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Makhanda [Grahamstown] Day of Fasting Friday 29th May 2020

Makhanda (Grahamstown) citizens to fast for a day. Under the umbrella provided by the Makhanda Circle of Unity, residents of the City will collaborate by fasting to show concern for those less fortunate who regularly experience severe hunger. More than 50 leading figures of Makhanda are calling for people to join them as they stand in solidarity with those who regularly experience hunger on Friday 29th May 2020, by fasting from 6am to 8pm. The aim is to spend a day contemplating the hardship others face and to make small donations, roughly the amount that each person would have spent on food during the fasting period. We are inviting donations to be paid into a Trust account for feeding programmes.

One resident commented; 'this is a great idea as whole families can participate and children can know that they are helping in a meaningful way.'

Makhanda is an iconic City in the Eastern Cape that has a warm-hearted community resolute that problems can be solved. "This City is full of goodwill, and we now intend to stand together (metaphorically under lockdown!) to address our pressing problem of Makhanda residents, many of them children, who have no food. As evidenced by the list of supporters, churches, faiths, local government, businesses, health services and NGOs we are united under the Makhanda Circle of Unity", says Rhodes University Vice-Chancellor, Dr Sizwe Mabizela.

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Donations:

Account name : MAKANA REVIVE TRUST

Standard Bank

Branch Code 050917

Account Number 28 315 4012

Reference: Covid-food

[Any donations from abroad should be directed to the makana-revive.org.za web site where donors can use Payfast.]

The MAKHANDA CIRCLE OF UNITY (MCoU) is a collaborative forum established for the fulfilment of an inclusive and purposeful approach for the socio-economic development of Makhanda and its surrounds, which aims to bring together all relevant and interested voices, communities and stakeholders in a spirit of problem solving, partnership and civic participation.



JOIN THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PLEDGED TO SUPPORT #MAKHANDASOLIDARITY29MAY:

Bishop of Grahamstown, Ebenezer Ntlali
Archbishop Dr Nkosinathi Ngesi
The Very Reverend Dr Andrew Hunter, Dean of the Cathedral
Grahamstown Hindu Seva Samaj, Harry Rama
Chair Grahamstown Muslim Association, Naveed Anjum
The Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, Dr Sizwe Mabizela
The Mayor of Makana Mzukisi Mpahlwa
Municipal Manager Moppo Mene
SAPS Cluster Commander, Col Magazi
6SAI Battalion C/O, Colonel Masheane
Co-Chair of the Makhanda Circle of Unity, Professor Owen Skae
Co-Chair of the Makhanda Circle of Unity, The Revd Canon Dr. Vicentia Kgabe
Rhodes Community Engagement Director, Di Hornby
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Kagiso Trust Local Government Support: Makana Site Manager, Kabelo Mothusi
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Owner of PG Glass, Tim Dold
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Chair Grahamstown Residents' Association, Professor Philip Machanick
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Chair Round Table Grahamstown 11, Dr Terence Bellingan
Chair of WESSA (Makhanda), Eileen Sheppard
Chair Grahamstown Feeding Association, Gunda Spingies
Manager GADRA Education, Ashley Westaway
Chair Makana Plastics Action Group, Sarah Hanton
Chair Oldenburghia Hiking Club, Liz Gowans
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