



FW de Klerk
FOUNDATION

MANDELA DAY 2017

On Tuesday, 18 July, staff of the FW de Klerk Foundation will be taking part in various activities in commemoration of Mandela Day. The team will spend the morning making stimulation kits at Autism Western Cape, and the afternoon painting garden walls at Iris House Children's Hospice.

Nelson Mandela International Day was launched by the United Nations in 2009 to commemorate former President Nelson Mandela's lifetime of service to South Africa and the world. This year, citizens are encouraged to take action against poverty in a way that will bring about sustainable change.

Both Autism Western Cape, as well as Iris House provide essential services to children with disabilities, as well as support to their families - free of charge. In partnering with these worthy organisations, not only to offer 67 minutes of service for Mandela Day - but *year-round* - the Foundation contributes to restoring dignity, and changing the world for the better.

The FW de Klerk Foundation's partnerships with both these organisations form part of the Foundation's Support for Charities Programme. In addition to the activities of the Foundation's Centre for Constitutional Rights (CFCR) and Centre for Unity in Diversity (CUD), the Foundation supports local organisations that care for children and young people with disabilities, and young people from disadvantaged communities. Thanks to the generosity of our partners, the Nedbank South African Charity Golf Day and the Maurice Hatter Foundation, the Foundation contributes towards various programmes which change lives for the better, on a daily basis. Autism Western Cape launched their 'Road-Trip Programme', which has enabled the organisation to expand their reach and deliver services and training to rural parts of the Western Cape. The Road Trip Programme currently impacts 250 families directly, and a further 700 children and their families indirectly. Iris House has continued to make much-needed improvements and repairs to their Hospice property - the only Children's Hospice in South Africa. They currently offer their specialised services to 320 beneficiaries, as well as their families.

For more information on Autism Western Cape: www.autismwesterncape.org.za

For more information on Iris House Children's Hospice: www.iris-house.org

In addition, the FW de Klerk Foundation's Executive Director, Dr Theuns Eloff, will be participating in the Conference for the Future of South Africa, to be held on Mandela Day. This Conference is being hosted by the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, Save South Africa, and other civil society organisations.

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