



HOME 4 THE NEEDY GETS A 'VEGGIE' & FRUIT TREE GARDEN

The development of a vegetable garden and small fruit orchard finally got underway on Tuesday April 17, under the guidance of Rotarians Jan Visagie, Judy Warren, Joyce Joubert and Aiden Robertson. The aim of the project is two-fold, namely:

- Firstly**, to supplement the daily lunchtime meals for the 32 young children who are cared for by the three ladies who manage the Home 4 the Needy. Cathrine, Lucky and Nomsa run the Home on a purely voluntary basis.
- Secondly**, to develop the young children's interest in gardening even though it is on a small scale – the size of the tiny plot that serves as premises for the Home 4 the Needy does place some restrictions on what can be achieved.

The club wishes to thank the Coco Plum Nursery in Garsfontein for their support. We were able to plant an avocado tree, a mango tree, a plum tree and a blue berry bush. The holes for the trees and bush were dug prior to our arrival by the ladies and the bigger children at the Home. Excellent mushroom compost was used to give the trees a good start, although we will need to provide them with some form of protection during the upcoming winter.



Four tyres donated by Nic Jute formed the base for the vegetable patch. Again, a good grounding of compost was provided in each case. The range of vegetables planted included spinach, potatoes, bush beans and mature tomato plants in separate pots. The Home was also provided with a number of packets of seeds, including spring onions, marrows and butternut among others.

The enthusiasm toward the project by both the ladies and in particular by the children was very humbling, with every one trying to help at the same time – on occasions this enthusiasm became a bit overwhelming!

