



FW de Klerk
FOUNDATION

MANDELA DAY 2018

On Mandela Day 2018, South Africans and those across the world who share former President Mandela's vision to make a difference in the lives of others, will be dedicating time to various activities and projects to make the world a better place.

In the words of former President Mandela, "We need to restore and reaffirm the dignity of the people of Africa and the developing world. We need to place the eradication of poverty at the top of world priorities. We need to know with a fresh conviction that we all share a common humanity and that our diversity in the world is the strength for our future together."

The FW de Klerk Foundation's two Centres - the Centre for Constitutional Rights (CFCR) and the Centre for Unity in Diversity (CUD) - work towards respecting and protecting the dignity of all those in South Africa, as well as embracing and celebrating diversity, through upholding the rights enshrined in our Constitution. The Foundation further, through our Support for Charities Programme, assists a small pool of local organisations that care for children and young people with disabilities, and young people from disadvantaged communities. In partnering with these organisations year-round - and not only on Mandela Day - the Foundation contributes towards meaningful change.

This year, staff of the Foundation and the CFR will again be tackling hands-on Mandela Day projects. On Wednesday, 18 July, the team will spend the day at Innovation for the Blind (formerly the institute for the Blind) in Worcester, where they will be painting a room for one of the multi-disabled, visually-impaired residents. On Thursday, 19 July, staff will spend the afternoon helping to spruce up the grounds of Iris House Children's Hospice in Bellville.

The Foundation has longstanding relationships with both these worthy organisations, who work tirelessly to make a daily, positive difference in the lives of children and persons with disabilities.

In addition, the FW de Klerk Foundation's Board will meet on 18 July, with former President FW de Klerk, Chairman, Dave Steward and Executive Director, Dr Theuns Eloff, in attendance. The Board will pass a motion to commemorate the life and work of former President Mandela. The Board will also discuss, among others, the state of the nation, and various Foundation activities aimed at bringing sustainable change to South Africa and all those who live in it.

For more information on Innovation for the Blind: <http://innovationfortheblind.org>

For more information on Iris House Children's Hospice: <http://iris-house.org>

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