

## **MAYOR THAMAGA EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO DINARE BABIRWA FOUNDATION FOR HELPING LEARNERS FROM DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES**

'If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD— and he will repay you! Proverbs 19:17 " Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga, expressing gratitude to Dinare Babirwa Foundation for donating much-needed shoes and sanitary towels to needy learners.

Some of the learners from disadvantaged families at Glenfernis Village ( Mokwena-Maswikeng) in Ward 13 will now walk to school with confidence after receiving brand new school shoes from Dinare Babirwa foundation during its launch at Mamoyahabo Primary School on December 17, 2021.

"Re a leboga Ntate Motsoko for starting this great initiative to help those in need. The good samaritan has arrived in Blouberg Local Municipality. To Mma Motsoko thank you for allowing your husband to share the little that you have with the disadvantaged families. May the good Lord bless the works of your hands and bless you abundantly. May others learn from you and do good unto others.

Dinare Babirwa founder, Mr Moloko Jerry Motsoko said, seeing children at his village going to school without shoes and proper school uniforms prompted him to take action. Motsoko whom celebrated his 44 years birthday today, donated forty-four new school shoes and sanitary towels to needy learners. He extended his appreciation to the municipal leadership for supporting the initiative by being part of the launch and called on fellow community members to play their part.

" I've always been a giver, those who are close to me are aware of that. I've seen children around here without proper school uniform, thats why i decided to start this foundation, Dinare Babirwa to help others. This is not a Motsoko project, this is not a Mokwena project, it's just that through engagement with the ward councillor we were adviced to start here at home, next year we will be looking for other schools. Thanks to the Mayor and the collective leadership of Blouberg Local Municipality for making time to be here , despite your busy schedules. That proves to us that, you are there to work for us as communities.

One of those learners whom Christmas came early for, is Precious Paya, a grade 6 learner at at Mamoyahabo Primary School.

" I'm very happy to have received the new school shoes, my parents are unemployed".

In conclusion, Mayor Thamaga called on communities to help those in need and make donations to the foundation so that it extends its helping hand.

"Im happy that the children will have shoes when the schools reopen.  
Thank you for inviting the municipality to the launch, we are happy to be part of this great initiative.  
Thank you the community of Mokwena for your love and for welcoming us.

The Mayor was joined by the Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka, Executive Committee members; Cllr Dan Mosena, Cllr Prince Motswabe and Cllr Martin Tlouamma.



