## Impact function – MES Cape Town

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BELLVILLE, CAPETOWN – The impact function is an annual reflection celebration of the work MES Cape Town has done in the previous financial year. MES looks back on its clients and the impact they have made in their lives and the community. Clients and donors are invited to join the organization and celebrate the successes observed during the past 12 months.

MES is a registered NGO that's been 'changing the heart of the city' for the poor and destitute in inner cities of South Africa for over 30 years (est. 1986). MES takes a holistic approach to helping people of all ages in the inner city which is designed to help an individual's intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual needs and functions through development programmes and ministry. MES has 3 other branches around the country, Johannesburg, Kempton Park and Port Elizabeth.

During the previous year MES has undergone many challenges which they consider "highs and lows". The "lows" are times of difficulty and strife they have faced and have used to not only address goals they didn't achieve but used as a stepping stones to do things differently and aim their activities in a different direction. The highs are the highlights of the organizations and the goals reached. Some plans for the past year included:

- Increasing the number of families they reunify,
- Creating more opportunities at the GROW job rehabilitation programme,
- Increasing the number of occupational therapy sessions which include the A2B life skills training
- Increasing the number of social work sessions where clients manage to get the kind of help that they need,
- Assisting families with food hampers for the month and
- Offering meals on a daily basis at an affordable price.

These are milestones and MES is really proud that they have been able to Change the heart of the city with the community's assistance and support.

When asked about future plans for MES Cape Town, PR Inter Arthur Mukhari said "The work is not yet done but we are just getting started, we are looking forward to creating more opportunities that will enable the clients that we serve lead sustainable lives."

MES recently acquired the Bellville old scouts hall, this was not an easy task but through the Grace of God and support of all the friends of MES and partners they are able to open this magnificent place that will not only be a refuge for the homeless community but will be a place of shelter, warmth and comfort to the destitute.

MES thanks all the churches, individuals, corporates, government, small businesses, and volunteers. Their assistance in the previous years has helped shape mould, empower and serve, the clients they serve in Bellville. For more information, contact arthur@mes.org.za