less privileged schools, shelters);
- collecting clothes, non-perishable food, sanitary ware and blankets (less privileged homes, schools, shelters);
- collecting and donating toys (crèches);

- gardening (soil preparation, planting vegetables, flowers);
- sports (coaching clinics repairing or replacing nets, cutting grass, marking field's lines); or
- revamping and equipping school libraries (books, computers).

Impact

When we practice acts of kindness, we build a better community for everyone and become more aware of challenges faced by vulnerable communities. Students learn to become socially conscious and active citizens. In so doing, we make today and every day matter in someone's life.

Community partners

The following communities benefit on days like these:

Mamelodi, Eersterust, East Lynne, Hatfield, Sunnyside, Pretoria CBD, Atteridgeville and many other communities where individuals chose to volunteer their work.

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