



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

Councillor Thapelo Amad

Member of the Mayoral Committee

Community Development

MEDIA STATEMENT

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THE OFFICE OF THE MMC FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG RESTORES VISUAL INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF ORLANDO EAST

The Office of the MMC for Community Development is pleased to announce a collaborative community initiative together with the Gift of the Givers Foundation, Restoring Vision and the Seth Mazibuko Foundation, aimed at improving access to eye-care services and restoring the vision of senior citizens in communities.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and ensuring that residents have access to services that contribute to their dignity and wellbeing.

Through this initiative, 150 pensioners in Orlando East, Soweto experiencing challenges with their vision were able to access appropriate eye testing and received a new pair of reading glasses at no cost.

The MMC for Community Development, Cllr Thapelo Amad said, "This initiative demonstrates the importance of collaboration between the public sector, civil society and community-based organisations in responding to the needs of residents. As the City of Johannesburg, we are intentional about ensuring that through community development initiatives, we are able to create impact where it is most needed and improve the quality of our residents lives whilst ensuring that senior citizens in our communities are not left behind. Restoring vision can have a meaningful impact on an individual's ability to read, see, participate in community life and maintain independence."

The office of the MMC for Community Development further acknowledges the contribution of partners, volunteers, healthcare professionals and community stakeholders involved in making this important initiative possible and bringing it to the community of Orlando East.

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