



Saturday
26 August

Community Service Day 2023
Hope through Gratitude & Service



Homeless Ministry



Homeless Ministry

- Our soup kitchen in collaboration with Tshepo Community Development Initiative and U-Turn Homeless Ministries as well as the support of volunteers including the Women's Manyano, spent a wonderful morning serving and engaging with the homeless folk who come to Trinity for meals that help sustain them.
- We sought to provide a day of engaging and meaningful activities with the homeless and in this way to reflect the love of Christ in service to others.
- The day began at 7am with setup and preparation to greet the homeless with a breakfast meal of soup and sandwiches. This was followed by gathering the homeless and doing some light, fun exercise and movement with some singing and music with them.
- Following this, Pastor Glen lead some worship and gave a moving devotion and one man opened his heart to Jesus.

Homeless Ministry continued

- This was followed by another activity that sought to connect the homeless and everyone present in a game that added to a spirit of togetherness. This was followed by a voucher-earning activity and explanation of the U-Turn voucher earning pop-up shop.
- The homeless engaged in some basic work tasks around the church perimeter and on the property and earned vouchers that they could choose to use at the pop-up shop.
- The day concluded with a hearty lunch of chicken curry and pap which was well received and enjoyed. Both U-turn and Tshepo are involved in providing services and programmes to the homeless that seek to help in motivation for change, rehabilitation and work-readiness and that ultimately seek to provide them with pathways out of homelessness.
- One of the homeless men returned to church the following day having felt he wanted to attend a church service. He expressed gratitude since he was warmer due to the clothes he had obtained. Gratitude to all who helped setup for the day, helped on the day and supported the activities and for all your assistance with tidying up afterwards.

Environmental Ministry



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- A group of 13 Trinity folk gathered in our car park armed with rubbish bags and rubber gloves. Our aim was to clean the Voortrekker Centenary Memorial but when we arrived the koppie section was locked, but undeterred we went into the park itself and cleaned the litter.
- By the end we had filled over 15 rubbish bags! Not only did we serve the community by cleaning a public space, we also got to meet and chat with Trinity folk we didn't know.
- Comments from the group were that it was a fulfilling morning where we did something practical and achieved something that was good for the community.

Service Ministry



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- Marius Batts and his team of volunteers met at the Linden Police Station to beautify the memorial site where fallen heroes killed in the line of duty are commemorated annually in September. It took a team of six brave gardeners to fend off chickens and rabbits who tried to sample the newly planted flowerbeds!
- The team was grateful for some generous donations of plants (over 500 plants were received) and some labour provided to prepare some flower beds – a big shout of thanks to all contributors and volunteers. After a sweaty but fun day of hard planting, there were still many plants left, which we donated to the station for further beautification.
- Colonel Bedessie conveyed his sincere thanks to Trinity for the great support and service to the community.

Senior Ministry



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- Jonathan Vieler, together with Trinity's Fusion Choir and many volunteers, set up a lovely tea for the people at Caro House Retirement Home – our team was close on 30 people!
- The ladies were served with tea, coffee and cakes and we then mingled.
- The choir treated the audience with a jam-packed program of golden oldies, a tour around the world and songs we all know and love. The beat was unavoidable as many a lady in the audience tapped their feet and sang along.
- Matron Cronje conveyed a heartfelt thanks from Caro House for our time and ministry.

Hungry Ministry



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- The cold winds did not deter the volunteers from arriving in full cheer on service day at Orange Farm.
- The day was most successful and more importantly, we all had a lot of fun. 26 volunteers in total from Trinity. This number included Seekers from our Confirmation programme as well.
- We worked hand in hand with volunteers from The Place of Hope Church Congregation as well as the crèche Teachers. While the background music had us singing and dancing, we managed to pack 7100 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Prayers of thanks were given for this gathering of Trinity members and The Place of Hope members.
- We also gave thanks for the beautiful new Church doors that were donated and hung on Friday. Furthermore, there were donations of teaching aids and stationery for the crèche that were handed over to the Teachers. Overall it was a lovely morning and we all left feeling blessed.

Children Ministry



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- With Best Health Solutions having 171 kids registered for the community service day our volunteer team chose to divide and conquer! Lauren Graham-Parker gave a presentation on what developmental milestones should be reached during a child's first six years with some very helpful volunteers demonstrating. Having heard and understood and seen practical examples, many moms and babes were split into age groups where our team screened what we know but have now experienced a very impoverished community. 3 children were picked up to have reason for referrals for intervention and the rest ... well they had a lovely time enjoying our company as much as we did theirs.
- Many kids had written the volunteers letters to say thanks, as did Carol Dyanthi: Thank you for all your help and support throughout this season...I am grateful to belong to such a loving church family 🥰🥰 Words fail me to express my heartfelt gratitude.. Like Issachars sons, you get involved in issues facing our nation.. Even though I am unable to attend the church and attend virtually, your love supersedes my imagination.. Enkosi kakhulu 💕💕💕🙏🙏

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On behalf of Trinity and the Reachout Portfolio we want to say thank you to all who participated. Whether it started off in the rollout, expressing your gratitude on the door, to serving on the day, we truly do believe HOPE is now fully felt and pray that Jesus would continue this could work as we go out committing ourselves to the great commission.

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