

## Graduation celebrations 2013

On Saturday 30 November Sikhula Sonke met in a large church hall and celebrated another milestone as children graduated from our FCM, Emthonjeni programme and different ECD sites from all around Khayelitsha.

This was a special day for these children as some of their parents never dreamt of seeing their children graduating.

Some of the children are going on to a primary school-based Grade R, while others are moving straight to their Grade 1 year and first year of junior school.

We believe that the teachers and fieldworkers have done an excellent job to prepare the children for this new experience in their lives.

Sikhula Sonke thanks the parents, caregivers and people who made this event most successful. Our thanks also to the hard-working staff members who made sure that everyone felt welcomed and prepared delicious dishes for the celebrations.



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## A day out to remember - SIS0 visits the V&A

Children from some of the Sikhula Sonke outreach programmes, Emthonjeni and FCM had the opportunity to visit Cape Town's V&A Waterfront at the beginning of November. For many, this was the first time that they had travelled into and seen Cape Town's CBD. The excitement levels were high!

Many thanks to FCM and Emthonjeni fieldworkers who organised this learning excursion. We'd also like to thank the caregivers for trusting our staff members with their own children.



*A wonderful experience for both children and staff*

## From the Executive Director's desk

Another great and a successful year!

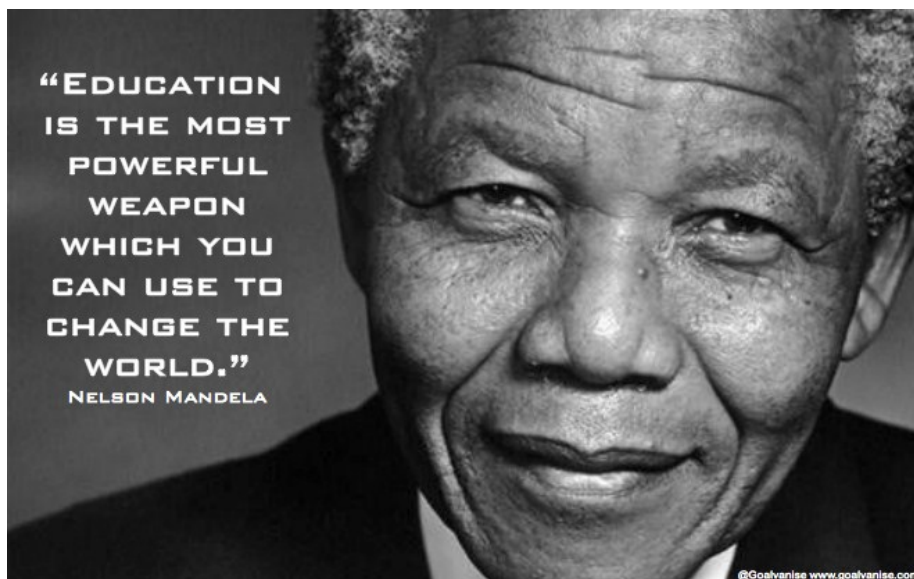
A big thank you to Sikhula Sonke team who have worked selflessly to serve the young citizens of Khayelitsha.

As I always say, it has been and still remains my strongest belief that 'it takes the whole village to raise a child'. Yes, indeed that is true, and this has been evident at Sikhula Sonke.

Our partners (our "village") have dedicated every tool they have in making sure that Sikhula Sonke succeeds in its endeavours.

The partners have contributed in immensely in different areas like strategic direction and implementation, policies and support, lobbying and support, partnership in child development, information sharing, materials, equipment and most importantly, financial support.

Our budget for the next financial year has increased tremendously; we therefore invite you again to support us financially and in prayer so that we can make sure that all of our programmes are sustained and



children are better equipped for the future.

Sikhula Sonke Early Childhood Development again recommits itself to making sure that the children of Khayelitsha receive the best early childhood development foundation for the future.

In this last quarter newsletter I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all those involved in community development in all spheres a happy and blessed Christmas and a prosperous

New Year.

Lastly, the Sikhula Sonke team would like to wish the Mandela family comfort and peace during this time of grief as they rest one of their family members and a father of our nation, Nelson Mandela.

To the renowned global and internationally acclaimed icon we say *"Rest in peace, Tat'u Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela."*

Warm regards, Mdebuka

## Finishing strong - FCM celebrates 2013

2013 has seen much activity in our Family and Community Motivator programmes. The workshops covered different themes with the aim of enhancing parenting and caregiver skills in the areas of hygiene, children's rights, discipline, nutrition, etc.

As the programme closed off with the last workshop on Dec 6, caregivers enjoyed their time at Driftsands and celebrated as they received training, a meal and then food parcels.





## Child Safety Cluster workshops

Caregivers met together at our Child Safety Cluster Workshop on Tuesday 3 December at our offices on Harare Square, Khayletisha.

It was a time of learning, sharing, connecting and encouragement for the caregivers who attended.

SISO also had the joy of handing out the food parcels generously donated by Metropolitan earlier in the month to the caregivers after the workshop.

*Top: Caregivers taking part in workshop  
Below: Happy smiles on receiving the food parcels*



Sikhula Sonke wishes our friends, partners, children, caregivers, teachers and staff - and all involved with community development - a happy and blessed Christmas, and a prosperous New Year!

## Marching together and calling for peace

FROM PEACE IN THE HOME TO PEACE IN THE WORLD; LET'S END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN!"

This was the strong message that was sung loudest on November 25, which marked the official start of the 16 days of Activism campaign across South Africa.

In Khayelitsha we saw the staff of Sikhula Sonke, parents and our

Emthonjeni children rallying together to distribute pamphlets from different stakeholders to the passers-by in Harare Square. With one united voice, Sikhula Sonke

declared that as a community, we are against any form, size or demonstration of violence directed towards the women and children of South Africa.



## Preparing for 2014

These Christmas holidays are a time of giving, and of receiving. And as we finish off 2013, and start to prepare for 2014, there will be new clothes to buy for children, school stationery and many small things that get added to the shopping lists after Christmas.

Would you consider adding a few items to your list for *our* children?



Our shopping list for 2014 includes:

- Shoes for children aged 2-6
- Stationery for ECD centres
- Books & educational toys

All donations can be EFT'd directly to our account, and we'll use the money to purchase shoes, stationery or educational materials as designated by you.

### Sikhula Sonke

Bank: ABSA Bank

Account Number: 405 820 4765

Account Type: Current

Branch: Claremont

Branch Code: 632005

Ref: 2014 shoes/stationery/books



## Gifts of love

A large truck rolled up to the SISO offices at the beginning of December, and with jubilant ululating,



food parcels were offloaded and stacked for distribution to workers and families in Khayelitsha.

Our thanks to Metropolitan's CSI department who thought of our families and children in the outreach programmes this Christmas.

*Senza umbulelo ongazenzisiyo egameni labantu baseKhayelitsha ku Patronella Sono no Elsie Govender abaququzelele konke oku kwaMetropolitan!*



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**Sikhula Sonke offers free early childhood development, training and support to parents, caregivers and pre-school teachers of young children in Khayelitsha.**

