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Think of others before yourself



Gaba with friends join by Mr. Theo Skosana, Provincial Director of Standard Bank

Gabatshwane Gumede is an activist for children's rights internationally, also a member of the International Jury and one of five executives for the World Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child. Representing South Africa as an Ambassador, she fights for the rights of AIDS orphans (being an AIDS orphan herself) and for additional support and assistance for vulnerable children nationally and worldwide. She has embarked on a project called THINK OF OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF, where she together with friends, wash cars to raise money to buy food and gifts for the needy during this festive season. "We are approaching Christmas and New Year festivities where many will be celebrating, it is also important to remember and do something for those who are less fortunate so that they could also be part of the festivities", says Gabatshwane.

"Just think how you would feel celebrating festivities knowing that you have helped someone to have a meal," she added. The car wash campaign is in its second year and has been successful as institutions like Standard Bank and the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (just few to mention) are giving its full support to Ambassador Gumede's initiative. Gumede has also written a book called 'The Power of Choice' which will be available at schools from early next year. From 8 to 10 December, she will be with the Provincial Department of Social Development in a Walk for children's rights as part of the 16 days of activism. "I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards this project. Anyone who wants to make a change can call me on 014 566 1477 (office) or 082 5471 405 or 079 962 9202," she said.

'Walk for the Rights of the Child' campaign

North West MEC for Social Development, Women, Children and People with Disabilities, Mosetsanagape Mokomele-Mothibi, led the 5th Walk for the Rights of the Child campaign to educate children and adults in rural areas about the rights of children, 9 December 2011.

The general aim of the annual educational campaign is to make children and adults aware of the South African Children's Act, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child and motivate children to appreciate education and literacy.

About 40 children aged 14-17 years selected from four district municipalities formed part of the Mokomele-Mothibi's expedition to interact with their peers in poverty stricken villages of Setlagole, Madibogo, Atamelang, Agisanang and Letsopa.

As part of the activities of the day, Mokomele-Mothibi, Mayor of Ratlou, the Executive Mayor of Ngaka Modiri Molema, speakers and Members of Mayoral Committees of Social Services will hand out hygiene and toiletry packs, food packs to children and distribute copies of a book on the rights of a child written by Gabatshwane Gumede (who is also the South African Ambassador for the World Children's Prize for Children's Rights (WCPCR) housed in Sweden) to identified communities.

A one kilometre walk through each village, performance by Gumede performers, interviews and educational talks, sport games and interactions are some of the activities to take place during the campaign. The Walk for the Rights of the Child which is undertaken during 16 Days of Activism of No Violence Against Women and Children.

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Mr & Mrs T&T Ndaba of the Madibeng Fire Department celebrated their wedding on the 3rd December 2011 at Letlhabile in Brits.

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