



Caring for our broader Linden Community

The Situation

As we face increasing levels of unemployment and lack of affordable accommodation there is an increase in the number of people asking for help in various ways. As a church we seek to offer help that is compassionate and that will make a real difference and not just act as a 'band-aid'. For a number of years Trinity has had the policy that we do not engage in 'hand-outs' and particularly not on a Sunday at the services. We are using this opportunity to remind members of this as well as to point out other ways of offering help.

How we currently help

It is wonderful that the churches in the Linden area work together in assisting those without employment or accommodation.



Tshepo was founded in 2007 as a response to the growing number of homeless and unemployed people in this area. Trinity has been involved in funding and supporting this project for many years. Tshepo runs a successful job creation and job rehabilitation centre in Northcliff as well as an Afterschool Education Centre in Windsor.

A new initiative which started at the beginning of this year is that Trinity (together with other local churches) is funding the salary of a Social Worker who is based at Tshepo. She is the central base for referral from the soup kitchens and churches.

This Social Worker will assess the client's situation and offer help in line with Tshepo's overall approach, eg. a person needing to apply for an ID is offered assistance with this process in exchange for doing some work at Tshepo. This encourages a person's sense of dignity vs. an expectation of a 'hand-out'. The Trinity funds for this project are budgeted from the ReachOut Portfolio which is responsible for tithing Trinity's income.

A soup kitchen is hosted every day of the week at various churches in the area. Trinity hosts one on a Saturday morning. We also provide a time for ministry and evangelism as well as practical and basic medical assistance each Saturday.

How you can help

- Offer to serve at the Soup Kitchen on a roster basis (serving and supplying soup and bread) – contact Melanie on 011 888 1740.
- Donate used shoes for the soup kitchen ministry.
- Offer to serve at the annual Christmas party or in any other capacity.
- Support the work of Tshepo – please look at their website for further details (www.tshepo.org.za).

Please don't

- Give money to anyone requesting this on a Sunday at church – rather direct the person to any Trinity staff member who will handle it further (hand-outs often exacerbate an existing problem rather than fixing it).



Please contact Angela on 011 782 0367 for further information.